

ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES

May 6th, 2025

Members Present:

Denise Palmer – Board Chair, Lewis Ridenour, Scott Burton, Tony Powers, Ben Taylor – Parks Director

Members Absent:

Matthew Bader

Others Present:

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Scott Burton, seconded by Lewis Ridenour, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, to approve the prior meeting Minutes from April 7th, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

No members of the public present.

Unfinished Business:

1st Item of Unfinished Business:

Ben Taylor provided updates on the road erosion project's progress. Board Chair Denise Palmer shared a jurisdictional update from the Law Director regarding the Highway Department's role within the project scope.

No motion made.

2nd Item of Unfinished Business:

Discussion held on the current rates of Long-Term and Short-Term rentals at Anderson County Park.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Scott Burton, to increase Long-Term rates by 8% effective 7/1/2025, followed by a 3% increase to both Long-Term and Short-Term rates on 7/1/2026 and 7/1/2027.

Motion carried unanimously.

3rd Item of Unfinished Business:

Discussion held on Kids Palace Playground and its expiration of liability for the Anderson County Conservation Board. TVA will officially close the park on December 1st, 2025, and be responsible for all structures remaining within the park.

The Parks Department will continue with the closure as projected.

No motion required.

New Business:

- Discussion held on a Motion for Budget regarding Park road erosion was discussed during the 1st Item of Unfinished Business.
- Discussion held on Lost Bottom Park, with Mayor Terry Frank providing an update on the current application status.
- Discussion held on Gibbs Ferry, with Mayor Terry Frank providing an update on the current financial responsibility of the project.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for June 2nd, 2025