

Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust
Minutes July 27, 2023, by Zoom
6:00 - 6:58 PM

Chair Carlton Owen opened the meeting with Welcome, Introduction of our invited guest Richard Carr, and Agenda Review. The Agenda was accepted without additions.

Secretary Pam Shucker called the roll.

Present: Carlton Owen (17), Nannette Iatesta(18), Pam Shucker(19), Alex Reynolds(20), Lyle Parks(21), Joe Pulliam(22), Doug Harper(24), Kenneth Baxter(25), Bryant Harrison(26), Dennis DeFrancesco(27), Matthew Thomas(28).

Absent: Tripp Taylor(23).

With no public present to offer comments, Chair Carlton Owen called for approval of the May 11, 2023, Minutes. With two corrections the Minutes were approved unanimously with Bryant Harrison moving for acceptance and Doug Harper seconding.

Joe Pulliam reviewed actions on the four outstanding projects from Cycle 5. These updates can be found on the HNRT website under Board Portal. A summary includes: Horsecreek 2 will close shortly. Horsecreek 1 must go through Probate because of the death of a family member. The remaining family members are supportive. Hereford Hill Farms should close by year end. Camp Awanita received a unanimous vote on third reading from County Council and will be considered for funding in the next cycle of the SC Conservation Bank Funds.

Cycle 6 will begin on August 1 with projects anticipated.

Chair Carlton Owen created a Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 Officers. Nominating Committee included Chair Doug Harper, Nannette Iatesta, and Kenneth Baxter. Chair Doug Harper reported the suggested nominees for GCHNRT Chair will be Carlton Owen, Vice-Chair and Projects Committee Chair Joe Pulliam, and Secretary Pam Shucker. Alex Reynolds will continue as Communications

Committee Chair. With no further nominations from the floor, the new slate received unanimous approval.

Chair Carlton Owen reported that Greenville County Council voted 8-4 to double the allotted allocation for GCHNRT to \$2 million a year.

Chair Carlton Owen also reported that the previous rule that any project allocated by GCHNRT for over \$200,000 must be approved by the County Council Finance Committee and then go before full Council for three readings had not been included in the new budget.

Chair Carlton Owen reported that he had talked with County Administrator Joe Kernell and Council Chairman Dan Tripp suggesting that, out of courtesy and with a commitment to full transparency, GCHNRT bring all projects before the Finance Committee for information sharing. Bryant Harrison moved to make this approach the policy of the Trust. Nannette latesta seconded and the group voted unanimously to adopt this approach effective with the August 1, 2023, grant cycle.

Chair Carlton Owen introduced guest Richard Carr, Land Manager of the new SC Farm Bureau Land Trust. Carr detailed much information concerning this new endeavor of the SC Farm Bureau to provide aid for and to retain agricultural land in SC. The attached documents detail background information about the state of ag lands both nationally and specifically in South Carolina.

With no further business, Bryant Harrison moved for adjournment. The meeting ended at 6:58PM.

Respectfully submitted.
Pam Shucker, Secretary

Two Attachments:

2022 STATE AGRICULTURE OVERVIEW

South Carolina

† Survey Data from [Quick Stats](#) as of: Jul/26/2023

Farms Operations†

Farm Operations - Area Operated, Measured in Acres / Operation
 Farm Operations - Number of Operations
 Farm Operations - Acres Operated

195
 24,600
 4,800,000



Livestock Inventory†

Cattle, Cows, Beef - Inventory (First of Jan. 2023)
 Cattle, Cows, Milk - Inventory (First of Jan. 2023)
 Cattle, Incl Calves - Inventory (First of Jan. 2023)
 Goats, Meat & Other - Inventory (First of Jan. 2023)
 Goats, Milk - Inventory (First of Jan. 2023)
 Hogs - Inventory (First of Dec. 2022)
 Chickens, Broilers - Production, Measured in Head

159,000
 9,000
 315,000
 33,000
 3,200
 158,000
 235,600,000

Milk Production†

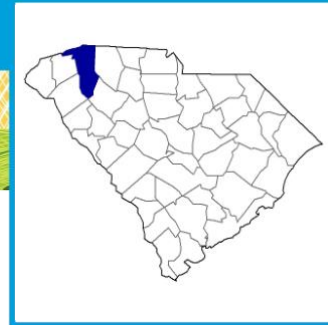
Milk - Production, Measured in Lb / Head
 Milk - Production, Measured in \$
 Milk - Production, Measured in Lb

17,889
 46,046,000
 161,000,000

Crops - Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, Price (MYA), Value of Production†

Sorted by Value of Production in Dollars

Commodity	Planted All Purpose Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield	Production	Price per Unit	Value of Production in Dollars
CORN						
CORN, GRAIN		300,000	122 BU / ACRE	36,600,000 BU	7.35 \$ / BU	269,010,000
CORN	320,000					
CORN, SILAGE		8,000	14 TONS / ACRE	112,000 TONS		
COTTON						
COTTON, UPLAND	270,000	266,000	911 LB / ACRE	505,000 480 LB BALES	0.975 \$ / LB	248,040,000
COTTON, COTTONSEED				141,000 TONS	249 \$ / TON	37,599,000
COTTON	270,000	266,000	911 LB / ACRE	505,000 480 LB BALES		
SOYBEANS						
SOYBEANS	405,000	390,000	37 BU / ACRE	14,430,000 BU	14.8 \$ / BU	213,564,000
PEACHES						
PEACHES, UTILIZED				61,540 TONS		98,584,000
PEACHES		15,500	4.35 TONS / ACRE	67,400 TONS	1,600 \$ / TON	
PEACHES, PROCESSING				(D) TONS	(D) \$ / TON	(D)
PEACHES, FRESH MARKET				(D) TONS	(D) \$ / TON	(D)
HAY						
HAY		270,000	2.2 TONS / ACRE	594,000 TONS	147 \$ / TON	87,318,000
HAY, (EXCL ALFALFA)		270,000	2.2 TONS / ACRE	594,000 TONS	147 \$ / TON	87,318,000
HAY & HAYLAGE						
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PEANUTS						
PEANUTS	71,000	68,000	4,200 LB / ACRE	285,600,000 LB	0.255 \$ / LB	72,828,000
WHEAT						
WHEAT	120,000	100,000	57 BU / ACRE	5,700,000 BU	8.05 \$ / BU	45,885,000
WHEAT, WINTER	120,000	100,000	57 BU / ACRE	5,700,000 BU	8.05 \$ / BU	45,885,000
TOBACCO						
TOBACCO		5,800	2,000 LB / ACRE	11,600,000 LB	2.03 \$ / LB	23,548,000
MELONS						
MELONS, WATERMELON	3,100	3,000	390 CWT / ACRE	1,170,000 CWT	18.7 \$ / CWT	21,376,000



Greenville County South Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,036	-6
Land in farms (acres)	59,382	-19
Average size of farm (acres)	57	-13
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	13,324,000	-20
Government payments	290,000	+61
Farm-related income	3,464,000	+65
Total farm production expenses	21,789,000	+7
Net cash farm income	-4,711,000	-227
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	12,861	-15
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,200	+36
Farm-related income	17,675	+102
Total farm production expenses	21,032	+14
Net cash farm income	-4,548	-248

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	76
Livestock, poultry, and products	24

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	29
Pastureland	29
Woodland	36
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 1,510

3% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	8

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	631	61
\$2,500 to \$4,999	153	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	108	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	91	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	31	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	1
\$100,000 or more	10	1

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	224	22
10 to 49 acres	496	48
50 to 179 acres	255	25
180 to 499 acres	50	5
500 to 999 acres	8	1
1,000 + acres	3	(Z)