



South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

Laurens County Museum 116 W Public Square, Laurens, SC 29360

Meeting link:

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SC250 Commission members have all been invited to Guided Tours of Musgrove Mill and Blackstock Plantations starting on Tuesday, September 27 at 3:00 P.M. (Musgrove Mills State Park 398 State Park Rd Clinton, SC 29325) and a Pre-Meeting Reception at 7:00 P.M. (Musgrove Mills Golf Club 772 Musgrove Mill Rd Clinton, SC 29325). They have also been invited to tours of local sites following the business meeting on September 28 leaving from the Laurens County Museum. For more information, contact Coordinator Heather Hawkins at 803-898-3392.

Proposed Agenda

10:00 AM - A few moments of reflection and perspective with Chaplain Dianne Culbertson

1. Welcoming Remarks from hosts: Laura Clifford (Laurens County Museum), Ernie Segars (Laurens County 250 Chairman), Amanda Munyan (Laurens County Chamber of Commerce Foundation / LC250 Fiscal Agent), and Laurens County Commissioner Dianne Culbertson
2. Call to Order and Introductions - Chairman Mr. Baxley
3. Declaration of Quorum – Vice-Chair Mr. Davies
4. Confirmation the Notice of Meeting and Proposed Agenda has been posted in Compliance with FOIA - Recording Sec. Ms. Hawkins
5. Adoption of Proposed Agenda - Chairman Mr. Baxley
6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2022 Meeting - Vice Chair Mr. Davies (Attachment A)
 - b. Conditional approval of all agenda items listed below (votes subject to change after discussions) – Mr. Davies and Mr. Baxley
7. Staffing
- a. 23FY Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) Update – Ms. Fortune
 - i. Transfer of existing employees to FTE slots
 - ii. Hiring two new FTE employees
 - iii. Temporary Site Development Manager
 - 1. Motion to retain and budget allocation request for a part-time, non-FTE (to be charged against unused FTE salary allocation)
 - iv. Temporary Southern Campaigns Revolutionary War military historian
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8. Education Committee – Rep. Neal Collins
- i. Update on Collaboration Meeting with SC Dept. of Education K-12 Social Studies Education Associates and SCDAH African American Heritage Commission Liaison
 - ii. Update on HistoryMan Comic Books
9. Site Development Projects – Mr. Baxley
- a. Motion to approve \$87,000 Grant to SCBPT contribute to purchase of Hammond’s Old Store battleground with Laurens County and SCBPT. (30 acres in Laurens County)
 - i. Budget allocation request \$60,000 (total purchase price of \$160,000)
 - ii. Budget allocation request: \$27,000 for due diligence and plans, permits, and rough grading, fine grading and crusher run surface, highway and interpretative signage
 - b. Motion to approve \$70,000 Grant to SCBPT purchase of Burdell’s Plantation site pull-off (Greene’s camp before and after the Battle of Eutaw Springs) with SCBPT. (5 acres Orangeburg County)
 - i. Budget allocation request: \$50,000 purchase money (total purchase price \$50,000)
 - ii. Budget allocation request: \$20,000 due diligence and plans, permits, and rough grading, fine grading and crusher run surface, highway and interpretative signage
 - c. Motion to approve \$35,000 Grant to SCBPT as contribution to due diligence and interpretation within Stono Ferry Battleground

- d. Motion to authorize SC250 Chairman to negotiate Commission to Agency Agreement with SCPRT for interpretive signage and archeological projects such as those described below. Funding not to exceed \$150,000.

Potential new wall board signage and possibly electronic display for:

- i. Keowee-Toxaway State Park Visitors Center for interpretation of Col. Andrew Williamson's Cherokee Campaign of 1776 in South Carolina; causes of Cherokee War with Cherokee and SC points of view (Pickens County)
 1. Budget allocation request \$16,000
- ii. Lee State Park (Lee County) – Sumter's Rounds campaign – new wall board interpretative signage of Battle of Radcliff's Bridge
 1. Writing and layout of interpretative board: Budget allocation request \$16,000
- iii. Dorchester State Historical Site (Dorchester County) – research, and a new kiosk with poster of a timeline, and explanation of different RW actions at colonial Dorchester
 1. Budget allocation request: \$24,000 (includes new kiosk)
- iv. Poinsett State Park - new kiosk for SC militia Col. Matthew Singleton and Marion's Half-Way Swamp interdiction action
 1. Budget allocation request: \$10,000
- v. Croft State Park – John and Jane Black Thomas (Sr.) Homestead skirmish
 1. Budget allocation \$8,000
- vi. Kings Mountain State Park - story of non-over mountain SC men trip to Cowpens and to fight at Kings Mountain and SC Loyalists at Kings Mountain
 1. Budget allocation request \$25,000

Potential project with Oconee Indian Town Interpretation (Oconee County) at Oconee Station State Historic Site. Budget allocation request:

- i. Cut new trail: \$8,000 budget allocation request
- ii. Research, writing, and layout of Interpretative signs: \$14,000 budget allocation request
- iii. Recovery Archeology: \$15,000 budget allocation request

- e. Motion to approve \$45,000 Grant to the Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina (Walhalla, Oconee County) Budget allocation request:
- i. Research, value, and negotiate purchase Nadia Dean's 1776 Cherokee Campaign research library and papers – to establish Cherokee Research Center at the Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina
 - ii. Develop display grant for interpretation of Col. Andrew Williamson's Cherokee Campaign of 1776 in South Carolina
 - iii. Budget request \$45,000
- f. Motion to authorize up to \$30,000 in Grants and/or direct pay invoices to locations/entities in Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, and/or Anderson Counties for

the interpretation of Col. Andrew Williamson's Cherokee Campaign of 1776 in South Carolina in the former Cherokee lands in northwestern South Carolina.

- i. Budget allocation request: \$20,000
 - ii. GIS mapping the Col. Andrew Williamson's Cherokee Campaign of 1776
 1. Budget request: \$10,000
- g. Motion to approve \$25,000 Grant to SCBPT for support of the Battle of Camden site archaeology project (Kershaw County).
- h. Motion to approve up to \$15,000 for Grants and/or direct pay invoices to locations/entities for new interpretation at the Old Stone Church (Clemson, SC) - Gen. Andrew Pickens, Col. Robert Anderson, Cherokee leader Osnatta, Revolutionary War Heroine Jane Walker, Rebecca Calhoun Pickens, and 13 Revolutionary veterans

10. Committee Updates

- a. Budget & Finance – Ms. Fortune
 - i. 23FY Budget vs. Actual as of 9-22-22 including estimated roll over amounts (Attachment B)
 - ii. 24FY Budget State Budget Request (Attachment C)
 - iii. Starting a Foundation & Trust – Ms. Fortune
 1. Speakers Bureau Management
- b. Marketing, Branding, & Public Relations – Ms. Pam Cazel
 - i. Update on Ad Agency RFP – Ms. Fortune
 - ii. American Revolution in SC Visitable Sites – Ms. Fortune
 - iii. American Revolution in SC Events – Ms. Fortune
- c. Publication & Research Committee – Mr. Baxley
 - i. Heroines: Dicey Langston (Paul Wood) – done and published; Jane Black Thomas (Sheila Ingle) – layout and cartography; Emily Geiger (Katherine Hawks) – research and writing papers
 - ii. Motion to approve up to \$5,000 for Elizabeth Jackson publication (Sheila Ingle) – research and writing
 1. Other SC Heroines recommended for scholarly biographies?
 - a. Mary Ramage Dillard
 - b. Martin sisters-in-law (Grace and Rachel)
 - iii. Military Leaders:
 1. Lt. Col. James McCall (SC militia commander) at Hammond's Old Store, Cowpens, and Beattie's Mill paper – edited, at second peer review, needs cartography and layout – Wayne Lynch
 2. Col. Hugh Giles – under negotiation
 3. Cols. John and Jacob Baxter (often conflated) – under negotiation
 - iv. Battles & Skirmishes: Scholarly paper on actions at and near

1. Congaree Creek – Mike Burgess
 2. Successful march of Rawdon’s relief column from Charlestown to Ninety Six – Mike Burgess
- v. Motion to approved up to \$200,000 for Battlefield Guides.
 New Project: producing pocket guide books to South Carolina’s major Revolutionary War battlegrounds: Budget request: \$200,000 for research, writing, graphics and cartography, peer review, editing, layout, and printing (and digitization)
1. Eutaw Springs – under negotiation
 2. Hobkirk Hill – under negotiation
 3. Musgrove Mill and Blackstock’s Plantation – under negotiation
 4. Camden
 5. Charleston (I, II, and III)
 6. Ninety Six
 7. Cowpens
 8. Kings Mountain
 9. Georgetown walking tour – under negotiation
 10. South Carolina and Gaston and Lincoln Counties, NC: The other Kings Mountain Victory Trail
 11. Waxhaws
 12. Col. Francis Marion’s Becoming the Swamp Fox – fall 1780
 13. Sumter’s Summer 1780 campaign: Rocky Mount – Hanging Rock (I, II) – Cary’s Fort – Fishing Creek
 14. Beaufort County battlegrounds
 15. Laurens County battlegrounds
 16. Berkeley County battlegrounds
- vi. Update: Gen. Francis Marion Papers Project – Rick Wise, Managing Editor
- vii. Update: Gen. Thomas Sumter Wartime Papers: Zach Lemhouse, Editor
- viii. Update: Col. Francis, Lord Rawdon (Hastings) Wartime Papers project: Todd Braisted, Editor
- ix. Update: SC 3rd Regimental History – Zach Lemhouse, author
- x. Update: American Revolution Site Passport project - Ms. Fortune
- xi. Update: Trading Cards project - Ms. Fortune
- xii. Motion to approve up to \$60,000 for First Americans Trading Paths. New project: Charleston to Fort Prince George Cherokee and the Santee River Delta to Catawba Town
1. Research team support, field research, GIS mapping, and documentation: \$30,000 budget request
 2. Marking extant trail sections of these Native American and Colonial paths and roads with maps and signage: \$30,000 budget request

- xiii. Motion to approve up to \$15,000 for digital publication of Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss' dissertation: *The roles of the Scots and Scotch-Irishmen in the Southern Campaigns in the War of American Independence 1780-1783*. New Project: 1) permission to publish; 2) peer review; and 3) layout and cartography. Budget request \$15,000.

11. Public Presentations about SC 250 - Mrs. Culbertson

- i. SCDAR Fall Forum in Columbia on Aug. 27, 2022
- ii. Senior Leaders Greenville History and Economics Session on Sept. 9, 2022
- iii. Margaret Gregg Gordon DAR Chapter in Kingstree on Sept. 21, 2022
- iv. Will speak at Battle of Hanging Rock Commemoration on Sept. 24, 2022

12. SC250 Grant Programs Update – Ms. Hawkins

- a. 22FY Grantees Recap (Attachment D)
 - i. Status Updates due November 15, 2022
- b. 23FYQ1 Non-Competitive Grants
 - i. County 250 Organizing Grants Approved by Executive Director
- c. 23FYQ1 Competitive Grants
 - i. Grant Programs Basics Page (Attachment E)
 - ii. 23FY Grant Cycles (Attachment F)
 - iii. Motion to approve 23FYQ1 Grant Application List if not listed above:
 - 1. Museum Panel Grant
 - a. \$5,000 to Daniel Morgan Chapter NSDAR for “It Took Us All” project at Gaffney City Hall
 - b. \$5,000 to Friends of the Anderson County Museum for Revolution War Mural in the new “Andersonians in War” room
 - 2. Publication Grant
 - a. \$177,400 for SCBPT for Phase One of Francis Marion Papers Project (already approved by Exec. Comm. 7/28/22)
 - 3. County Asset Assessment & Historic Tourism Plan Grant
 - a. \$10,000 to Dorchester Trust Foundation (on behalf of Dorchester County 250) for county asset and tourism plan
 - 4. Local Activities Grant
 - a. \$8,000 to Southern Campaign 1780 for staffing at Annual Battle of Camden Education Day and Reenactment Weekend, Nov 2022 Public Safety – focused on public safety at growing event with volunteer recruitment plan for next year
 - b. \$6,825 to Southern Campaign 1780 for Annual Battle of Camden Education Day and Reenactment Weekend, Nov 2022 Reusable Items – purchasing reusable items such as refillable fire extinguishers, tents, etc.
 - 5. Signage & Marker Grant
 - a. \$10,000 to City of Camden for new interpretive signs along the Battle of Hobkirk’s Hill Signage

- 6. Site Grant: Development
 - a. \$7,000 to Laurens County Chamber of Commerce Foundation (on behalf of Laurens County 250) for Phase Two of Hammond's Store Archaeology
 - d. 23FYQ2 Deadline November 9, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.
 - i. Getting the word out about the opportunities
- 13. Update from Statutory Partner – Doug Bostick, CEO of the SCBPT
 - a. Report on archaeology projects:
 - i. Burdell's Plantation (Orangeburg County)
 - ii. Fort Lindley (Laurens County)
 - iii. Hammond's Old Store (Laurens County)
 - iv. Fort Thicketty (Cherokee County)
 - b. Report on purchase of Old Jacksonboro
 - c. Report on purchase and development of Fort Johnson site
 - d. Report on the new exhibit at the Revolutionary War Visitors Center at Camden
 - e. Report on the new trails, and interpretative signage and electronics at the Camden battlefield
 - f. Report on the development plan for the Parker's Ferry battlegrounds
- 14. Executive Session – personnel and contractual matters
- 15. Administrative Updates
 - a. Executive Director's Update – Ms. Fortune
 - i. Francis Marion Symposium – October 21-22, 2022 [Francis Marion Murals] Clarendon County
 - 1. Motion to provide \$3,000 for sponsorship of 2022 event
 - ii. Clemson's Revolutionary War sites team update
 - iii. Administrative Database
 - b. Chairman's Update – Mr. Baxley
 - i. Motion to approve New "Centers of Interpretation" project with up to \$1.2 million in Grants
 - 1. Creating 12 grants to fund permanent, geographically relevant Centers for Interpretation and relevant enhancements of in person Research Libraries available to our tourists who want to do their Revolutionary War ancestors
 - 2. Develop Interpretation Centers in existing SC museums on: Francis Marion, Thomas Sumter, Andrew Pickens, John Rutledge, the SC Declaration of Independence signers, Women and Children of the Revolutionary Era in SC, African Americans in the Revolutionary Era in SC, Loyalist the Revolutionary Era in SC, and Native Americans the Revolutionary Era in SC.
 - 3. Budget allocation request: \$1,200,000

- ii. Motion to approve New Revolutionary Era Genealogy Centers project with up to \$30,000 in Grants
 1. Competitive grants to manned genealogy research libraries open to the public for Revolutionary Era ancestry research
 2. Budget allocation request: \$30,000
- iii. Motion to approve New Revolutionary Era Databases and DC Revolutionary War Trust project with up to \$100,000 in Grants and/or direct pay invoices
 1. Acceptance of conditionally donated and permanent management of South Carolina relevant American Revolution Era databases with agreements to make them publicly accessible, free, secure, backed up, fully searchable, and presented in current data formats in perpetuity (as is currently possible).
 2. Motion to approve creation of a permanent, self-sustaining educational Trust with a mission to operate the History Speaks speakers bureau, to house, maintain, and make permanently publically available electronic databases, to operate a facility to accept donations, to properly curate, interpret, and make publically available interpreted collections of Revolutionary War books, materials, manuscripts, intellectual property, and artifacts.
 3. Budget allocation request: \$100,000 to SC Revolutionary Era Databases and Trust

16. Motion to approve changing the next Commission meeting to Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at Hopsewee Plantation on the South Santee River (birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., one of South Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence).

Noon - Adjournment

Attachments:

Attachment A – June 10, 2022 Full Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachment B – 23FY Budget v Actual including estimated rollover amounts as of 9/22/22

Attachment C – 24FY Budget Request

Attachment D – 22FY Grant Recap

Attachment E – 23FY Grant Programs

Attachment F – 23FY Grant Cycles