



# **HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

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Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 1:00 pm  
South Strand Recreation Center,  
9560 Scipio Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

- 1. Call to Order**
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 3. Invocation**
  - 4. Introduction of Board Members**
  - 5. Minutes**
    - Approval of August 10, 2021 Minutes
  - 6. Public Input**
  - 7. New Business**
    - Keep Horry County Beautiful Appointments
    - 2022 Calendar of Meetings
  - 8. Old Business**
    - Aynor Fire Tower Property - Update
    - Recreational Trails Program Grant - Update
  - 9. Presentation**
    - PARD Grants
  - 10. Discussion**
    - Staff Member Updates
    - Board Member Updates
  - 11. Announcements**
    - Next Keep Horry County Beautiful Meeting – November 23, 2020 11:30am in Multipurpose Room C/E of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
    - Next Parks and Open Space Board Meeting – January 12, 2020 at 12:00pm in Multipurpose Room B of the Government & Justice Center, Conway
  - 12. Adjourn**
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Horry County Parks and Open Space Board  
Decision Memorandum  
Horry County, South Carolina

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Date: November 9, 2021  
From: Parks and Recreation  
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation  
Prepared By: Ashley Cowen, Deputy Director  
Cleared By: Paul McCulloch, Director  
Regarding: Keep Horry County Beautiful Appointment

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**ISSUE:**

Should Horry County Parks & Open Space Board appoint James Fowler to a vacant appointment on Keep Horry County Beautiful Board of Directors?

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Vote to appoint James Fowler to Keep Horry County Beautiful Board of Directors.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The applicant should be given a few minutes to describe his interest in the committee and the assets he will bring to the table.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Parks and Open Space Board appoints at-large members to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee. Keep Horry County Beautiful currently has two (2) vacancies. Both vacancies have a term expiring on December, 2022. Horry County has received one application to fill the unexpired positions.

**ANALYSIS:**

James Fowler has not previously, nor does he currently serve on any Horry County Boards or Commissions. Mr. Fowler is willing and eligible to serve in this capacity. Appointment by the Parks and Open Space Board to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Committee will result in Mr. Fowler fulfilling the remainder of the term to which he is appointed, at which point, he would be eligible to be appointed to his first full 3-year term.

**APPLICATION FOR COUNTY APPOINTMENTS**

NAME: James Fowler "Trapper" DATE 10-12-21

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] (home) [REDACTED] (work)

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER / DISTRICT: Danny Hardee 10

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?  (yes)  (no)

HAVE YOU BEEN ARRESTED OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WITHIN THE PAST TEN (10) YEARS?  (yes)  (no)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Please provide in detail or attach a resume).

EDUCATION: Master's degree from Clemson University in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, Bachelor's degree in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology from Colorado State University, Associates degree in Forestry Management Technology-Wildlife Management Emphasis from Horry Georgetown Technical College

WORK: Worked in the field of natural resource management as a field-based wildlife biologist for the past 7 years and as a wildlife technician before that for many years. Most recently, as of July 2021, joined the Coastal Conservation League to help protect SC's natural resources and to ensure quality of life for all residents in the North Coast of SC including Horry, Georgetown, Marion, Florence, and Williamsburg counties.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

I currently help with litter sweeps in Horry Georgetown Counties through various organizations and help monitor Waccamaw River water quality with the Waccamaw River Keeper as a volunteer. I have coached for several years in youth baseball at Conway Rec Dept.

LIST PREVIOUS SERVICE ON HORRY COUNTY BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS (indicate dates of terms):

None

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DUAL OFFICE HOLDING: Do you presently serve on any County or State Board or Commission?

No

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If appointed to an Horry County Board or Commission, I understand that I will be expected to attend all meetings of that Board or Commission. The only reason I would not attend would be because of illness or pressing personal commitments. I also understand that if I am absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid reason, the Council will consider this as a voluntary resignation. I am willing to abide by these attendance regulations. By acceptance of the appointment, I pledge my time and abilities to serve on any board or commission to which I am appointed.

*James L. Fowler IV*

Signature

10-12-21

Date



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Regarding: 2022 Meeting Schedule

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**ISSUE:**

What meeting schedule should the Parks and Open Space Board Adopt for the 2022 calendar year?

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Option 1: The Parks and Open Space Board will meet eight (8) times out of the following ten (10) Tuesday dates, at a minimum of least one (1) time quarterly, at 12:00 noon in Multipurpose Room B/C/E of the Government and Justice Center in Conway, SC.

February 8, 2022	July 12, 2022
March 8, 2022	August 9, 2022
April 5, 2022	September 9, 2022
May 3, 2022	October 4, 2022
June 14, 2022	November 1, 2022

Option 2: The Parks and Open Space Board will meet eight (8) times, at least one (1) time quarterly, at 1:00pm at varying weather-appropriate locations in Horry County, dependent on meeting Agenda contents, and to be announced to Board members at least 3 days in advance of the meeting via email.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Option 2.

**BACKGROUND:**

In both 2018 and 2019, the Parks and Open Space Board met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every-other month at 12:00 noon in Multipurpose Room B. In 2020, the Parks and Open Space Board scheduled eight meetings in January, March, May, June, July, August, October, and November. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Board cancelled their July meeting in 2020. The Board also held their January, 2020 meeting as a Workshop. In 2021, the Board voted to hold eight meetings varying between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday dependent on room availability in the Government and Justice Center. In August 2021, the Board voted to alter the remainder of their 2021 meetings to 1:00pm and hold meetings at various locations, dependent on meeting Agenda contents.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Parks and Open Space Board's By-Laws state in Article VI, Section I the following:

“Meetings be held quarterly (every three months) in a public facility accessible and open to the general public. The date, time, and location of each meeting will be set prior to the meeting. Board members shall be notified via telephone and/or email of short notice changes or meeting cancelations.”

The Horry County Code of Ordinances Article VII: Horry County Parks and Open Space, section 15-121 – Officers; rules of procedures; meetings; Support staff states the following:

“... The board shall meet at regular intervals but no less frequently than once every three (3) months.”

## HORRY COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD

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