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**Richland County Recreation Commission  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2018  
6:00PM**

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**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Cynthia Shepard  
Robert Lapin  
Donzetta Lindsay  
Thomas Clark  
Jermaine Johnson, Sr.  
Lisa L. Cotten  
Stephen Venugopal

**Others in Attendance:**

Mayor Bob Coble, Parliamentarian

**1. Call to Order:**

Commissioner Shepard called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**2. Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Lindsay. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Shepard, Clark, Johnson, Lapin, Lindsay and Cotten.**

**3. Minutes:**

**Motion to approve minutes from the November 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and December 3, 2018 Special Call Meeting made by Commissioner Clark and second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Shepard, Clark, Johnson, Lapin, Lindsay, and Cotten.**

#### **4. Public Input:**

None

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

Brandy James, Chief Financial Officer presented financial reports included in Board's packet.

#### **6. New Business:**

None

Commissioner Venugopal entered at 6:10p.m.

#### **7. Other Business:**

- Executive Director's Report – Ms. Lakita Watson presented and answered questions.

Ms. Watson thanked Chris Santino, in his absence, for the great job along with Staff in putting on the Mr. Richland County Football Banquet and thanked Commissioners Cotten and Venugopal for their attendance. Commissioner Venugopal echoed praises for Chris in his dedication and service.

Ms. Watson reported that Regular meetings for January and February fall on holidays and after discussion these meetings will be held the fourth meeting.

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Mr. Coble stated that a new law requires meeting dates for the year be posted.

Commissioner Clark thanked Ms. Watson and her team for a job well done and look forward to more changes in the new year, and happy holidays.

**Motion to go into Executive Session for contractual matters and personnel matter made by Commissioner Lapin, second by Commissioner Johnson.**



Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Shepard, Johnson, Lapin Cotten, Venugopal, Lindsay and Clark.

Entered Executive Session 6:18p.m.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Session ended 6:54p.m.

Chair Shepard stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson to enter into agreement with MGT of America Consulting, second by Commissioner Lapin. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Shepard, Johnson, Lapin, Clark, Cotton, Lindsay and Venugopal.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
Cynthia Shepard, Chair

Minutes approved on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.