

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, March 14, 2024

Carvers Bay Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair Gary Cooper (for a portion)

Robert Crenshaw

Reed Tiller

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

Gary Cooper (for a portion) Harris Chewning

Commission members not in attendance:

Ashley Nelson

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission (via teams)

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present: NA

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Crenshaw and seconded by Tiller to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission then began the review the project that was submitted by Browns Ferry Water District. Mr. Moore of BFWD was in attendance and was able to provide significant information, insight and explanation of various aspects of the project that Commission members had questions regarding. Each member scored each project. Scores in each category

were read aloud and then discussion was held on why certain members scored items the way they did. This discussion led to insights on the need to have a preliminary scoring and discussion of projects, some time for each member to reflect on the project, and then a submission of a final score sheet that will be signed off on by the member and turned in to Walt Ackerman for compilation of scores and record keeping purposes.

The Chair discussed his thoughts on varying scores from member to member. He stated that this was not a bad thing, nor should it be unexpected. The key factor to fairly scoring all projects is for each member – individually – to remain consistent in their evaluation of each criteria. The body agreed with this premise.

After this exercise, members of the public was asked for comments. No one in attendance spoke during this time.

The Commission discussed the agenda format for upcoming meetings. It was decided that the agenda should include discussion of previously submitted and discussed projects, as well as an item for discussion for newly submitted projects.

The Commission discussed the necessity of the next meeting, scheduled for March 28, 2024. The body decided that if there were no projects submitted for consideration by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the meeting would be canceled. If projects were received by that time, the members would have the time necessary to perform a review prior to the meeting, and the meeting would be held as scheduled.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- March 28, 5:30 pm – Waccamaw Library (if there are project submittals)
- April 4, 5:30 pm – Howard Event Space
- April 11, 5:30 pm – Southern Georgetown Library

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:48 pm via motion by Tiller, second by Crenshaw.