

Oconee River Greenway Authority

MINUTES

27 February 2007

Members Present: Peter Boylan – Chairman
Richard Bentley, Bo Edwards, Lee Moon, Marion Nelson, Greg Strenkowski

Others Present: Jan Nichols – ORGA Director
Ed Moore – GMC
Vonda Everett – DOT
Frank Stevens – DOT
Kraig Collins – DOT
Michael Taylor - DOT
Heather Langston - ORGF
Louda Saulmon – Recorder

Not Present: Dennis Holder, Guy Thompson, Bubba Williams

Location: Conference room in Cone-Sibley Library at GMC.

I. Call to Order – At approximately 1:40 PM, Chairman Boylan called the 27 February 2007 meeting of the Oconee River Greenway Authority (ORGA) to order and welcomed all who were present.

II. Approval of Minutes for 30 January 2007 –Mr. Bentley made a motion, that was seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the 30 January 2007 ORGA Minutes. The motion to approve was unanimously accepted.

III. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Strenkowski asked members to review the printed financial statement, ending 31 January 2007, which reflects a Checking Balance of \$58,328.02 and a Money Market Balance of \$421.19. Mr. Nelson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Mr. Bentley and unanimously approved. The ORCA FY08 Budget was discussed with recommendations for a COL increase of 4%. to the Directors salary. Chairman Boylan recommended an increase in the FY08 budget of 2.7% to address increase in CPI. It was also discussed to take the \$21,500.00 that is allocated to Georgia Power contract and have this amount taken from SPLOST. The budget will be modified to reflect these changes. Chairman Boylan will sign the budget when completed and it will be submitted to the city council by the end of the week.

IV. Old Business

A. Approval to satisfy requests for Ga. Land Conservation grant (Purchase/Sale Agreement, Conservation Easement and Appraisal are completed) Contingent on county purchasing property with matching grant, ORGA agrees to matching funds using SPLOST funds. Sales agreement, Conservation Easement and appraisal is completed as per Director Nichols. Chairman Boylan signed off on agreements.

- B. Approval updated flagging of wetlands** - Discussion ensued regarding the need to update the flagging of the wetlands so they can be surveyed. The cost for this is between \$1000-\$2000. Updated flagging has been ordered.
- C. Approval survey for benchmarks and wetland areas of Phase I and DNR trail extension to satisfy necessary documentation for Nationwide Permit** – A GPS survey of the wetlands may be sufficient as per board discussion. Otherwise, if a transit type survey is done, the estimated cost is \$2000. Chairman Boylan will approve the expenditure if this type of survey is necessary.
- D. Approval cost of materials for temporary access road The County has agreed to provide manpower and equipment for a temporary road for Phase I.** - The expenditure for ORGA is to be around \$17,000. Mr. Nelson made a motion to accept this expenditure and Mr. Bentley seconded the motion and unanimously approved.
- E. Update re: Breedlove survey request** – The board discussed whether a GPS survey would be adequate. Mr. Moore stated that there is a need for more survey data. He reported that an elevation survey might be needed. Mr. Moore will get more information on this by next board meeting.
- F. Update request for funds, site visit etc. for McMillan Island** –Mr. Edwards met with DNR and gave updates on alternative ideas for a crossing to McMillan Island and stated that a boardwalk would be more attractive and is feasible to build rather than a concrete culvert. Mr. Edwards will meet with Mr. Hammock before the next board meeting regarding this issue. Director Nichols will also meet with Mr. Hammock and discuss the feasibility of a timber trestle bridge that is vehicle friendly.
- G. Update Phase I Construction timeline** – No discussion on this item. Timeline was included in packet given out at meeting.
- H. Review/Approve Georgia Power Phase I electrical plan** – Director Nichols said that due to a death in the family, the GPC engineer could not attend the ORGA board meeting. She tentatively scheduled a meeting for March 7, to include the Director of the City Water Works Dept, engineers from GPC, the contractor and Chairman Boylan and Vice-Chairman Richard Bentley.
- I. Review Phase I water plans and city of Milledgeville in-kind services** – Director Nichols will set up a meeting by March 7th to discuss these plans.
- J. Update Phase II (Concept Report, Ga. Power acquisition etc.)** – A Concept meeting is scheduled to begin immediately following this board meeting. Once the Concept is approved then steps need to be followed before accepting property from Georgia Power. Ms Vonda Everett will get a document stating all the steps that are needed before Georgia Power can donate the land.

- K. Update: Ground Breaking Ceremony** – Mr. Edwards will work with Ms. Langston to put together a list of participants for the ceremony. The board would like ORGF to take control of this event. The tentative date is April 11 preferably late in the day. GMC will fund the reception and Mr. Moore will be the chairman of the event.
- V. New Business**
- A. Oconee River Greenway Foundation update – Ms. Langston gave an ORGF Treasurer’s report to the board. She stated that the Woodruff account has an excess of \$506,000. After a discussion on the need to work with ORGF on availability of funds, Chairman Boylan request Ms. Langston report to the board next meeting on accessibility of the funds to make sure funds are available when needed by ORGA.
- VI. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 1:30 PM in the conference room of the Cone-Sibley Library at GMC.**
- VII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louida Saulmon, Recorder