

**Richland County Recreation Commission  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2014  
6:00PM**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

J. Marie Green, Chair  
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair  
G. Todd Weiss, Secretary  
George D. Martin, Jr.  
Weston A. Furgess, Jr.

**RCRC Staff in Attendance:**

James Brown, III  
Kenya Bryant  
Ronnie Kinnett  
Tara Dickerson  
Taurus Lewis  
David Stringer  
Andrea Fripp James  
Kasey Wilson  
Sallie Pierce  
Tony Cooper  
Brandolyn Blanding  
Cornelia Watts

**Others in Attendance:**

James E. Bridgett, Jr., Consultant/Parliamentarian

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. and welcomed any guest.

**2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)**

**Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Weiss. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Weiss, Martin, and Mickens.**

**3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)**

**Motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Weiss and second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Mickens, Weiss and Martin.**

**4. Public Input:**

No Public Input

**5. Financial Report: (Information)**

Ms. Andrea James, Financial Operations, reviewed Cash Flow and reported that we are in good standing. Ms. James stated that we have received a large portion of our funding from County and Management will begin funding projects and purchases that have been on hold also OPEB funding will be paid this month. Ms. James reported that all items in the contractual agreement have been paid and delivered. Ms. James reviewed the LinRick financials reporting that LinRick is still down however the Pro Shop is up. Ms. James reported that the Foundation is at 43% in the "We Care Campaign" and congratulated Marcus Fogle and Sallie Pierce for securing Ms. Dawn Staley for a Foundation Banquet to be held later this year.

Commissioner Weiss made an observation pointing out that the projected balance for the end of this fiscal year is significantly less than what we started out with and Ms. James stated that it is a matter of formulas and she needs to go back and revise because we are not actually projecting it to be that low. Ms. James explained that those numbers flow as they are entered for the month and she will have better a projection at next meeting.

**6. Bond Construction Update: (Information)**

Mr. Ronnie Kinnett, Property Management, reviewed Bond Projects listed on the Bond Construction Updates included in the Board's package.

Chair Green questioned the removal of the walking trail at Eastover during the new construction and Mr. Kinnett stated that it will be reattached behind the fence.

Commissioner Weiss expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the Ad Hoc Committee and stated that everything is on target except for the mini parks.

**7. Policy Updates: (Action)**

Mr. David Stringer, Human Resources, presented changes in the Administration Policy No. 1060 Travel Reimbursement for action.

**Motion to approve changes presented by staff for Administration Policy No. 1060 made by Commissioner Furgess and second by Commissioner Weiss. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Furgess, Mickens and Martin.**

Chair Green recognized former Commissioner Rev. Epps in attendance.

Reverend Epps stated that he would like to make a presentation on behalf of the Midlands Coalition of Churches. Rev. Epps stated that during the Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration, those who have done outstanding community service work are recognized and Senator John Scott nominated Mr. James Brown, III. Rev. Epps presented Mr. Brown and staff a plaque in recognition of providing the most updated programs and facilities for all citizens of Richland County.

**8. Executive Director Report: (Information)**

Mr. James Brown, Executive Director, accepted the award and thanked the Board and the staff for their support.

Mr. Brown reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

**9. Other Business**

Commissioner Weiss stated that it is only a few months before the budget talk for the new fiscal year and he would like to know maybe in the next two months the cost for WI-FI accessibility at all the parks outside. Commissioner Weiss thinks that this could be a huge selling point. Mr. Bryant reported that most of the recreation centers already have WI-FI because the routers are built in the phones with AT&T. Mr. Bryant stated that it can be done, we would have to get a stronger signal for outside.

Mr. Bryant reported that RCRC is being approached by the Library through Councilman Jim Manning and Kelvin Washington regarding setting up spaces inside the recreation centers for libraries. Mr. Bryant stated that he and Mr. Brown are going to meet, listen and share some concerns and he wanted the Board to be aware.

Chair Green voiced her concern of limited RCRC space and Mr. Brown agreed.

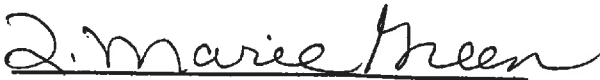
**10. Executive Session:**

No items for Executive Session

**Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Weiss and second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Furgess, Mickens and Martin.**

**11. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m.



**J. Marie Green, Chair**

Minutes approved on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.