

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2014
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
G. Todd Weiss, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
Wilbert Lewis
Barbara Mickens
George Martin
C. Todd Latiff

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Ronnie Kinnett
Tara Dickerson
Taurus Lewis
David Stringer
Andrea Fripp James
Robert Hickman
Tony Cooper
Lisa Lewis
Comilla Sampson
Cornelia Watts

Others in Attendance:

James E. Bridgett, Jr., Consultant/Parliamentarian

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

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

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and the September 4, 2014 Special Call Board Meeting made by Commissioner Latiff second by Commissioner Lewis. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Martin, Furgess, Lewis, Mickens, Weiss, and Latiff.

4. Public Input:

No Public Input.

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Ms. Andrea James, Financial Operations, reviewed Cash Flow charts for current month and FY13/14. Ms. James reported that LinRick's numbers are up in the past two months in every category and they are doing better than they were this time last year.

Commissioner Latiff questioned if expenses could be listed on reports for LinRick to determine net amounts. Ms. James pointed out that the summary gives the dollar amounts that LinRick is bringing in.

Ms. James reported that after losing the Executive Director for the Foundation in March that she and Mr. Brown got together and looked internally for a new Executive Director. Ms. James introduced Lisa Lewis, one of our own, who has a background and experience in fund raising. Ms. James referred to her Division Report highlighting some of the activities at the Foundation.

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.

Mr. Kinnett reported that at Kelly Mill, a temporary water meter has been purchased and installed until a permanent system is approved. Mr. Kinnett explained that due to the late planting of the Bermuda grass, they are checking to see if it would be in the best interest of the Complex to open either late summer or next fall.

Commissioner Latiff stated that if we looked at the revenues that we could generate on the fields versus the expense of the sod; is that something we can look at, if we could rent the fields during the spring and generate revenue, it might be a plus.

Mr. Kinnett stated that it would be about \$250,000 to \$300,000 to sod the fields and he is not sure if we could generate that much revenue. Commissioner Latiff stated that he does not know either but wants to know if it is worth conversation.

Mr. Kinnett stated that he does not have a good answer, but the initial reaction is to stick with what is planted now and give it a good growing season. Mr. Kinnett added that if sod is put out now, it probably won't be alive early season.

7. Pace Engineering-Olympia Park: (Information)

Mr. Kinnett introduced Pace Engineering representatives and stated that Pace is looking to do some development upstream in Olympia Park (the site of the old baseball stadium). Mr. Kinnett reported that there are issues with flooding and Pace would need access to Olympia Park to do stream improvements. The initial preliminary investigation from Pace Engineering; the net result would be no cost to the Commission and it would actually reduce the imprint to the hundred year flood zone on the park currently. Mr. Kinnett stated that this would be positive for the Commission and improve the drainage of the site.

Mr. Gerald London, Pace Engineering, distributed information and presented to Board. Mr. Kinnett stated, after the presentation, that there was no need for Board action now; he wanted to introduce the project for information.

8. Policy Updates: (Action)

Mr. David Stringer, Human Resources, presented revision to HR Policy 010 Alcohol Use and Alcohol Testing Policy included in the Board's package. Mr. Stringer stated that in the first paragraph stating that "effective immediately all employees of the Commission are prohibited from using, added "or possessing" alcoholic beverages on Commission premises. Mr. Stringer stated that in the current policy, remove the statement "Employees are not prohibited from having unopened containers of alcoholic beverages in their personal or county vehicles."

Commissioner Lewis stated that when the policy was presented to the Board in the past, that he raised the issue and was informed there was an exception because of LinRick.

Mr. Taurus Lewis, Facility Operations, stated that the Budweiser truck transports the beer to LinRick and employees do not transport any alcoholic beverages.

Chair Green asked if employees will be given a copy of the policy and Mr. Stringer advised yes, they will receive and copy and sign.

Motion made by Commissioner Weiss to approve changes to Policy 010 Alcohol Use and Alcohol Testing Policy as presented by Staff, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weiss, Latiff, Martin, Lewis and Mickens.

9. Executive Director Report:

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

10. Other Business

Cornelia Watts, Executive Assistant, presented an article in the Columbia Star, for information, at the request of Lisa Smarr, RCRC Adult/Senior Coordinator. The article is entitled "Aging is Not an Excuse, It's an Opportunity."

Motion made by Commissioner Weiss to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Lewis, Latiff, Martin, Mickens and Furgess.

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30p.m.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 20th day of October 2014.