

**IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
PHONE CONFERENCE**

November 25, 2025
Saluda Shoals Park
Administrative Building
12:00 PM

Members Attending: Bill Harmon, Michael Cromer, Dr. Gerrick Hampton, Dr. Akil Ross

Members Absent: Laura Huggins

Non-Members Attending: Mark Smyers, Eve Mittendorf, Jay Downs, Jason White,
Christina Bickley

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Session was called to order by Chairman Harmon at 12:09pm.

II. REQUIREMENTS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

In accordance with the requirements of The Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified of the meeting, it was posted on the website, and a notice and agenda posted at the park sites.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL CROMER TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACTUAL MATTERS. SECONDED BY AKIL ROSS. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Items related to contractual matters were discussed; no action was taken during the Executive Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. AKIL ROSS TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION. SECONDED BY DR. GERRICK HAMPTON. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION PASSED.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Environmental Education Center Phase I Contract

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. AKIL ROSS TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD OPTION 2 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER PHASE I CONTRACT TO GRACE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$881,616.00. SECONDED BY MICHAEL CROMER. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION PASSED.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Saluda Shoals Riverwalk – Ad Alt Contract

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL CROMER TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE AN AD ALT IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AT THE SALUDA SHOALS RIVERWALK TRAILHEAD. SECONDED BY DR. GERRICK HAMPTON. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION PASSED.

B. Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Budget Approval

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. GERRICK HAMPTON TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO COMMIT \$1M IN MATCH MONEY FOR AN LWCF GRANT PROJECT; \$850K WILL COME FROM FUND 40 AND \$150K FROM THE FY 26/27 CAPITAL BUDGET; IF THE GRANT IS NOT AWARDED, THE MATCH MONEY WILL RETURN FOR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. SECONDED BY MICHAEL CROMER. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. AKIL ROSS TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY DR. GERRICK HAMPTON. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION PASSED.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eve Mittendorf
Recording Secretary
IRMO CHAPIN RECREATION COMMISSION