The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, in Multi-Purpose Room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2nd Avenue in Conway, SC. The following Board members were present: Jamie Thompkins, Wink Prince, Janet Obenshain, Joel Carter, Sam Dusenbury, David Stoudenmire Jr., and Bill Strydesky. Staff present: Lou Conklin and Darra Hucks. Board members not present: Gerry Wallace and Brenda Long.

In accordance with the SCFOIA, notices of the public meeting were sent to the press (and other interested persons and organizations requesting notification) providing the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting.

I. Call to Order – Chairman, Jamie Thompkins called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30 PM. There was a quorum present.

II. Invocation – Jamie Thompkins delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Wink Prince to defer the approval of the minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting, as a quorum for those present at the August meeting were not present today. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Stoudenmire Jr. The vote carried unanimously. Mr. Prince made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting. Mr. Stoudenmire seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

IV. Public Input – There was none.

V. New Business

A. Board Name – Mrs. Conklin gave an overview of the name change of the board. Mrs. Conklin explained she checked with SHPO about the change, and the response from SHPO was as long as the ordinance refers to the correct part of the state code of laws that authorizes this activity, the Board can use whatever name they would like. Mrs. Conklin also explained there were four names put forth at the last meeting, and she asked the Board to raise their hands during the vote. Chairman Jamie Thompkins read an informational text about the history of the Board’s name for reference. There was discussion between the Board members about the name change. Mr. Stoudenmire made a motion to vote on the four names that were put forth at the last meeting, and Mr. Prince seconded the motion to vote. The majority of the Board voted in favor of changing the name to Horry County Historic Preservation Commission. Bill Strydesky made a motion to change the name to Horry County Historical Preservation Commission, and Mr. Wink seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor of the
name change with the exception of Mr. Sam Dusenbury who voted against the name. Mrs. Conklin explained the name change will have to go before the Planning Commission and be heard by County Council for three readings. This means the name will not be able to be used until it is approved by County Council next year.

VI. Presentation

A. Preservation Plan – Mrs. Conklin asked the Board to determine whether they should consider adoption of the Horry County Historic Preservation Plan as an amendment to the Horry County Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Conklin explained the purpose of this plan is to enable government officials and citizens to effectively protect historical resources in light of growth, environmental changes and an inexact future. She presented an overview of the most important aspects of the plan. Mrs. Conklin stated she did not place the goals and strategies in the presentation. She stated the Board needs to carefully look over the goals and strategies because these are what will specifically guide the Board over the next five to ten years. Mrs. Conklin reported that comments are now being received through November 1st from the Board and the public. She also reported once those comments are received, revisions will be made so the final draft can be sent to the board members prior to the next meeting. The members should come prepared to vote on the plan at the November 18th meeting. Chairman Thompkins opened the floor for public comment. Mrs. Saundra Barnhill, a visitor from Star Bluff, introduced herself to the Board, and Mrs. Barnhill expressed her concerns about Star Bluff Landing and Wampee. Mrs. Barnhill explained she has researched the areas and has reason to believe this is a historical area. She asked the Board to investigate the area for recognition as historical. After Mrs. Barnhill spoke there were two comments made about the Historic Preservation Plan.

VII. Reports – Mrs. Conklin stated there were no expenditures in September.

VIII. Next Meeting – November 19, 2019 at 2:30 PM

IX. Adjourn – Vice Chairman, Wink Prince made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sam Dusenbury. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM.