

MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.

Colleton County Council  
Council Chambers, Old Jail Building  
109 Benson Street  
Walterboro, SC 29488

Present: Chairman Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Dr. Joseph Flowers, Phillip Taylor, Bubba Trippe, and Scott Biering in attendance.

Others Included: Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Kaela Brinson, Jon Carpenter, Barry McRoy, Joshua Rowland, Buddy Hill, Laura Clark, George Welch, Wanda Taylor, Sue Keith, Clarence Wiggins, Cornelius Hamilton, Robert Renner, Stephanie Renner, Felicia Johnson, Daniel Sturgis, and Cathy Sturgis.

Councilman Bubba Trippe gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to amend the agenda to add Legal-Opioid Litigation to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Regular Meeting March 14, 2023— Councilman Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers, and the motion carried unanimously with Chairman Murdaugh abstaining due to not being at the meeting to attest to the accuracy of the minutes.

**Awards and Recognitions**

- A. The 2022 Sustained Excellence in Risk Management Award and 2nd Place Award for Best Lag Time in SC— Van Hensen, South Carolina Association of Counties

Mr. Hensen: Stated, I am Van Hensen, the director of Risk Management Services for South Carolina Association of Counties. We offer insurance trust services, and Colleton County is a member of our Worker's Compensation insurance program. Every year we have our annual membership meeting at which time we do recognitions for our counties and their accomplishments throughout the year. This past year Colleton County was recognized for two awards. The first award that was received was a "Lag Time Award." This is the period of time from when George, in Risk Management Department, knows of an incident that has occurred in Colleton County, to the time it gets reported to our adjusters. Our minimum standard is less than 3 days. The quicker we get the information, the quicker we make sure your employees get the proper care and medical treatment. This year Colleton County was tied in second place for the "Lag Time Award" with a lag time of .12 days, which is less than a quarter of a day that each

one was being submitted. That is astonishing to be able to do that. That speaks to the system that George has put into place and the communication lines he has developed with your departments. The other award that was bestowed was the 2022 Sustained Excellence in Risk Management Award. In order to be worthy of getting this award, it goes back to your whole value of work and the Risk Management Program and past history. I would be remised if I didn't state that here a couple of years ago Colleton County was recognized as the most improved county in the trust. Unfortunately, that was held in January and the pandemic hit weeks later. So, we never got the opportunity to come before Council with that, but you did receive the award in plaque format. The award that was given this year, Sustained Excellence, is exactly what it sounds like. Still meeting all the benchmarks and continuing to do great things. Risk Management in general is, in layman's terms, what we do to keep bad things from happening, and not what we do when bad things have already happened. You all have done very good in recent years, as far as getting ahead of the curve on these things to mitigate and stop problems from even arising. In recent years, you all have been proactive instead of reactive, and that is what has benefitted your county and citizens. It is very admirable on all the steps that have been made and are a good example of what Risk Management is when it works properly. Colleton County had a recent event that went on for several weeks. Being prepared for that sort of thing and making plans ahead of time out Colleton County in a very positive light on a national stage. Colleton County should be commended for a great job. I was in Georgia, and stopped in and did a walk thru during the trial. It was outstanding the way you all handled things. That is Risk Management in a nutshell. The County had the opportunity to have so many things go sideways, but you all were prepared. Lastly, obviously our employees are our number 1 asset in the county, and without them no work is getting done. So, it goes without saying that we do not want any of them to be injured, or if something does occur, we want to be able to get them back in full capacity as soon as they can. Mr. George came on with your Risk Management around 4 years ago, and since that time you have seen a very positive pattern in experienced modifier rate. A rating of 1 is what would be expected of you for your size county, and your mod. rating this past year was .84. Which means you are below that, and that means you saw a .16 percentage savings on your workers comp. premium. Once again, we want to commend you all on that. I would like to present you all with the second-place award for Best Lag Time in SC, as well as the 2022 Sustained Excellence in Risk Management Award.

\*\*\*During this time, Council stepped down to take a picture with Mr. Hensen and George Welch.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, George would you like to make a few comments?

George Welch: Stated, No, sir. I will make it brief. Everything I do goes through the department heads. You all have some very good department heads.

### **Appearances & Public Presentations**

A. SC State— Cornelius Hamilton, Acting Regional Director, 1890 Extension

\*\*\* Attached is the information that was presented.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, thank you Mr. Hamilton for being here tonight.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I have a good experience that I would like to share. When I started, I could not grow a plant. I decided to do a small raised bed, and they suggested that I grow some strawberries. I started going to the classes for good handling and things of that nature. They came by and suggested a square foot method. So, I started doing some research, we were doing this in the middle of December. I put a blanket, a piece of plastic, and a heat lamp to keep them warm through the frost. I am out in California, and my son calls and asks if he can taste the strawberries. I told my son that they were not ready yet. So, I called over to 1890 and told them my son says he has strawberries. They responded with, "That boy does not have any strawberries." I called my son back and had him send me a picture of the strawberries that he was talking about. Those strawberries looked so succulent through the phone. It was almost like scratch and sniff. They taught me the way you have to do it. The strawberries they helped me grow, grew faster than the people's that we got the plants from. So, that is a success story. They do a fantastic job at teaching and helping people. I do have one question, you used to do a pig and chicken program with the kids where they could get 5-10 pigs or chickens..?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, we do still have the resources to do that project, but we have not done that project since covid. Most recently, we have done a poultry project where a participant can get 25 one day old chicks. They raise them for 20 weeks, and then they bring back 5 for show and tell. That is how they pay for their participation.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, I am glad to see that 4-H is coming back. That used to be a big part of the community. That is a good thing, and I go to the strawberry barn to get my strawberries.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, what is the significance of the 1890?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, SC State University was founded in the year 1896. 1890 is the year that the law was passed for the land-grant status to be awarded to historically black colleges and universities. So, within the extension system we refer to ourselves as 1890, and we refer to Clemson as 1862.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I did not know that SC State had an extension program. Back to the reason you are here and your request for the letter of support. In some of the other counties that you do serve, do you all have any places that you co-exist in the same building?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, we do have counties in other parts of the state where we co-exist and share facilities. We do not have any in this region. Ironically, our office is right next door to the Clemson Extension office in Hampton County. We are one cooperative extension service. We do our annual plan of work together. We do that so that we are not duplicating services.

Chairman Murdaugh: Asked, how are you marketing your participants? Are you doing that online? I understand the children would be easier to get by going through the school districts, but how are you getting adult and family participants to get involved in the farming program?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, our adult population is a little more challenging than our youth population. We market online and through social media. We also spread the word through old school word

of mouth. A lot of times we may serve a small farmer participant and then enroll their children in our youth program.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, What is the meat-goat project?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, it is exactly what it sounds like. It is a livestock project where they raise goats for meat. There are areas in our state and country where goats' meat is considered a delicacy. Down in the southern part of the state, eating goat is a big thing.

Councilman Biering: Stated, if we have people in our areas that want to work with you and partner with you, is that what you are looking for?

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, yes sir. The challenges that we have are when we coordinate a program and the participation is not what we expected.

Councilman Biering: Stated, ironically, I had someone approach me today looking for programs just like this. I will be in touch, thank you.

Mr. Hamilton: Stated, thank you.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, thank you Mr. Hamilton for being here. Councilman Taylor, I will say that I have served with you for many years and never seen or had any of these strawberries. We will move to Coalition for a Better Colleton, Mr. Hiram Davis. We had Mr. Davis listed to speak. I know he was unfortunately involved in an accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. Are there any individuals here to represent him in his absence?

Mr. Anderson Grant: Stated, we are going to postpone it until next month due to him being under doctors' care at this time.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, will you convey to him that our thoughts and prayers are with him during his recovery?

### **Administrator's Briefing**

Mr. Griffin: Stated, Mr. Hamilton's budget request is our favorite kind of request. We will be more than happy to hand out letters of support. When I first came on as administrator, Mr. Taylor was involved in the 1890 program, and I got familiar with the program. He and I shared a little gardening information together. I ended up learning a lot about some equipment that I didn't know existed at that time. I also wanted to say with George and Mr. Hensen here that bringing that factor down below 1 is a really big deal. It had been above 1, almost to 2, for a while. They have done a fantastic job, not just George, but the department heads, including Meagan. I will have to call her out as well. When George is not here, Meagan is the one that has the phone. They do a fantastic job of addressing the situation as soon as it happens. That has saved the county a significant amount of money. The department heads do a really good job relaying that information. The communication at work here has really improved. The only other item that I wanted to speak on was the final reading on the Capital Project Sales Tax general obligation bond that we have tonight. I have had a lot of questions about when we will be getting going. The sale of the bonds, assuming that council approves everything tonight, will happen I believe on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Then everything will

be in place the first of May. We actually have IDC contracts out now. Indefinite Delivery Contracts for engineers and architects. Things are in motion now to start working on those projects. They will start moving along very strongly starting in May or June. I will be glad to take any questions.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, there was quite a bit of conversation on housing projects going up. Are you hearing anything?

Mr. Griffin: Stated, my understanding is that there is a project off of Mt. Carmel Road that will be annexed into the city. So, under that annexation we would not have any direct authority over it. Then there is another piece of property under contract by another large housing developer just across the street from Colleton County High School. Those are the only two that I know about.

No further comments.

### **Public Hearing**

Councilman Taylor made a motion to move into Public Hearing. Dr. Flowers seconded that motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

- A. Ordinance 23-O-03, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**
- B. Ordinance 23-O-04, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC**
- C. Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2)**
- D. Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law**

No comments were made. Dr. Flowers made a motion to close Public Hearing. Councilman Taylor seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-03, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-03, By Title Only, To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$40,355,000 General Obligation Capital Project Sales Tax Bonds of Colleton County, South Carolina; to Prescribe the Purposes for which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-04, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-04, By Title Only, Authorizing Colleton County to Join with the Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission and the City of Walterboro in Conveying 26.5 Acres of a Portion of Real Property Identified by T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-018 to Fuller Properties, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054.000, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2).**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-05, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 20 Acre Parcel Located at 2824 Jefferies Highway, Identified as T.M.S. No. 132-00-00-054.000, from Urban Development – 1 (UD-1) to Urban Development – 2 (UD-2). The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-06, To Amend Chapter 13, Section 13.04.010 of the Colleton County Code of Laws to Provide for the Adoption of Certain Updated Codes as Mandated by State Law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Colleton County and Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Including Any Related or Affiliated Entities and Any Sponsor Affiliates, Whereby Colleton County will enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc.; Providing for Payment by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc. of Certain Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; To Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include**

**Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 23-O-07, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Colleton County and Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Including Any Related or Affiliated Entities and Any Sponsor Affiliates, Whereby Colleton County will enter into a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement with Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc.; Providing for Payment by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc. of Certain Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Certain Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Credits; To Further Amend the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park Agreement Between Colleton County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Paid by Pomega Energy Storage Technologies, Inc., Under the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**A. 1st Reading Ordinance 23-O-08, By Title Only, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Ordinance 23-O-08, By Title Only, to Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trippe. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution 23-R-24, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2023**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-24, To Accept the Grant for the Colleton County Summer Feeding Program for 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution 23-R-25, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Dr. Flowers moved to approve Resolution 23-R-25, To Declare April Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I wanted to highlight number 4, “One in ten children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday, one in four women in their lifetime, and one in 33 men in their lifetime. It really rips your heart out.

**D. Resolution 23-R-26, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-26, To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds Related to Special Projects as Recommended by the Colleton County Accommodations Tax Committee from the from the State Accommodations Tax Fund – Fund 152 and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, would you read the three items that are on there for us please?

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, “1. At their meeting on May 19, 2022, the Accommodations Tax Committee received a request for funding from the Colleton County Historical & Preservation Society—Accessibility and Tourism at the Bedon-Lucas House, \$6,000, and County Council approved that request on June 7, 2022. 2.The Colleton County Historical & Preservation Society has since modified their request for a total of \$10,000, which was approved by the Accommodations Tax Committee at their March 15, 2023 meeting; and 3.The Accommodations Tax Committee recommends that County Council approve the amended request submitted by the Colleton County Historical & Preservation Society in the amount of \$10,000 for ADA Panels at the Bedon-Lucas House.”

Councilman Taylor: Stated, thank you.

**E. Resolution 23-R-27, To Advertise Board Vacancies**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-27, To Advertise Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, we have one seat on the Colleton County Edisto River Canoe, and Kayak Trail Committee has one vacancy, and the Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals has one vacancy.



**F. Resolution 23-R-28, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies**

Councilman Taylor moved to approve Resolution 23-R-28, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Biering. The motion carried unanimously.

The following appointments were made by acclamation: Scott Grooms – Colleton County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

**Public Comment**

Daniel Sturgis: Stated, I live in the Longleaf Subdivision. Basically, I am here tonight to see if anything can be done with the D. R. Horton subdivision that they are putting in at the end of the Longleaf subdivision. I understand that they are looking to put in 700 units. All of the entrances that I have seen, with the exception of one, dump into the longleaf subdivision. We are really concerned with having some 700 plus vehicles coming through the neighborhood daily. When in deed planning and help from the county might relieve this. We are looking for buffers to help this beautiful neighborhood. This is going to become what is called a high-density neighborhood, which is 88 people per acre. The city is annexing a very small piece of property between the city limits and this large subdivision. We don't understand why this piece of property couldn't be the main entrance in and out of this subdivision instead of bringing everything around Lakewood Road. I couldn't imagine bringing 300-400 cars every morning on these narrow roads in this neighborhood. There is plenty of opportunity to have them come out on Robertson Blvd or Jefferies Hwy. Our neighborhood is going to be completely disrupted by this. We would like to know what the County can do to work with the city to relieve this traffic and problems. I know we have to have homes and growth. I do not know if we need 700 of them. I do know places like these in other areas have complaints of traffic. I do not know what bringing them through our small roads in our neighborhood is going to do to relieve the traffic. I am asking, is there anything we can do in the county side to jump in there with the city to work this out? Most of the people in our neighborhood are in their mid-50s and up. We would like to have it looked into.

Felicia Johnson: Stated, they had to keep calling the police Saturday night. However, these lights are something that we need ASAP in our community. Like I said, a young man got killed in broad day light at the stop sign. They do not respect our street. As soon as they get to my house, they go around the stop sign. During the summer I like to ride my bike. We need lights! My neighbor turned her light off and showed me that it was pitch black dark. She has to keep her light on. Last year in December I ended up with a big light in front of my house. I asked how I could get a light that I didn't ask for, but they can't. Past your church and all around and down Rivers Ave. it is black at night. If you don't have white clothing on, you can consider yourself dead. A church member brought me something and also hit a young man. I don't know what is quicker, the lights or closing down this club. I cannot get through to none of them involved with the club. I am asking y'all to do y'all's job to help us.

### **Council Time**

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I wanted to remind the Public Health & Safety Committee that we will have a meeting on Monday night at the Wildlife Center. We have invited several stakeholders to come to address the issues that we have talked about. That will be on Monday at 6 PM. The members of that committee are myself as Chairman, Dr. Flowers, and Councilman Trippe.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, what issues are you going to address?

Councilman Taylor: Stated, the violence, the issues with the clubs, the man caves, the stabbing, and shootings. We will have a breakout session to do some information gathering and then get some legal advice on some next steps.

Councilman Trippe: Stated, on April 21<sup>st</sup> we will have Keep Colleton Beautiful trash pickup. Scott and I have a team. If anyone would like to join our team, we sure would appreciate it.

Councilman Taylor: Stated, I also have a team.

Chairman Murdaugh: Stated, I will not be at the Public Health & Safety committee meeting. I wanted to say that I am very sympathetic to what Ms. Johnson is going through. There has to be something that we can do as a Council. Business registration is something that I think we need to get back on the agenda for multiple reasons and benefits. Also, maybe there are some legal issues. We don't have many social clubs in the county, but maybe we need a 1 AM curfew that states you close the door and if you do not, you are in violation. We need to think about all those things. My attorney will educate us on this later. Surely, there must be something we can do when she is living in such turmoil.

Councilman Biering: Stated, I wanted to recognize the VFW here. Bubba and I both stopped by the VFW celebration that we had this weekend. Thank you all for your service. Ms. Felicia, we are working on both things you have spoken about. Thank you for your diligence.

### **Executive Session**

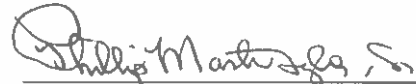
Dr. Flowers moved to go into executive session to discuss the following: Legal – Sheriff's Office. Councilman Biering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Taylor moved to exit executive session. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Flowers moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Biering seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

  
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Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Kaela Brinson, Clerk to Council

# SC State 1890 Research & Extension

Cornelius Hamilton, M.B.A.  
Regional Director  
Low Country Region  
April 4, 2023

SC State  
1890 RESEARCH & EXTENSION  
Innovate Educate Elevate

SC State College of Agriculture, Forestry & Consumer Sciences

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## Background

- SC State University 1890 Research & Extension is the cornerstone of the historical land-grant status of South Carolina State University (SC State).
- Since its founding in 1896, South Carolina State University served as the state's sole public university for Black South Carolinians and is one of two land-grant universities in South Carolina.
- Belongs to a national system of more than 100 land-grant universities and colleges. One of 18 designated as a historically black college or university.

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## Our Mission

SC State 1890 Research & Extension **innovates** and **educates** to **elevate** the quality of life and raise the standard of living for all South Carolinians.

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## Our Core Values

- Customer Service
- Quality
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Volunteerism
- A Will to Win
- Personal Accountability

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## SC State 1890 Extension - Low Country Region

**Service Areas:**  
Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties

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## Extension Outreach Priorities

- 4-H Youth Development
- Community and Economic Development
- Education, Innovation and Support
- Family, Nutrition and Health
- Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resources

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### SC State 1890 Extension - Low Country Region

**Program Areas:**

- 4-H & Youth Development (K-12)
- Family Nutrition & Health (part-time employee)
- Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Education Innovation & Support
- Community & Economic Development (vacant)




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### Strategic Partnerships

SC State 1890 is proud to have established partnerships with local, state, governmental agencies and most importantly, the community.

- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- USDA - NIFA (National Institute of Food Administration)
- SC Department of Agriculture
- Local Government Agencies
- School Districts
- Small Farmers
- Small Businesses








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### SC State 1890 - Extension

- Helps support rural and urban communities, cultivates youth development, advance agriculture and strengthens families by applying innovative research, outcomes to positively improve quality of life.
- Offers outreach programs and services to 32 of the 46 counties in South Carolina.
- Specializes in providing opportunities for underserved and socially disadvantaged communities and entrepreneurs.




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### 4-H Youth Development

The SC State 1890 Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is an educational youth program that helps diverse young people discover and develop their potential, so they will grow into competent, contributing and caring citizens.

#### 4-H Programming

- Citizenship/Civic Engagement
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Financial Management
- S.T.R.E.A.M.

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### Community and Economic Development

Helping South Carolinians develop their maximum potential in the workforce is crucial to economic development. Community & Economic Development program is geared toward identifying technical assistance (training, coaching, mentoring, networking, and competitive grant awards).

#### Key Programming

- Small Business Development
- Non-Profit Organizations Development
- Securing Funding Sources
- Website Development
- Adult & Youth Entrepreneurship







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### Family, Nutrition & Health

SC State University 1890 Research & Extension encourages healthy, active and well-nourished youth, individuals and families by offering evidence-based programs and activities for a healthier South Carolina.

#### Key Programming


- Expanded Food Nutrition and Education Program
- Show Me Nutrition
- Eat Smart Being Active
- Financial Management
- Mental Health Capacity Building

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### Education, Innovation & Support

The Education Innovation & Support (EIS) agents develop, evaluate and refine high-priority educational programs and technical assistance activities; develop educational curricula and other important resources in the EIS arena; spearhead the development of issue-based action teams (IBATs) that align with current and emerging EIS-related needs and opportunities and provide college and career-readiness for youth.



**Key Program**

- Agriculture Innovation Scholarship
- College 101 Workshop Series
- Helping Youth Pursue Education (HYPE) Program

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### Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources

SC State 1890 Extension works to address the decline of small farms by providing farmers with the educational tools they can use to take a business approach to agriculture. Through the promotion of niche marketing, specialty crops, cooperatives and entrepreneurial opportunities, small farmers gain other skills to advance farm management and increase profit.



**Key Programming**

- Beef Cattle Improvement Project
- Commercial/Home Garden Vegetable Production Systems
- Meat Goat Project
- Risk Management Education

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### 1890 Extension Program Highlights

- \$70 Million Climate-Smart Program
- 6,000 Books Distribution Tour
- Residential Camp Experiences (2)
- Service Education Award: School Enrichment & Community Support
- Scholarship Opportunities (Approximately \$200,000)
- Summer Internships
- Risk Management Education



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### South Carolina Service Regions

- **Coastal Region** - Beaufort, \*Charleston, Dorchester and Georgetown
- **Low Country Region** - Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, \*Hampden and Jasper
- **Midland Region** - Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and \*Orangeburg
- **Five Day Region** - Dillon, \*Florence, Horry, Marion and Marlboro
- **Yorkshire Region** - Abbeville, Edgefield, \*Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda
- **Santee-Waterloo Region** - Clarendon, Lee, \*Spartan and Wilkesburg
- **Upstate Region** - \*Anderson, Greenville, Pickens and Spartanburg

**Planned Expansions**

- **Capital** - Aiken, Lexington and Richland
- **Catawba** - Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union and York

\*Main office location

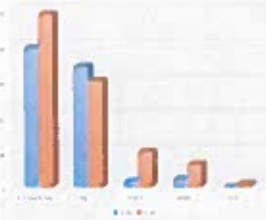


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### Regional Inputs

**\*Total Number of Participants By Priority Area\***

PROGRAM AREA	2022	2023 Projected
4-H Youth Dev.	1,961	2,445
FNH	1,700	1,500
EFNEP	79	500
SANRE	112	320
CED	0	50





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### Regional Inputs

**\*Total Number of Overall Participants\***

REPORTING PERIOD	2022	2023 Projected
LCR TOTALS	3852	4815



**Direct Contacts**

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**Colleton County Benefits**

- 85% rate of knowledge gain
- 50% rate of change in behavior
- Indirect educational resources
- Agricultural & Small Business Technical Assistance

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**1890 Requests**

- Letter of Support
- In-kind Requests/Facility Use
- Advocates/Volunteers Referrals
- Program Marketing (flyers on websites, social media, etc.)






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