

ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

AGENDA

November 12th, 2025
Room 118A at 5:00pm

Purpose of Meeting: Regularly scheduled meeting to discuss topics as they relate to Anderson County Parks

Meeting Facilitator: Commissioner Denise Palmer (Board Chair)

Invitees: Commissioner Denise Palmer, Lewis Ridenour, Scott Burton, Tony Powers, Matthew Bader, Ben Taylor, Terry Frank – Mayor, Stephanie Wells – Tourism Director

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: October 6th, 2025 Meeting
- IV. Public Comment Period
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Park Road Erosion
 - b. Claxton Park
 - i. Follow Up on Concept Design & Agreement
 - ii. Survey – Digital & Media
 - iii. Press Release
 - c. Grant Funding Update: Mayor Terry Frank
- VI. New Dump Truck Purchase: Ben Taylor
- VII. Review of Regular Meeting Schedule
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjourn

ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES

October 6th, 2025

Members Present:

Denise Palmer – Board Chair, Lewis Ridenour, Tony Powers, Matthew Bader, Ben Taylor – Parks Director

Members Absent:

Scott Burton

Others Present:

Terry Frank – Mayor, Commissioner Phil Yager, Stephanie Wells – Tourism Director, Robert Holbrook – Finance Director, Andrew Stone – Secretary,

The Conservation Board meeting was called to order at 5:00pm on October 6th, 2025.

Approval of Agenda:

Amendments to the Agenda to add the following:

Anderson County's 250th Celebration Discussion to Unfinished Business

Claxton Park Update Discussion to New Business

Motion by Matt Bader, seconded by Lewis Ridenour, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, to approve the prior meeting

Minutes from the August 4th, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

No public present.

Unfinished Business:

1st Item of Unfinished Business:

Chair Denise Palmer provided two proposals from GeoSpecialties for the repair of the road erosion at Anderson County Park.

Item deferred to next meeting.

2nd Item of Unfinished Business:

Mayor Terry Frank provided an update on the upcoming Anderson County 250th Celebration and the potential for a memorial to be constructed related to those buried at Anderson County Park.

Item deferred to next meeting.

3rd Item of Unfinished Business:

Mayor Terry Frank provided updates on Lost Bottom Park and Gibbs Ferry projects and the status of current and potential grants for each.

No motion made.

4th Item of Unfinished Business:

Discussion held on the Conservation Board ending maintenance at Claxton Park effective November 1st, 2025.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, to rescind the original motion that included November 1st, 2025 as the effective date to allow Park Staff to remove items from the Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, for the Conservation Board to end maintenance at Claxton Park effective December 1st, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1st Item of New Business:

Ben Taylor provided an update on the installment of a new basketball goal at Anderson County Park.

No motion made.

2nd Item of New Business:

Ben Taylor provided an update on the installation of new lighting at Anderson County Park restroom.

No motion made.

3rd Item of New Business:

Chair Denise Palmer and Mayor Terry Frank presented a potential new site for the relocation of Claxton Park in partnership with Anderson County Schools.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Matt Bader, that in order to strategically maximize resources and to provide the best park for the Claxton community, the Conservation Board endorses the plan presented by Mayor Terry Frank and the Anderson County Schools Superintendent to relocate the new Claxton Community Park to the new Claxton Elementary school property, contingent on contract approval, with next steps and agreements being brought back and proposed to the Conservation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for November 3rd, 2025

Claxton Community Park Relocation Survey

The Anderson County Conservation Board values your input as we plan for the relocation of a community park in the Claxton Community. Please take a moment to share your thoughts.

1. Amenities & Features: What amenities would you most like to see included in the new park? (Rank in order of importance)

_____ Walking track
_____ Picnic shelter
_____ Permanent Bathroom Facilities
_____ Recreation Field/Play Meadow
_____ Playground equipment
_____ Skateboard Park
_____ Splash Pad
_____ Community garden
_____ Stage Area for Community Events / Concerts

Other (please specify) _____

2. Community Needs: What needs do you feel the new park should address:

- Safe play areas for kids
- Gathering spaces
- Fitness opportunities
- Green space preservation
- Other (please specify) _____

3. If there were a way to memorialize the Kids Palace structure or honor members of the community who were instrumental in building it, how would you prefer to see that done?

- A commemorative plaque or sign
- A memorial garden or landscaped area with markers
- Artwork or a mural reflecting the history of Kids Palace
- Incorporate pieces of the existing structure into the new structure
- Naming a section for the new park in their honor
- Other (please specify) _____

4. Additional Suggestions: Do you have any other ideas or suggestions for the new park location or design?

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