

**Richland County Recreation Commission
Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2015
5:00PM**

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
G. Todd Weiss, Secretary
George Martin
Wilbert Lewis
Weston A. Furgess, Jr.

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Andrea Fripp James
Cornelia Watts

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

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

3. Budget Presentation FY 2015-2016

Ms. Andrea Fripp James, Financial Operations, distributed FY 2015/2016 Budget Highlights. Budgets were mailed to Commissioners prior to meeting.

Mr. Kenya Bryant reviewed FY 2015/2016 Budget Highlights.

Ms. James presented budget and discussed funding options, explaining the concept of a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note). Ms. James stated that she is working on a government finance certification and have learned a lot about the TAN and that it is very common among Agencies.

Commissioner Weiss questioned the substantial cut in the after school programs. Mr. Brown explained changes in the afterschool program, utilizing full time employees cutting back

on part time staff and also downsizing by combining programs for savings and keeping the revenue.

Mr. Lewis questioned if the downsizing involves full time employees and Mr. Brown stated only part time and seasonal help.

Mr. Brown added that there will also be changes in the Summer Program. Mr. Lewis questioned if the changes will involve full time or part time employees. Ms. James explained that this change will involve junior volunteers and the stipends that are paid. Mr. Brown stated that we will still employ some junior volunteers, but not as many.

Mr. Lewis stated that the impact that we will see is cost savings which will help our budget situation but we will have fewer high school and college students working during the summer months. Mr. Brown indicated correct and added that we are working with Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, Urban League Summer Program and he will pick up some of our youth.

Mr. Weiss questioned the H Tax for Kelly Mill and Mr. Bryant stated that we qualify but that doesn't mean we will get it. Chair Green questioned the tourism aspect of the H Tax and Mr. Bryant stated that yes, as long as they are coming from outside of the county, it is tourism.

Mr. Lewis asked for clarification on the issue of good budget reports and reduction in force this current fiscal year. Ms. James, Mr. Brown and Mr. Bryant explained their process covering reorganization/restructuring along with disciplinary problems as it related to the reduction in force and agreed that the changes that have taken place is better described as a restructuring rather than a reduction in force.

Motion made by Commissioner Furgess to approve RCRC budget for FY 2015/2016 as presented, second by Commissioner Lewis. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Weiss, Lewis and Martin.

4. Executive Session

No items for Executive Session

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

5. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m.

J. Marie Green
J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 18th day of May 2015.