

Oconee River Greenway Authority

MINUTES

17 November 2009

Members Present: Peter Boylan, Chairman; Richard Bentley, Eric Mosley, Marion Nelson, Joe Yeager

Others Present: Jeff Gray – GMC
Kraig Collins – GDOT
Vonda Everett – GDOT
Jim Lidstone – GCSU
Heather Langston – ORGA Executive Director
Sharon Leverett – Acting Recorder

Not Present: Bo Edwards, Dennis Holder, Bubba Williams

Location: President's Conference Room in the Old Capital Building.

I. Call to Order – At approximately 1:30 PM, Chairman Boylan called the 17 November 2009 meeting of the Oconee River Greenway Authority (ORGA) to order. General Boylan introduced Dr. Jim Lidstone.

II. Approval of 29 September 2009 Minutes - After a review of the 29 September 2009 Minutes, Mr. Bentley made a motion, that was seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve. The motion to approve was unanimously accepted.

III. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Mosley reported a current net income balance of \$26,184.12 and a total liabilities & equity balance of \$1,548,997.90. Mr. Bentley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the treasurer's report. General Boylan requested that Dr. Langston schedule a meeting with David Grant for a review of the financial records in order to correct the \$-3,423.86 total liabilities balance on the balance sheet.

IV. Old Business:

A. Phase II Status – Ms. Everett reported that the plans have been approved by GDOT and are now awaiting approval by the State Historical Preservation Office. Construction is expected to begin no later than the end of June 2010.

B. Greene Street Extension Update – Mr. Bentley reported that he met with Congressman Barrow regarding funding.

C. New McMillan Island Bridge Status – Dr. Langston reported that the project has been redesigned and sent back to the City of Milledgeville for approval. Mr. Nelson volunteered to meet with Mervin Rogers to determine the status.

D. 2009 DNR Recreational Trails Grant – Mr. Mosley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Yeager, to approve a resolution authorizing Dr. Langston to submit a

grant application between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Oconee River Greenway Authority. The motion to approve was unanimously accepted.

RESOLUTION

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BALDWIN

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Oconee River Greenway Authority of Milledgeville, Georgia held on 17th of November, 2009, a motion was made and duly seconded that the Oconee River Greenway Authority agrees to the submission of a request between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Oconee River Greenway Authority for a grant of financial assistance to construct a 8 ft wide, 5490 linear feet trail that connects the Oconee River Greenway and Riverwalk to the Animal Rescue Foundation in Milledgeville, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconee River Greenway Authority of Baldwin, County, Georgia that the terms and conditions of the contract between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Oconee River Greenway Authority are hereby agreed to, and that Dr. Heather P. Langston is authorized and empowered to submit said application and any subsequent amendments thereto on behalf of the Oconee River Greenway Authority, and the grant requested for in said contract in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby accepted to be used under the terms and conditions of said contract, and that sufficient funds have been designated to assure the acquisition and/or development, operations and maintenance of the facilities and/or delivery of services as identified in said contract.

Read and unanimously adopted in the regular meeting of the Oconee River Greenway Authority held on 17th day of November, 2009.

ATTEST

Recording Secretary

OCONEE RIVER GREENWAY AUTHORITY

Baldwin County, Georgia

BY: _____

(Seal)

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Authority on the date so stated in the Resolution.

I further certify that I am the acting Recording Secretary and that said resolution has been entered in the official records of said Authority and remains in full force and effect the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Recording Secretary Signature

Dr. Lidstone presented details of the Fishing Creek Community trail project.

E. Department of Forestry Invasive Species Grant – Mr. Mosley provided a progress report that a company will be hired to spray the herbicide this winter to remove some of the non-indigenous invasive plants at the greenway.

V. New Business

A. Berry Farm Tract – Mr. Yeager agreed to investigate possibilities regarding the transfer of this property from DNR to ORGA. Dr. Langston and Mr. Nelson will provide a map showing the Berry property, Thuramil property, and Central State Hospital property for review at the next meeting of this Board.

VI. The next ORGA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 26 January 2010 at 1:30 PM in the President's Conference Room of the Old State Capital.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Leverett, Recorder