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APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

Human Resources Department
5819 Shakespeare Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Ph: 803-754-7275 • Fax: 803-754-9288 • Jobline Website: richlandcountyrecreation.com

DATE: 04/12/12

POSITION APPLIED FOR: Summer Counselor - Eastover

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

Please type or print in ink all information except signature. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications must have all sections completed and the form signed by the applicant. A separate application must be completed for each vacancy. A resume may be attached but must not be substituted for completing the application. All qualified applications will be referred to the department where the vacancy exists. The department head is responsible for the review and evaluation of applications and recommending the most qualified applicants to be selected for an interview. Applications will remain active until the vacancy is filled. If you wish to remain informed of positions available at the Richland County Recreation Commission, please visit our website at www.richlandcountyrecreation.com.

Thank you for your interest in the Richland County Recreation Commission.

PERSONAL DATA

NAME (Last, First, MI) <u>Duckett Todd H</u>		
LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: XXX-XX- <u>0081</u>		
MAILING ADDRESS: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
CITY: <u>Eastover</u>	STATE: <u>SC</u>	ZIP CODE: <u>[REDACTED]</u> COUNTY: <u>Richland</u>
HOME PHONE #: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	CELL PHONE #: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Email: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
ARE YOU LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DO YOU HAVE RELATIVES EMPLOYED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
IF YES, NAME(S) / RELATION: <u>Charles T. Duckett</u>		
WHAT DEPARTMENT(S): <u>Maintenance</u>		
DO YOU POSSESS A VALID S.C. DRIVERS LICENSE? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NUMBER: <u>[REDACTED]</u> EXP. DATE: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
HAYDE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED NO CONTEST TO A CRIME OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION (E g Parking Ticket)? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
**IF YES: CHARGES: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
WHERE CONVICTED	DATE	DISPOSITION/STATUS

****NOTE:** Criminal Offenses include felonies, misdemeanors, and summary offenses. Examples include but are not limited to: driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs; fraudulent or bad checks, disturbing the peace; leaving the scene of an accident, robbery, etc. (omit minor vehicle violations and any offenses committed before your 17th birthday, which was ultimately adjudicated in juvenile court or under a youthful offender law. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar of employment in all cases. The nature, severity and date of the offenses in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered. Failure to accurately report offenses will be considered seriously by the Commission and grounds for disqualification from consideration and/or termination if employed.

EDUCATION

Starting with High School, provide **COMPLETE** information on all schools attended, including special courses or schools.

	School/Institution and Location	Major/Minor Subject Areas	Graduate	Degree/Diploma
High School or Equivalent	Lower Richland Hs Nopkins, SC	General Edu	Yes___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
College/Universtiy			Yes___ No___	
College/Universtiy			Yes___ No___	
College/Universtiy			Yes___ No___	
Technical School			Yes___ No___	

SKILLS

DO YOU HAVE PERSONAL COMPUTER/SOFTWARE SKILLS?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
DO YOU HAVE WORD PROCESSING SKILLS? WPM: 30	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
DO YOU HAVE DATA ENTRY SKILLS?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE/TRAINING?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE/TRAINING?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
MILITARY EXPERIENCE/TRAINING?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

LIST ANY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE OR MACHINES, WITH WHICH YOU ARE PROFICIENT, RELATED TO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

Personal Computer

LIST ANY PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OR CERTIFICATIONS:

PROFESSION/CRAFT:	CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE NUMBER:	DATE OF CERTIFICATION:	EXPIRATION DATE:

EMPLOYMENT DATA

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT YOU WILL ACCEPT:		<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>PART-TIME</u>
WILL YOU ACCEPT A POSITION WITH VARYING SHIFTS?		<u>YES</u>	NO
MINIMUM SALARY YOU WILL ACCEPT: <u>8.00</u> PER HOUR		IF NO, LIST HOURS PREFERRED:	
		EARLIEST DATE YOU COULD BEGIN WORK: <u>05/28/12</u>	

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

List ALL work history stating with your present or last position. List any self-employment, temporary, and military jobs. Account for ALL periods of unemployment. This section must be accurate and complete. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets in the same format, including your name and social security number on each sheet. DO NOT SUBSTITUTE A RESUME FOR AN APPLICATION.

1. Title of present or recent position Counselor From Month 06 Year 2011 To Month 08 Year 2011
 Employer Buchland County Parks & Rec Phone 803-754-6720
 Address 6429 Bishop Ave Columbia, SC 29203
 Supervisor's Name Ms. Felicia Flemming Title Camp Coordinator May we contact? Yes
 Hours per week 20 Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) \$8.00

Name on Employment Record if different from present name

Reason for Leaving SUMMER POSITION

Duties Assist children that attended the camp with various activities, Assist the camp coordinator as needed with various duties
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2. Title of position _____ From Month _____ Year _____ To Month _____ Year _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____ May we contact? _____

Hours per week _____ Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) _____

Name on Employment Record if different from present name

Reason for Leaving _____

Duties _____
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EMPLOYMENT RECORD (continued)

3. Title of position _____ From Month _____ Year _____ To Month _____ Year _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____ May we contact? _____

Hours per week _____ Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) _____

Name on Employment Record if different from present name _____

Reason for Leaving _____

Duties _____

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4. Title of position _____ From Month _____ Year _____ To Month _____ Year _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____ May we contact? _____

Hours per week _____ Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) _____

Name on Employment Record if different from present name _____

Reason for Leaving _____

Duties _____

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PERSONAL REFERENCES

Give name, address and phone number of three personal references.

Name	Address	Phone Number
Paul Brawley SR	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Hiziah Goodwin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Marie Gibson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Have you ever been asked or forced to resign from any job?

Yes _____

No ☒

If yes, what position and reason, please explain: _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

1. I affirm and/or understand all statements on this form are true and accurate; and any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in exclusion from further consideration and/or, if hired, termination of employment. If I have requested that my present employer not be contacted, I understand an offer of employment may be contingent upon information and verification of other former employers, prior to beginning work.
2. I agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the Richland County Recreation Commission. According to the State of South Carolina Law, I understand my employment with the Richland County Recreation Commission will be at-will.
3. I hereby consent to authorized representatives of the Richland County Recreation Commission contacting any of my former employers or education institutions that I have attended and any other person or organization they determine may have information concerning my past and present work. I understand this would include my official personnel files, attendance records, background information, evaluations, educational records, military service, law enforcement records and/or any personnel records deemed necessary. I also understand Richland County Recreation Commission may make inquiries of third parties such as credit bureaus. I further release organizations, educational entities, present and former employers, law enforcement organizations and all third parties from any and all claims, of whatever nature, that I may have, as a result of any inquiry or response to such inquiries, made in connection with my application for employment. I understand that any information obtained by Richland County Recreation Commission in the course of those contacts will be treated with strictest of confidence. However, I understand it is not possible to guarantee total confidentiality.
4. I understand and acknowledge that Richland County Recreation Commission requires all applicants who are tentatively selected for employment to submit to and pass a drug test, failure to take the test, failure to cooperate in taking the test, failure to follow test procedures, or testing positive for the use of illegal drugs or substances will result in disqualification from employment.

The drug test will be urinalysis and if the collector of the test sample believes that there is a reasonable possibility that I have or will tamper with or substitute the urine sample, the sample or an additional sample may be collected under conditions in which a person of the same gender of the applicant may witness the collection.

Signature: Bob H. Duckett

Date 04/12/12

The Richland County Recreation Commission is sensitive to the needs of qualified applicants and employees with disabilities. The Richland County Recreation Commission is also willing to make reasonable accommodations to assist such applicant and employee.

EEO STATEMENT

The Richland County Recreation Commission is an equal opportunity employer, and government policy requires that consideration be given to all applicants without regard to race, color, military status, religion, sex, national origin, age, a legally defined disability to a qualified



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CLOSE

HOME RESOURCE

Employee

 TD Duckel
 SCD - Sum
 Home Dept

Show as of 10/24/2016

Position

 Summer Cam
 Director

 P. 10/24/2016
 7/3/2016

Job Full Title

 Job Change Reason
 DBLOAD

Job Class

FLSA

 MAX'S Workers Comp
 Recreation Centers - C
 EEOC Job Classification

Officer/Owner

Corporate

Business Unit

Benefits Eligibility Class

 Home Department
 PT Self Sust AS Camp

Home Cost Number

 Change Reason
 DBLOAD

Privacy
 Legal

Regular Pay History

Show Changes for

all

EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	RATE TYPE	AMOUNT	RATE 2	PAY FREQ	STAN	PERCENT CHA	AMOUNT CHA	ANNUAL AM
(Current)									
07/03/2016	PROMO - Promo	Hourly	11.5000	8.0000	8 week		210526	4,160.00	23,920.00
(History)									
05/24/2015	PAY IN - Pay Incr	Hourly	9.5000	8.0000	8 weekly	80.00	117647	2,080.00	19,760.00
05/11/2012	NH	Hourly	8.5000	8.0000	8 weekly	80.00		17,680.00	17,680.00



TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Name Todd Duckett SSN _____

Date of Employment or Change in Terms: May 17, 2012 Department Code _____

Position: Counselor Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☒

In compliance with Section 41-10-30 of the South Carolina Code of Law, 1976, as amended, you are hereby notified of the terms of your employment:

1. Method of Payment:

- ☒ Wages \$8.50 per hour
☐ Salary \$ _____ per year

2. Payday is bi-weekly. Day of payment is FRIDAY. (Place of payment is facility where employed)

- Time of payment is: ☐ 3:00 p.m. (Parks Division)
☒ 5:00 p.m. (All others)

3. Vacation: Full-time employees receive Annual Leave at a rate of 1 ¼ days per month to be used as vacation or personal time off. Part-time employees receive no annual leave.

4. Sick Leave Policy: Full-time employees receive 120 hours of sick leave during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Sick leave may be taken for personal illness or illness/death in the immediate family. Part-time and temporary employees receive no sick leave.

Verification: The use of sick leave shall be subject to verification. When there is reason to believe that sick leave is being abused, the supervisor may, before approving the use of sick leave require the certification of a physician or other acceptable documentation describing the disability and giving the inclusive dates.

Any employee taking (3) or more consecutive days of sick leave may be required to provide a written doctor's statement. If a written doctor's statement is required, failure to do so upon request may result in termination. Sick leave may not be used for vacation and there is no sick leave severance pay.

5. Paid Holidays: Paid holidays for full-time employees are the same as provided by South Carolina Law for State employees. Part-time employees receive no paid holidays.

6. Severance Pay Policy: Full-time employees will receive any unused annual leave pay at the time of termination. Part-time employees receive no severance pay.

Any changes in these terms shall be made in writing and at least seven (7) days before they become effective.

Todd Duckett
Employee's Signature

5-17-12
Date

[Signature]
Employer's Signature



Ensuring Life &
Connecting People

Richland County Recreation Commission

Indicate what change is occurring (choose all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (Involuntary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave of Absence
<input type="checkbox"/> Resignation (Voluntary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Title Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled Hours Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employee Returning	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employee Ending	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Job Transfer

I. Current Information: This section must be completed

1. Employee Name: Todd Duckett		2. Job Title: Counselor	
3. Department Name: Programming	4. Job Code: 554	5. Job Grade: N/A	

II. Changes in Salary, Job Title, Grade, Department, or Scheduled Hours

6. Salary Change:	From: \$8.50	To: \$9.50	Percentage Increase:
7. Class Code Change:	New Class Code: Click Here		
8. Job Code / Title Changes:	New Job Code:	Salary Class: Non-Exempt	
New Job Title:		New Job Grade: N/A	
9. Department Change:	Old Dept. Name:	New Department Name:	
10. Reason for change(s) noted above: Increase for Experience			
11. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGES(S) NOTED ABOVE: 05/24/2015 The effective date should coincide with the start date of a payroll period.			

III. Resignations (Voluntary Discharge) and Terminations (Involuntary Discharge): Choose only one, not both

12. Voluntary or Involuntary? Click Here	13. Effective Date:	14. Proper Notice Given? Click Here
		15. Would you re-employ? Click Here
For any termination: You must attach or forward a disciplinary action form or detailed memo with Executive Director signature/approval describing the incident which resulted in the termination.		
16. If voluntary resignation, why? If no rehire recommendation, why?		

IV. Leave of Absence

17. Leave type: Click Here	18. Normal work schedule: (example: "Tue, Thur, Sat 9a-5p")	
19. Anticipated date leave begins:	20. Last scheduled work day:	21. Planned return date:

V. Signatures & Date

Department Director	<i>Christine A. Good</i> 6/2/15
Department Head	<i>Lauren Lewis</i> 6/2/15
Assistant Executive Director	<i>Kenneth V. Bryant</i> 6/2/15
Executive Director	<i>James Beaman</i> 6/2/15
Human Resources Representative	<i>Don Styer</i> 6/3/15

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I. Current Information: This section must be completed

1. Employee Name: Todd Dukeff		2. Job Title: Counselor
3. Department Name: Programming	4. Job Code: 100014	5. Job Grade:

II. Changes in Salary, Job Title, Grade, Department, or Scheduled Hours

6. Salary Change:	From: \$9.50	To: \$11.50	Percentage Increase:
7. Class Code Change:	New Class Code: Click Here		
8. Job Code / Title Change:	New Job Code:	Salary Class: Click Here	
New Job Title: Director Cross Roads Community Center		New Job Grade:	
9. Department Change:	Old Dept. Name:	New Department Name:	

10. Reason for change(s) noted above:

11. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGES(S) NOTED ABOVE: **Click Here**

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07-03-2016

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Department Director	Kim Stahl 7/11/2016
Department Head	
Chief of Staff	John M. Dickerson 7/12/16
Executive Director	
Human Resources Representative	Keralee Serrin 07-12-16

Required for pay changes exceeding normal guidelines and terminations:

When approval is e-mailed: By typing my name in the appropriate

ify this to be my electronic signature

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POSITIONS APPLIED FOR	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
<i>Part time Park manager</i>	

The Richland County Recreation Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

This is your application for employment with the Richland County Recreation Commission. Please prepare it accurately and neatly. Willful falsification of any information may result in rejection of your application or in your dismissal if you are employed by the Recreation Commission.

All qualified applications will be referred to the department where the vacancy is located. That department head is responsible for the review and evaluation of applications and recommending the most qualified applicants to be selected for an interview.

Date: 8-01-09 (TYPE OR PRINT IN INK)

1. Name Duckett Charles Torano
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address [REDACTED]
(Number and Street or RFD) (City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

Social Security Number 250-67-0849 Telephone Number (Home) [REDACTED]

2. State the salary which you are willing to accept \$ N/A When could you begin work? 8-01-09

Check type of employment you would accept: Part-Time ☐ Full-Time ☒
Hours Preferred _____

Do you possess a valid S. C. Driver's License? yes What class? D Number [REDACTED]

3. Have you served in the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes ☐ No ☒

Branch of Service: Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Air Force ☐ Other _____

Date Entered _____ Date Discharged or Separated _____ Type of Discharge _____

Highest Rank Attained _____

Reserve Status: National Guard ☐ Inactive ☐ Ready Reserve ☐ Standby Reserve ☐ Non-Member ☐

Are you required to attend: Summer Training? Yes ☐ No ☐ Weekly or monthly drills? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date Active Reserve Obligation Will End _____

Military Branch and Name of Reserve Unit _____

4. In case of emergency notify Viola Duckett [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(Name) (Address) (Phone)

Relationship to you mother

Have you ever been employed by the Richland County Recreation Commission? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, dates _____

Were you a member of the South Carolina Retirement System? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, Retirement Number _____

5. Have you pled no contest or been convicted of any violation of law other than minor traffic violations? Yes ☐ No ☐

**If yes, give details below:

Where Arrested Date Nature of Charge State Disposition/Status

**NOTE: Report criminal offenses including felonies, misdemeanors and summary offenses. EXAMPLES: Driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs, fraudulent or bad checks, disturbing the peace, leaving the scene of an accident, robbery, etc. Omit minor vehicle violations and any offense committed before your 17th birthday, which was finally adjudicated in juvenile court or under a youthful offender law. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to employment in all cases. The nature, severity and date of the offense in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered. Failure to accurately report offenses will be considered a serious offense by the Recreation Commission and will be grounds for disqualification from consideration and/or termination if employed.

6. EDUCATION		Name and Location of School	Course of Study	Years Attended		Circle Last Year Completed	Did you Graduate?	Certificate or Degree Received
School	From			To				
Elementary		Wichita School		77 - 85	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
High				86 - 90	9 10 11 12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Business, Technical or Trade School		Midlands Technical College	EET		1 2 3 4	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
College					1 2 3 4	Yes No		
Graduate School					1 2 3 4	Yes No		
Other Studies						Yes No		

7. Professional Certificate or Licenses

Profession	Date of Current License or Registration	State Issuing License or State in Which Registered	Date of First License or Registration

8. List any professional honors, awards, publications, etc.

9. Give details of any special skills, training or apprenticeship

Indicate type of machines you have operated ☒ Calculator ☐ Dictaphone ☒ Computer ☐ Heavy Construction Equipment
☐ Light Construction Equipment

List any computer software with which you are familiar _____

Shorthand Speed _____ Typing Speed _____

10. References - Please provide names, addresses and phone number of three people, not relatives, who have known you for at least one year.

Name Joseph Nathan Address Gadsden SC Phone [REDACTED] Occupation Truck driver

Name Marie Gibson Address Hopkins SC Phone [REDACTED] Occupation Home Care

Name Curtis Randall Address Columbia SC Phone [REDACTED] Occupation Law Care

11. Have you ever been discharged or forced to resign from any job for misconduct or unsatisfactory service? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Have you any objections to this agency making inquiry of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.? (circle one) Yes No
EXPERIENCE: Begin with your present or last job and describe in detail all periods of employment, including self employment. Include military service and part-time employment. Account for your time during any intervals or unemployment other than those when you were attending school. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Name of Employer MEP Electric
 Address of Employer 466 S. Main St. Chapin S.C. 29030
 Phone Number of Employer _____
 Your Job Title Electrical helper
 Specific Duties read on interpret information from blue prints, and terminate panels
 Reason for Leaving Job was downsized

From (Mo.) 2 (Yr.) 06
 To (Mo.) 3 (Yr.) 09
 Full-Time ☒ Part-Time ☐
 Starting Salary 12.00
 Last Salary 13.65
 Supervisor's Name Mike Peters
 Supervisor's Title Owner

Name of Employer Snagos Electric
 Address of Employer 906 S. 10th Ave Columbia S.C. 29205
 Phone Number of Employer 803-252-4140
 Your Job Title Helper
 Specific Duties terminate devices, trouble shooting, and pull wires
 Reason for Leaving Better opportunity

From (Mo.) 6 (Yr.) 2001
 To (Mo.) 2 (Yr.) 2006
 Full-Time ☒ Part-Time ☐
 Starting Salary 9.50
 Last Salary 10.00
 Supervisor's Name Harold Snagos
 Supervisor's Title owner

Name of Employer H.A. Sack Co
 Address of Employer P.O. Box 525 State Hwy 6A 26459
 Phone Number of Employer _____
 Your Job Title helper
 Specific Duties To lay pvc pipe and burial conduit
 Reason for Leaving moved back to S.C

From (Mo.) 8 (Yr.) 99
 To (Mo.) 4 (Yr.) 2001
 Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☒
 Starting Salary 8.00
 Last Salary 8.75
 Supervisor's Name R. Atwood
 Supervisor's Title Site Supervisor

A RESUME OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REPORTING AND PERSONNEL RESEARCH

NOTE: The information requested in this section is not used to evaluate your application. This information is needed to satisfy equal opportunity reporting and personnel research requirements.

12. Name Duckett Charles Farasio
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE
 Social Security Number [REDACTED] Sex: Male ☒ Female ☐
 Date of Birth [REDACTED] Age 36
 Race (Please check one) White/Non-Hispanic ☐ African American ☒ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐
 Native American or Alaskan Native ☐ Hispanic ☐
 Position applied for _____

APPLICANTS PLEASE COMPLETE (This tab is detached by the HRD before application is forwarded for review and evaluation.)

13. List any information that you think would be pertinent or helpful. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

14. CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true, and I agree and understand that any willful misstatements of material facts herein will cause forfeiture on my part of all rights to any employment in this agency. The Richland County Recreation Commission (RCRC) is authorized to request a transcript where necessary to verify my education record and make whatever background investigation necessary for employment purposes. I have no objections to being fingerprinted and having my record cleared through the FBI and/or the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). I further agree to a physical examination and/or a pre-employment drug-screening test, if such examination is required as a condition of employment by the agency.

I hereby consent to authorized representatives of RCRC contacting any of my former employers or educational institutions that I have attended and any other person or organization they determine may have information concerning my past and present work. I understand this would include my official personnel files, attendance records, background information, evaluations, educational records, military service, law enforcement records and/or any personal records deemed necessary. I also understand RCRC may make inquiries of third parties such as credit bureaus. I further release the organization, educational entity, present and former employers, law enforcement organizations and all third parties from any and all claims, of whatever nature, that I may have, as a result of any inquiry or response to such inquiries, made in connection with my application for employment. I understand that any information obtained by RCRC in the course of those contacts will be treated with the strictest confidence. However, I understand it is not possible to guarantee total confidentiality.

Applicant's Signature

CHL 2 P. [Signature]

Date *8-01-09*

Interviewer's Remarks

Interviewed By _____

Date _____

Charles Duckett

Grounds

- limited maintenance experience
- P.T. assistant manager, electrical work experience (Associate electrical license)
- hard working, ambitious, laid back, easy going
- likes hands-on work, likes to stay busy
- Basic maintenance equipment usage (lawn mower, weed eater, etc.)
- Works well with others, no problem working alone
- Starting date: ASAP

GOOD INTERVIEW

A LOT OF ELECTRICAL EXPERIENCE / WANTS TO OWN HIS OWN ELEC. BUSINESS ONE DAY

WORKS HARD - GET THE JOB DONE ATTITUDE

BODDY / DS OK WITH HIM DS CCLW

7/22/01 ~~PS~~



4:30am Int
7-22-10

**RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION
EMPLOYEE INTERNAL TRANSFER APPLICATION FORM**

Building Maintenance
Position Applied For

Hopkins Park
Location (Park, District, Etc.)

This form must be submitted in person to Human Resources. Employees are not normally eligible to transfer during their initial one-year introductory period. Employees who incur a disciplinary suspension are not eligible to transfer until six months after the date of the suspension.

Name Charles T. Duckett

Work Phone [REDACTED] Home Phone [REDACTED]

Present Position P.T. Assistant Manager Department

Date of Hire 8-16-09 Length of Service in Present Position 7 months

Specific Duties in Present Position To help patrons with their community affairs, and
also maintain a clean environment

Indicate the specific training, education & experience you possess that qualifies you for the position for which you are applying (use back of form if needed); also attach resume:

I understand this application will be considered should a vacancy occur, but it in no way guarantees me the position. I further certify that all statements made on this application are true and I agree and understand that any miss-statements of fact may cause this application not to be considered or my employment to be terminated.

Charles T. Duckett
Signature of Employee

6-10-10
Date

For the Department with Vacancy (Return to Human Resources)

Hired: Yes No Effective Date

Department Director's Signature

HUMAN RESOURCES USE:

Date submitted by Employee: Date Forwarded to Department:

10/24/2016

ADP



+ CLOSE

Regular Pay History

Show Changes for

all

EFFECTIVE DATE	COMPENSATION	RATE TYPE	AMOUNT	RATE 2	PAY FREQ.	STAN.	PERCENT CHA.	AMOUNT CHA.	ANNUAL AMT
(Current)									
10/01/2015	PAY IN - Pay Incr	Salary	1,364.45	17.05	Biweekly		39.2537	10,000.12	35,475.70
(History)									
07/01/2011	COST - Cost of L	Salary	979.83	12.24	Biweekly	8000	3.0001	742.04	25,475.58
06/12/2011	PAY IN - Pay Incr	Salary	951.29		Biweekly	8000	10.0012	1,248.74	24,733.54
08/09/2010	PROMO - Promo	Salary	864.80		Biweekly	8000	35.1250	5,844.80	22,484.80
08/24/2009	NH	Hourly	8.0000		Biweekly	8000		16,640.00	16,640.00

FLSA

NAICS Workers' Comp
Parks Maintenance

GEOC Job Classification

Officer/Owner

Corporate

Business Unit

Benefits Eligibility Class

Home Department
Full Time Property
Management

Home Cost Number

Change Reason
DBLOAD

Privacy

Legal

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Name Charles T. Duckett SSN [REDACTED]

Date of Employment or Change in Terms 8-01-02

Position Part-time Park manager Full-Time _____ Part-Time ✓

In compliance with Section 41-10-30 of the South Carolina Code of Law, 1976, as amended, you are hereby notified of the terms of your employment:

1. Method of Payment: ✓ Wages \$ 8.00 per hr
 Salary \$ per year

2. Payday is bi-weekly. Day of payment is FRIDAY.
Time of payment is: _____ 3:00 p.m. (Parks Division)

Place of payment is facility where employed.

3. **Vacation:** Full-time employees receive Annual Leave at a rate of 1 ¼ days per month to be used as vacation or personal time off. Part-time employees receive no annual leave.

4. **Sick Leave Policy:** Full-time employees receive 120 hours of sick leave during the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Sick leave may be taken for personal illness or illness/death in the immediate family. Part-time and temporary employees receive no sick leave.

Verification: The use of sick leave shall be subject to verification. When there is reason to believe that sick leave is being abused, the supervisor may, before approving the use of sick leave require the certification of a physician or other acceptable documentation describing the disability and giving the inclusive dates.

Any employee taking (3) or more consecutive days of sick leave may be required to provide a written doctor's statement. If a written doctor's statement is required, failure to do so upon request may result in termination. Sick leave may not be used for vacation and there is no sick leave severance pay.

5. **Paid Holidays:** Paid holidays for full-time employees are the same as provided by South Carolina Law for State employees. Part-time employees receive no paid holidays.

6. **Severance Pay Policy:** Full-time employees will receive any unused annual leave pay at the time of termination. Part-time employees receive no severance pay.

Any changes in these terms shall be made in writing and at least seven (7) days before they become effective.

Charles J. Smith 8-01-09 Joel Stringer 8-01-09
 Employee's Signature Date Employer's Signature Date

Revised 10-22-01

Richland County Recreation Commission

Indicate what change is occurring (choose all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (Involuntary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salary Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave of Absence
<input type="checkbox"/> Resignation (Voluntary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Title Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled Hours Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Current Information: This section must be completed

1. Employee Name: Charles Duckett	2. Job Title: PT - Assistant Park Manager
3. Department Name: Parks	4. Job Code:
	5. Job Grade:

Changes in Salary, Job Title, Grade, Department, or Scheduled Hours

6. Salary Change:	From: \$8h.00	To: \$22,485.00	Percentage Increase:
7. Class Code Change:	New Class Code: Class Code 1 Full-time (1.0 FTE)		
8. Job Code / Title Changes:	New Job Code: 160		Salary Class: Non-Exempt
	New Job Title: Building and Grounds Worker		New Job Grade: 3
9. Department Change:	Old Dept. Name: Parks	New Department Name: Grounds Maintenance	

Reason for change(s) noted above:

11. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGES(S) NOTED ABOVE: **8/9/2009**
 The effective date should coincide with the start date of a payroll period.

Resignations (Voluntary Discharge) and Terminations (Involuntary Discharge): Choose only one, not both

12. Voluntary or Involuntary? Click Here	13. Effective Date:	14. Proper Notice Given? Click Here
		15. Would you re-employ? Click Here
<p><i>For any termination: You must attach or forward a disciplinary action form or detailed memo with Executive Director signature/approval describing the incident which resulted in the termination.</i></p>		
16. If voluntary resignation, why? If no retire recommendation, why?		

IV. Leave of Absence

17. Leave type: Click Here	18. Normal work schedule: (example: "Tue, Thur, Sat 9a-5p")
19. Anticipated date leave begins:	20. Last scheduled work day:
	21. Planned return date:

V. Signatures & Date

Department Head (please include dept name & telephone number)	
Division Head	<i>James Brown</i>
Interim Executive Director (required for pay changes exceeding normal guidelines and terminations)	8/9/10 <i>James Brown</i>
Human Resources Representative	

By typing my name in the appropriate area above, I certify this to be my electronic signature.

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Email: info@rcrc.state.sc.us
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August 3, 2010

Charles T. Duckett
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Duckett:

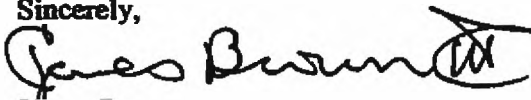
On behalf of the Richland County Recreation Commission, I am pleased to offer you the position of Building and Grounds Worker in the Property Management Department. The starting salary for this position is \$22,485.00 annually. This position is a full-time position with full RCRC benefits.

We have made arrangements for your starting date of employment to be August 9, 2010. Please report to the RCRC 5819 Shakespeare Road Columbia, South Carolina 29223 at 10:00am for new employee orientation. Enclosed is the RCRC benefits information packet for your review prior to orientation.

Please signify your acceptance of this offer by signing and returning to me the enclosed copy of this letter. I hope you will find your employment with RCRC to be a rewarding experience. If you have any questions, you may contact our Human Resources Department at 754-7275.

Welcome to RCRC! It is our pleasure to have you as part of our team.

Sincerely,


James Brown, III
Interim Executive Director

Enclosures: Benefits Information



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MEMORANDUM

To: Charles Duckett

From: James Brown, III *JB*
Executive Director

Subject: Employment Confirmation

Date: June 27, 2011

This is to confirm your employment with the Richland County Recreation Commission. Your annual salary for the period of July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 is \$24,733.28 and with the 3% Cost of Living increase is \$25,475.28.

Employee's Acknowledgment Signature: *Charles P. Duckett*

Date: 6-30-11

Please Sign and Return to Keira Session – Human Resources.

NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS CONFIRMATION CREATES A CONTRACT RIGHT. CONSISTENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW, ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL" WHICH MEANS THAT THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE OR CAUSE, AND THAT THE COMMISSION RETAINS THE SAME RIGHT. EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY THAT ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT-WILL" MAY BE MADE ONLY BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE EMPLOYEE.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employee Returning	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employee Ending	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Job Transfer

I. Current Information: This section must be completed

1. Employee Name: Charles Duckett		2. Job Title: Building and Grounds Worker	
3. Department Name: Property Management	4. Job Code: 340	5. Job Grade: 4	

II. Change in Salary, Job Title, Grade, Department, or Scheduled Hours

6. Salary Change:	From:	To:	Percentage Increase:
7. Class Code Change: New Class Code: Click Here			
8. Job Code / Title Changes:		New Job Code:	Salary Class: Click Here
New Job Title:		New Job Grade:	
9. Department Change:	Old Dept. Name: District 4 - Buddy	New Department Name: District 1 - Antonio	
10. Reason for change(s) noted above: Job Reassignment			
11. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGES(S) NOTED ABOVE: 08/25/2014 The effective date should coincide with the start date of a payroll period.			

III. Resignations (Voluntary Discharge) and Terminations (Involuntary Discharge)- Choose only one, not both

12. Voluntary or Involuntary? Click Here	13. Effective Date:	14. Proper Notice Given? Click Here
		15. Would you re-employ? Click Here
For any termination: You must attach or forward a disciplinary action form or detailed memo with Executive Director signature/approval describing the incident which resulted in the termination.		
16. If voluntary resignation, why? If no rehire recommendation, why?		

IV. Leave of Absence

17. Leave type: Click Here	18. Normal work schedule: (example: "Tue, Thur, Sat 9a-5p")	
19. Anticipated date leave begins:	20. Last scheduled work day:	21. Planned return date:

V. Signatures & Date

Department Director	
Department Head	<i>Rodney Duckett</i>
Assistant Executive Director	<i>Kenya V. Bryant</i> 8-21-14
Executive Director	<i>Geoff Brown</i> 8/21/14
Human Resources Representative	<i>Keirah Sessin</i> 08/26/2014
When approval is e-mailed: By typing my name in the appropriate area above, I certify this to be my electronic signature. 02/2013	



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<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employee Returning	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employee Ending	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Job Transfer

I. Current Information: This section must be completed

1. Employee Name: Charles Duckett		2. Job Title: Interim Facility Repairman	
3. Department Name: Property Management	4. Job Code: 380	5. Job Grade: 5	

II. Changes in Salary, Job Title, Grade, Department, or Scheduled Hours

6. Salary Change:	From: \$25,475.58	To: \$35,475.70	Percentage Increase:
7. Class Code Change:	New Class Code: Class Code 1 Full-time (1.0 FTE)		
8. Job Code / Title Changes:	New Job Code: 380	Salary Class: Non-Exempt	
New Job Title: Facility Repairman		New Job Grade: 5	
9. Department Change:	Old Dept. Name:	New Department Name:	
10. Reason for change(s) noted above: Salary Increase - Job Duties Increased			
11. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGES(S) NOTED ABOVE: 11/22/2015 The effective date should coincide with the start date of a payroll period.			

III. Resignations (Voluntary Discharge) and Terminations (Involuntary Discharge) - Choose only one, not both

12. Voluntary or Involuntary? Click Here	13. Effective Date:	14. Proper Notice Given? Click Here
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Assistant Executive Director	<i>Kenya L. Bt</i> 12/7/15
Executive Director (required for pay changes exceeding normal guidelines and terminations)	<i>Gina Burrows</i> 12/8/15
Human Resources Representative	<i>Doreen Shays</i>

When approval is e-mailed: By typing my name in the appropriate area I certify this to be my electronic signature.

IN ADP

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TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Name Jasmine Duckett SSN [REDACTED]

Date of Employment or Change in Terms 5/16/13 Department Code 100014

Position Summer Camp Counselor Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☒

In compliance with Section 41-10-30 of the South Carolina Code of Law, 1976, as amended, you are hereby notified of the terms of your employment:

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1. Method of Payment: X Wages \$ 8.50 per Hour

 Salary \$ per year

2. Payday is bi-weekly. Day of payment is **FRIDAY**. (Place of payment is facility where employed)

Time of payment is: 3:00 p.m. (Parks Division)

 x 5:00 p.m. (All others)

3. **Vacation:** Full-time employees receive Annual Leave at a rate of 1 ¼ days per month to be used as vacation or personal time off. Part-time employees receive no annual leave.

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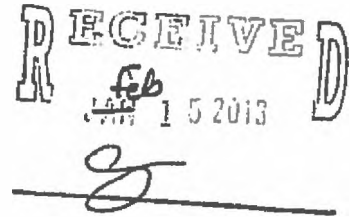
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Jasmine Duckett 5/3/13
Employee's Signature Date

[Signature]
Employer's Signature



APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION
Human Resources Department
5819 Shakespeare Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Ph: 803-754-7275 • Fax: 803-754-9288 • Toll-free Website: richland-countyrec.com

DATE: 2/6/13

POSITION APPLIED FOR: Jasmine C. Duckett

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

Please type or print in ink all information except signature. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications must have all sections completed and the form signed by the applicant. A separate application must be completed for each vacancy. A resume may be attached but must not be substituted for completing the application. All qualified applications will be referred to the department where the vacancy exists. The department head is responsible for the review and evaluation of applications and recommending the most qualified applicants to be selected for an interview. Applications will remain active until the vacancy is filled. If you wish to remain informed of positions available at the Richland County Recreation Commission, please visit our website at www.richland-countyrec.com.

Thank you for your interest in the Richland County Recreation Commission.

PERSONAL DATA

NAME (Last, First, MI) <u>Duckett Jasmine C.</u>		
LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: XXX-XX- <u>0778</u>		
MAILING ADDRESS: <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
CITY: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	STATE: <u>S.C.</u>	ZIP CODE: <u>29044</u> COUNTY: <u>Richland</u>
HOME PHONE #: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	CELL PHONE #: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Email: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
ARE YOU LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
DO YOU HAVE RELATIVES EMPLOYED BY THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
IF YES, NAME(S) / RELATION: <u>Charles Duckett, Jr. (Brother) Marie Green (Aunt)</u>		
WHAT DEPARTMENT(S): _____		
DO YOU POSSESS A VALID S.C. DRIVERS LICENSE? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____		
HAVE YOU BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED NO CONTEST TO A CRIME OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION (E.g. Parking Ticket)? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
**IF YES: CHARGES: _____		
WHERE CONVICTED	DATE	DISPOSITION/STATUS

****NOTE:** Criminal Offenses include felonies, misdemeanors, and summary offenses. Examples include but are not limited to: driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs; fraudulent or bad checks; disturbing the peace; leaving the scene of an accident; robbery, etc. (omit minor vehicle violations and any offenses committed before your 17th birthday, which was ultimately adjudicated in juvenile court or under a youthful offender law. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar of employment in all cases. The nature, severity and date of the offenses in relation to the position for which you are applying are considered. Failure to accurately report offenses will be considered seriously by the Commission and grounds for disqualification from consideration and/or termination if employed.

EMPLOYMENT DATA

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT YOU WILL ACCEPT:	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME
WILL YOU ACCEPT A POSITION WITH VARYING SHIFTS?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	IF NO, LIST HOURS PREFERRED:
MINIMUM SALARY YOU WILL ACCEPT:	PER	EARLIEST DATE YOU COULD BEGIN WORK:

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

List ALL work history stating with your present or last position. List any self-employment, temporary, and military jobs. Account for ALL periods of unemployment. This section must be accurate and complete. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets in the same format, including your name and social security number on each sheet. DO NOT SUBSTITUTE A RESUME FOR AN APPLICATION.

1. Title of present or recent position Junior Volunteer From Month June Year 2009 To Month Jul Year 2009

Employer Bob Hickman Phone _____

Address 5819 Shakespeare Road Columbia, SC 29223

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____ May we contact? No

Hours per week 25 Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) weekly

Name on Employment Record if different from present name _____

Reason for Leaving Summer Job

Duties Signing In, clean up, monitoring

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2. Title of position Urban League From Month Jun Year 2010 To Month Jul Year 2010

Employer _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____ May we contact? _____

Hours per week 30 Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) monthly

Name on Employment Record if different from present name _____

Reason for Leaving Summer Job

Duties Typing, Organizing, Monitoring children

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EMPLOYMENT RECORD (continued)

3. Title of position Youth Leadership Institute From Month June Year 2012 To Month Jul Year 2012

Employer Tondaleya Jackson Phone _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name [Signature] Title _____ May we contact? No

Hours per week 35 Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) monthly

Name on Employment Record if different from present name _____

Reason for Leaving Summer Job

Duties Participation, volunteering

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4. Title of position Eastover Summer Camp From Month June Year 2011 To Month July Year 2011

Employer Cynthia Tyler Phone _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____ May we contact? No

Hours per week 25 Salary (weekly, monthly, annual) weekly

Name on Employment Record if different from present name _____

Reason for Leaving Summer Job only

Duties Work with children, Play games and help with other duties

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PERSONAL REFERENCES

Give name, address and phone number of three personal references.

Name	Address	Phone Number
Wendy Brawley	Sagemont Dr.	
Kiziah Goodwin	Hickoryhill Rd	[REDACTED]
Paul Brawley		

Have you ever been asked or forced to resign from any job? Yes _____ No ☒
 If yes, what position and reason, please explain: _____

EEO Data Reporting Form

Note: The information requested in this section is not used to evaluate your application. This information is needed to satisfy federal government equal opportunity reporting and personnel research requirements. The form will be removed by Human Resources prior to the application being forwarded to the respective department for consideration.

Today's Date: 2/6/13

- A. Last Four Digits of Social Security No.: XXX - XX - _____
- B. Last Name: Duckett First Name: Jasmine
- C. Position for which you are applying
Title: _____ Department: _____
- D. Sex (Check appropriate box) Male ☐ Female ☒
- E. Race (Check appropriate box)
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| White/Non Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black/Non Hispanic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- F. Date of Birth: 12/21/94
- G. Do you have any disabling conditions for which you desire reasonable accommodation? Yes ☐ No ☒
- H. Veteran: Vietnam Era Veteran Yes ☐ No ☒ Date of last separation: _____
- Disabled Veteran (Disability of 30 per centum or more administered by the VA; or discharged or release for disability) Yes No
- I. How did you become aware of this position vacancy?: Family, Ads

EDUCATION

Starting with High School, provide **COMPLETE** information on all schools attended, including special courses or schools.

	School/Institution and Location	Major/Minor Subject Areas	Graduate	Degree/Diploma
High School or Equivalent	Lower Richland High		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
College/University			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
College/University			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
College/University			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Technical School			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

SKILLS

DO YOU HAVE PERSONAL COMPUTER/SOFTWARE SKILLS?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
DO YOU HAVE WORD PROCESSING SKILLS? WPM:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
DO YOU HAVE DATA ENTRY SKILLS?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE/TRAINING?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE/TRAINING?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
MILITARY EXPERIENCE/TRAINING?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

LIST ANY EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE OR MACHINES, WITH WHICH YOU ARE PROFICIENT, RELATED TO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

Computer

LIST ANY PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OR CERTIFICATIONS:

PROFESSION/CRAFT:	CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE NUMBER:	DATE OF CERTIFICATION:	EXPIRATION DATE:

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

1. I affirm and/or understand all statements on this form are true and accurate; and any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in exclusion from further consideration and/or, if hired, termination of employment. If I have requested that my present employer not be contacted, I understand an offer of employment may be contingent upon information and verification of other former employers, prior to beginning work.
2. I agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the Richland County Recreation Commission. According to the State of South Carolina Law, I understand my employment with the Richland County Recreation Commission will be at-will.
3. I hereby consent to authorized representatives of the Richland County Recreation Commission contacting any of my former employers or education institutions that I have attended and any other person or organization they determine may have information concerning my past and present work. I understand this would include my official personnel files, attendance records, background information, evaluations, educational records, military service, law enforcement records and/or any personnel records deemed necessary. I also understand Richland County Recreation Commission may make inquiries of third parties such as credit bureaus, I further release organizations, educational entities, present and former employers, law enforcement organizations and all third parties from any and all claims, of whatever nature, that I may have, as a result of any inquiry or response to such inquiries, made in connection with my application for employment. I understand that any information obtained by Richland County Recreation Commission in the course of those contacts will be treated with strictest of confidence. However, I understand it is not possible to guarantee total confidentiality.
4. I understand and acknowledge that Richland County Recreation Commission requires all applicants who are tentatively selected for employment to submit to and pass a drug test, failure to take the test, failure to cooperate in taking the test, failure to follow test procedures, or testing positive for the use of illegal drugs or substances will result in disqualification from employment.

The drug test will be urinalysis and if the collector of the test sample believes that there is a reasonable possibility that I have or will tamper with or substitute the urine sample, the sample or an additional sample may be collected under conditions in which a person of the same gender of the applicant may witness the collection.

Signature: Glenn C. Duckett Date 2/6/13

The Richland County Recreation Commission is sensitive to the needs of qualified applicants and employees with disabilities. The Richland County Recreation Commission is also willing to make reasonable accommodations to assist such applicant and employee.

EEO STATEMENT

The Richland County Recreation Commission is an equal opportunity employer, and government policy requires that consideration be given to all applicants without regard to race, color, military status, religion, sex, national origin, age, a legally defined disability to a qualified applicant or other status as protected by law.

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Senate District #22
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202

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06/26/2014

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Mr. G. Todd Weiss
Richland County Recreation Commission
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Columbia, SC 29223



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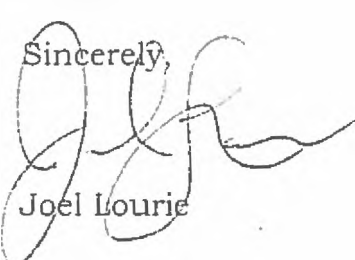
Ms. J. Marie Green
Chair, Richland County Recreation Commission
7473 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Dear Ms. Green,

Please find attached a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ruschky regarding the conditions of the tennis courts in the Richland County parks system. They have raised legitimate concerns about the condition and ongoing maintenance of Richland's public tennis courts.

Could you please inquire as to what the maintenance plans are for these facilities and let me know this information at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and for your service to our county.

Sincerely,



Joel Lourie

JL/mw

CC: Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ruschky
Mr. Weston A. Furgess, Jr.
Mr. George D. Martin, Jr.,
Mr. Wilbert Lewis
Mr. C. Todd Latiff
Mr. G. Todd Weiss
Ms. Barbara Mickens

WHO HOLDS THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION ACCOUNTABLE?

I have been a resident of Richland County since 1974 and have played tennis on many of the tennis courts in Richland County since 1978. For 30 years, the courts at all of the parks were in good, playable condition. There was a schedule for resurfacing and repairs for each of the 61 courts in the county every 6 years. The condition of tennis courts in the county has deteriorated disgracefully. Because RCRC has such a large geographic area to serve, many districts have two- or four-court complexes. The programs, lessons, camps, and professional attention have disappeared from these courts. The physical problems with court structural deterioration can be seen. The problems with lack of programming and supervision at most of our tennis facilities can be felt even deeper by present and future generations of tennis players. Tennis has been put on the back burner and on hold in Richland County. Five years ago, RCRC elected not to host the Southern 12s tennis tournament. This tournament brought 256 of the South's best 12-year old tennis players, their families and coaches for a week to Richland County. The economic impact was millions of dollars to area businesses, restaurants, amusements, stores, and hotels. There are now no local tournaments held in the county that could contribute money to local charities and bring in revenue to the county. One tournament, the John Newcomb Memorial, raised money for Juvenile Diabetes, cancer research, heart fund, bullet-proof vests for the Richland County Sheriff's Office, and a scholarship fund at Winthrop University. In my opinion, this is just another example of either laziness or fiscal irresponsibility. Finally, there is now only one tennis pro for the county.

For the past 5 years, when there has been a serious problem on any court, I have reported it to Mr. James Brown, Sr. at the Richland County Recreation Commission (RCRC). I have not dealt with Mr. Brown's son or daughter who also work for the RCRC. The usual response was to remove the nets, thereby solving the problem. I called him about the drainage problem at TRENHOLM PARK, and the answer was to dig a trench. Most recently, I called about ST. ANDREWS PARK. Less than 2 years ago, the entire park was redone. All the trees were cut, a swimming pool was built, as was a new gym, new fences were put around the tennis courts, the courts were resurfaced, and landscaping was done. However, there was still a drainage problem, which I reported. The answer was to dig a small trench. Less than six months after the courts were resurfaced, cracks began to appear in the courts. I again called Mr. Brown. The answer this time was to put blue paint on the cracks. I do not understand why the company that resurfaced the courts was not called. Did the company not warranty its work? Six months later I again notified Mr. Brown. This time the surface had come up and I was concerned that someone might be injured. Huge sections of the court have completely come off. I called Mr. Brown again, and he told me the following: "That is water over the dam. We will have to start all over. We cannot call

the company that fixed the courts.” Again, I do not understand that response. As a taxpayer, I am irate at such fiscal irresponsibility. The Recreation Commission’s answer was to take down the nets.

Tennis teams that use the county courts pay at least \$200.00 per season. At one time, Richland County had the largest number of players in South Carolina. Currently, as far as I know, this revenue is coming in only from PARKLANE, and possibly a small amount from TRENHOLM. The RCRC is losing a source of revenue, because there are not enough playable courts at other parks in the county.

All the teams that paid money to play on the ST. ANDREWS courts had to find other courts on which to play. This has been going on at ST. ANDREWS since December 2013. Teams now play on courts which Lexington County has allowed them to use that are in poor condition, but Lexington County is replacing these courts with new ones in the fall.

As a result of my frustration in dealing with the RCRC, I started inquiring about tennis court resurfacing in Richland County. I was told by a tennis professional that it was possible that the new surface would not adhere if the materials used for the job were watered down so more area could be covered with less product, or that the foundation needed to be redone. This information has made me suspicious and cynical about the company that did the resurfacing, and about the Recreation Commission, which obviously failed to oversee the work. This exact thing happened to the Richland County Tennis Courts (Parklane) and the resurfacing company was held to task and resurfaced all of the courts.

I was curious about who supervised the RCRC. I called Richland County Council and was told it had no authority over the RCRC, that the RCRC answered to the Richland County Legislative Delegation. I then began calling members of the legislative delegation. One senator’s office actually told me to call Richland County Council.

I decided that I would personally check the condition of the 61 tennis courts in the county. Here are the results of my inspection:

On Saturday, May 3, I inspected and photographed tennis courts in Lower Richland County:

EASTOVER PARK

- two courts
- the courts have holes, are covered with mud, rocks, and debris
- there are tire marks from bikes or skates
- the backboards are rotten
- there are no windscreens
- the nets cannot be adjusted
- not sure what color the courts were originally
- paved parking
- gym, swimming pool, and ball fields at this park
- 3 cars in parking lot

There were no indications that tennis had been played on these courts in years.

HOPKINS PARK

- two courts with lights
- the gate across the roadway leading to the courts at the back of the park was locked, thereby limiting access to the courts
- the surface of each court was worn down to the concrete
- there were holes and cracks, as well as water stains, which would indicate standing water from a drainage problem
- there were lights on poles, but the wires appeared to have been cut
- paved parking
- gym, ball fields, and outdoor basketball courts at this park
- 4 adults were in the gym working on a party

There were no indications that tennis had been played on these courts in years.

CAUGHMAN ROAD

- this is the premier tennis center in Lower Richland
- 12 lighted courts
- a pro shop with bathrooms
- a covered picnic area
- stadium seating
- entire tennis center is enclosed by a fence
- the gate was locked, but the air conditioner was running in the pro shop
- five courts had no nets
- grass is growing up through huge cracks on other courts
- gym, ball fields, and playground in this park
- paved parking
- many people in gym and on ball fields

BLUFF ROAD

- 2 courts
- new fences
- no nets
- weeds
- cracks
- no benches
- totally ruined
- paved parking
- gym and ball fields in this park
- 2 cars in parking lot

IN MY OPINION, THERE ARE NO PLAYABLE TENNIS FACILITIES IN LOWER RICHLAND COUNTY.

On May 7, I inspected and photographed **TRENHOLM PARK, PARKLANE, BLYTHEWOOD, MEADOWLAKE, and DENNY TERRACE.**

TRENHOLM PARK

- 8 lighted courts
- nets are down on 3 courts
- there were cracks in the courts
- stains from standing water indicates an obvious drainage problem
- trash has accumulated in the corners of the courts
- the surface is coming up on some of the courts
- the lights on the lower courts have needed replacing for years
- there are marks on the courts from skateboards and roller skates
- paved parking
- access to bathrooms
- park in a highly populated neighborhood
- four courts are not playable
- one net broken
- weeds on courts
- walkway overgrown
- fence covered with vines
- gym, pool, and ball fields in this park

A major problem at Trenholm Park is that the courts cannot be seen by a Recreation Commission employee from inside the recreation building.

PARKLANE

- THE PREMIER TENNIS COMPLEX FOR THE COUNTY
- 12 lighted courts
- paved parking
- fence rusting
- courts are beginning to show wear
- one broken gate
- picnic area
- fantastic new office with bathrooms
- fence on court 6 broken
- courts 9, 10, 11, and 12 have weeds growing on the courts
- cracks in courts
- stadium seating
- new benches on courts
- nothing happening there
- no cars in parking lot

In the central part of the county where courts receive much use, Parklane is usable but needs attention and Trenholm Park needs IMMEDIATE attention.

On May 3, I inspected St. Andrews Park and Friarsgate.

ST. ANDREWS PARK

- 8 lighted courts
- completely redone less than 2 years ago
- nets down on 6 courts
- huge cracks on courts
- surface coming up
- several places the surface is completely up and the old surface is visible
- paved parking
- bathrooms
- new fencing
- new windscreens
- only 1 court is usable but not for team play
- totally ruined
- torn net on the only court that is usable
- stadium seating
- benches on courts
- gym, swimming pool, and ball fields at this park
- no one there

FRIARSGATE

- 4 lighted courts
- TOTALLY RUINED
- 1 net with no center strap
- surface has come up
- holes
- cracks
- weeds
- gorgeous, residential setting
- 40 paved parking places
- gates missing
- fencing coming down
- covered with leaves
- no maintenance in years
- no playable court
- no one around

ACROSS THE RIVER IN RICHLAND COUNTY THERE IS **ONLY ONE** TENNIS COURT THAT IS EVEN USABLE.

UPPER RICHLAND COUNTY

MEADOWLAKE

- 2 lighted courts
- paved parking
- fence rusted
- surface coming up
- cracks
- holes in nets
- has a bench
- courts built in low area prone to flooding
- COURTS NOT USABLE
- one car there
- gym and ball fields in this park

BLYTHEWOOD

- 2 courts
- great location
- paved parking
- bathrooms available
- no benches
- no lights
- major crack across both courts

- one net
- drainage problems
- weeds on courts
- only one court usable
- gym and many ball fields at this park
- one car in parking lot

DENNY TERRACE

- one court
- paved parking
- great fencing but gate torn up with warning tape on it
- cracks
- worn surface
- great access to gym
- no windscreens
- playground adjacent
- bathroom accessible
- water damage on courts
- not usable
- gym at this park

On May 9, I inspected Killian Park, Polo Road, and North Springs.

KILLIAN PARK

- no tennis courts
- gym and ball fields
- the outdoor basketball court appears to have been a tennis court
- 3 cars there

POLO ROAD

- 2 lighted courts
- both courts in use (the only ones being used I saw)
- new fences
- great condition
- benches
- paved parking
- ball fields, gym and soccer fields at this park
- at least 50 cars in the parking lot
- access to bathroom
- great location

NORTH SPRINGS

- 4 lighted courts
- paved parking
- good nets
- windscreens
- deep cracks on court #1
- no benches
- fence rusting
- stadium seating
- great location
- gym and ball fields at this park
- sign up sheet, advertising times for tennis lessons
- banners up for teams and individuals who have won tournaments

My questions are the following:

FIRST: IS THERE ANY NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT IN THE DECISION OF WHAT AN AREA WANTS OR NEEDS?

SECOND: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE?

THIRD: DO WE INVEST IN FACILITIES THAT CAN BE USED ALL YEAR LONG?

FOURTH: HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE NEW PROJECTS RCRC WANTS?

FIFTH: WAS THERE A MASTER PLAN AS TO THE PLACEMENT OF THE PARKS? SOME ARE WITHIN 3 MILES OF EACH OTHER.

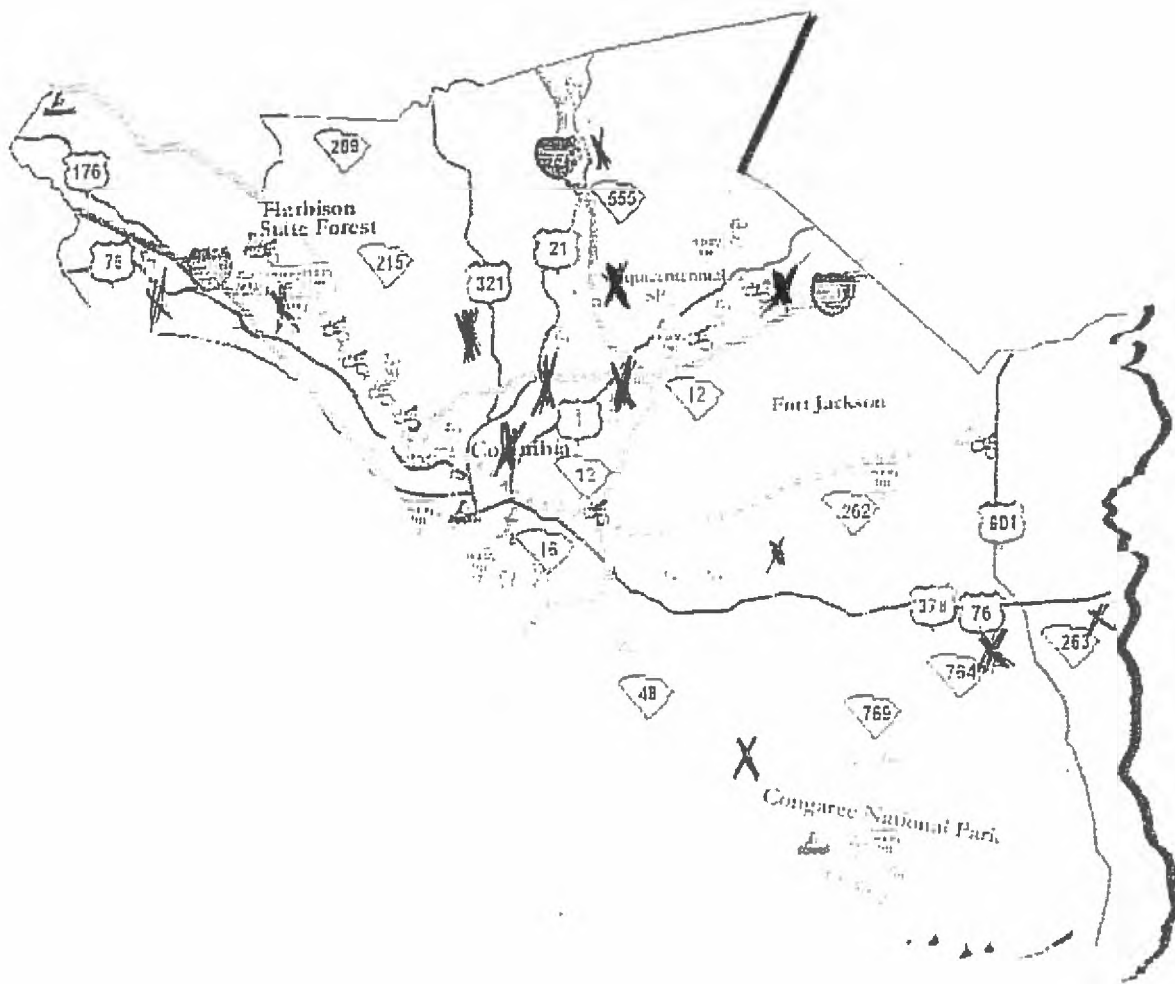
I recently read in THE STATE newspaper that RCRC has asked for a large sum of money to build a water park and amphitheaters, and other things. If the RCRC cannot maintain what we have, why does RCRC ask for more money for new projects? Tennis courts require the least maintenance of any facility that can be built. Net repair, blowing off debris, periodic visits, and a regular schedule for resurfacing is all that is required. If the RCRC has allowed 61 courts to deteriorate, what is the condition of the gyms, pools and ball fields which require much supervision, insurance and maintenance?

I also have enclosed a special section to THE STATE where RCRC advertises all the programs for the summer. With 61 courts, only Parklane is mentioned as a place to go for tennis lessons.

My last pictures are of the Cayce Tennis Center, one of the 2 tennis facilities in Lexington County. There are 30 courts, a workout facility, showers and bathrooms, conference rooms, a pro shop, tennis instructors, and a snack bar in both of the Lexington facilities. There are other courts in Lexington County, but 2 great tennis facilities.

Richland County has 2 premier centers (Parklane and Caughman) but RCRC has neglected to maintain them and the facilities are in poor condition or completely unusable. As a tax payer, I am very upset. I want someone to hold RCRC accountable for the money that is spent and the condition of the existing facilities. Millions of dollars have been spent on tennis courts. Tennis courts require the least maintenance of any athletic facility. Maybe it would be a good idea for someone to inspect the gyms, pools and ball fields that RCRC is supposed to manage. I am opposed to allowing money to be spent on things that cannot be used all year long and require large sums of money to operate. Tennis courts are multi-generational recreation facilities that can be used 12 months a year. Who will hold RCRC accountable for this abuse and mismanagement of tax payer money? If RCRC cannot manage what we already have, why should RCRC receive more money to build more facilities?

Mary D. Ruschley



General Location of 13 Tennis complexes.

There are also gyms at Bullentine (29063)
 Crossroads (Eastover) (29044)
 Gadsden (29052)
 Pine Grove (29210)
 Crane Creek (29203)
 ForestLake Park (29206)

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Rein in Richland pork-barrel park spending

FORGET ABOUT a chicken in every pot. That's small potatoes. What about an Olympic-sized swimming pool or expansive water park or mega-sports facility in each corner of the county?

That's the direction Richland County Council is headed with a proposal to use proceeds from the 2 percent hospitality tax to fund a list of grandiose projects that would in effect establish a duplicative, rogue park system. It's unknown who would operate the proposed facilities or how the county would fund operations. But why let such minor details get in the way?

For years, some County Council members have been itching to spend taxes from prepared foods on big-ticket items in unincorporated areas, whether it makes sense or not. They've tried twice with regional projects — a state farmers market in southeast Columbia and a soccer complex in Northeast Richland — and failed. That didn't stop action on a third, smaller but more unrealistic plan

that calls for establishing a 44-acre park to draw tourists to Lower Richland.

It's understandable that council members desire to fund flashy tourist attractions in unincorporated areas; most of the actual attractions the county supports via hospitality taxes are inside the city, which is typical. But Richland officials shouldn't manufacture ways to spend the millions of dollars in unincorporated areas out of some misguided sense of wounded pride.

The grandiose idea of distributing elaborate projects across the county only serves to expose the hospitality tax for what it really is: a slush fund that can be spent only on tourism-related projects, as opposed to basic services.

Recently, consultants outlined five new tourist attractions for Richland County — a water park that would be the largest in South Carolina and an arena with more basketball courts than anywhere else in the southeastern United States are among them — that

would be paid for using hospitality taxes.

The \$50 million-plus construction package would be the second large recreation expenditure in less than a decade. In 2008, the council approved a \$50 million expansion of the Richland County Recreation Commission park system, funded by property taxes.

Why build even more recreation projects when the county is just completing a large parks expansion — and struggling to operate those facilities? Compounding the problem, the county doesn't have a parks department to oversee the proposed facilities, and it's questionable whether the autonomous Recreation Commission would — or should — take on the job.

Frankly, the commission is having a tough enough time managing what it has. While the council authorized the park improvements, it didn't factor in the cost of operating the facilities. Recreation officials were fortunate to get operating funds for facilities that opened last year, when the auditor said

growth plus a small increase would suffice. But the commission has even more facilities coming on line, and the county must find money to fund them as well.

We'd prefer lawmakers allow cities and counties to spend hospitality taxes to pay for important service and operational needs rather than force local officials to invent ways to use these public dollars.

Until that day comes, Richland County Council must manage these funds wisely. It's difficult to fathom the council taking on even one project from its grand wish list without knowing who will manage it or how it will pay to operate it. And it's irresponsible to even consider new projects when existing parks aren't properly funded. The county should explore every avenue to use this money to help the Recreation Commission operate its improved facilities.

The bottom line: While the council obviously has put a lot of effort into dreaming, it has put too little thought into what constitutes good stewardship over hospitality taxes.

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August 11, 2014

AN OPEN LETTER CONCERNING THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION

To Whom It May Concern:

Many employees at the agency have been quietly expressing deep concerns about the leadership of the Richland County Recreation Commission. There are serious issues about how employees have been mistreated by the current Executive Director James Brown III and his leadership team. Staff at the agency are reluctant to come forward about their concerns for fear of losing their jobs, which they are often threaten with by Brown in private and at public staff meetings. The agency staff across the board feels repeatedly disrespected, mistreated and verbally abused by Brown. This behavior has taken place throughout his tenure as Executive Director and shows no sign of discontinuing.

The list of complaints regularly expressed by employees include:

Unfair Nepotism in leadership positions

Brown's brother, son and daughter all hold leadership positions above their qualifications
Constant accusations of misappropriation of funds and improper spending by the Brown family
Jeff Brown (brother) has been accused of sexually harassing two young female employees:
Kandice Hunter and Jasimin Corley and on both occasions he was only given slaps on the wrist

No staff raises across the board in four years

Only certain individuals that Brown favors receive raises but not the general staff. And those people receiving raises are usually those in leadership positions at the main office, but never the workers at the parks, community centers or maintenance and grounds crews
Exorbitant salaries for people in leadership positions
Exorbitant salaries for people in certain positions like receptionists and secretaries

Pay scale based on favoritism

James Brown Jr. makes a huge salary to lead athletics and he and his staff do not generate any profits comparable to what they make. The Kelly Mills athletic property will not be profitable under his leadership. James Jr. was given the position over more qualified staff. One person BJ Bellville was capable of making athletics profitable with his education and background but he was overlooked and went to Lexington Recreation Commission and is part of the staff operating sports events like the Dixie Youth World Series that brought in money. Richland County will not have anything like that under this leadership. The swimming pools continue to lose money as new pools are being built.
Demetria Goodman was a secretary and was promoted to a director with a huge salary and she had no experience and no qualifications for the position

Leadership is mismanaging agency funds

Brown bought a fleet of cars and trucks then parks them several days a week
People get demoted from high paying positions and then keep the same pay
The agency is very top heavy as far as pay but it doesn't go down to the regular staff
James Brown is a bully, uses foul language when talking to people in the workplace. And his entire leadership staff follows him blindly because they are paid to do so. The agency staff has low morale due to the pay and constant bullying, threatening and mistreatment they receive from James Brown. No one will say it publicly on the record but we need help and have not been getting it from the Board or anyone else and they know what's going on. Please investigate James Brown and the Richland County Recreation Commission.

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Dear Commissioner:

Let me first start by saying that I have the upmost respect for you and the work that you do for the agency. I know that you are a volunteer and do not get paid to serve as a commissioner. You do it because it is your civil duty and you take pride in service. I know that every decision you make, you make with the agency's best interest in mind. That being said, I and a number of colleagues believe it is time for you to make another important decision and relieve us of our current executive director. We understand that this is a bold request, but we are prepared to lay out the case for his dismissal.

First of all, he is costing the agency too much money. Both in salary and in legal fees. He has made the comment himself to many of us about the number of lawsuits and complaints against him. Also, we keep hearing that the agency is having financial troubles while we are paying Prick a six figure salary for doing nothing. He does nothing. He doesn't go to meetings. He won't sign anything. He won't sign documents and he won't address the public. Whenever there is a grand opening or a public meeting, he doesn't even think enough of the tax payers to get up and thank them for coming and thank them for their support. He just sits in the back like he's too good to talk to people. He serves no purpose except to bully us, threaten us and screw with our lives by moving us around every other week. He is a 6 figure figurehead. While he's trying to fix his screw up by trying to force custodians to retire, he's sitting there collecting a check for doing nothing. He's Terrying. Why are we paying him all that money and trying to get rid of custodians who are just getting by? He creates more problems than he solves. He's supposed to be going out and fighting for the agency. Instead he's just milking this whole bond thing. What has he done new since we got the bond?

Also, he's using the agency as his own personal employment agency and setting a bad example for the entire staff. His family members are the worst employees in the agency. Poocho is hardly ever at work. We have no idea how he still has leave to take. He's out of the office whole weeks at a time, leaving everyone to contact Tiyana who does all of his work. She runs the entire athletics department. He has no idea what he's doing, but makes more than most people at the agency. And as for Jeff, no one knows what he really does, including Jeff. The way we understand it, he comes in the office and gets a vehicle and is gone for the rest of the day. The rumor is that Kenya sends him home until the end of the day to keep him out of trouble. Everybody knows that Jeff hits on all the community center staff and touches them and harasses them. But he doesn't get in trouble for it. They just sweep it under the rug.

Now that the budget is all screwed up, they want to yell at us about revenue. Revenue, revenue, revenue. That's all we hear. Well, check and see how much revenue his daughters center brings in and then see how much she makes compared to the average park director. She has no special training at all, but she makes a lot more. Just a year ago she was a receptionist. They by passed all of us and put her in charge of the Tech Center. They did the same thing with the director of programming. How are we supposed to get ahead and

move up the ladder if you keep promoting secretaries over us. The message to the rest of the staff in the agency is that you don't have to work hard to get ahead, you just have to be related to the executive director or sleep with him.

I understand that as a Commissioner it is difficult to accept an anonymous letter as truth, but I have to tell you that you will never get any staff of RCRC to put their name on a letter. We are way too afraid of retaliation. You may not get fired but you will get moved around. Because that is what he does with his position. He uses it to bully and intimidate. That's all he understands. He's daddy and we have to do as he says because he said so. He doesn't know how to reward, praise or recognize. All he knows how to do is yell and threaten. He even screwed up our way of rewarding each other. We used to be able to nominate other staff members for Employee of the Quarter, but he's taken that over. He uses it to reward his people to justify giving them more money or thank them for being loyal. We all asked around and couldn't find one person who nominated Connie, Demetria or Taurus. Now that everyone has caught on to that they are trying to give us these good job pins. They don't even go on our evaluations.

Again, I understand that it's difficult to accept an unsigned letter, so I offer you this challenge. Strip away the veil of anonymity by talking to us all. Choose 10, 15, 20 key employees that you'd like to hear from. Call them in and guarantee them confidentiality and ask them whatever it is you want to know. People are afraid. They know that he will punish them so they have to feel safe. You have the right as Commissioners to question any employee you like, but you have to protect us. As Commissioners you have the right to even place him on paid administrative leave until you've completed your inquiry. Get him out of the office for a while so that people feel safe.

Commissioner, please know that this is not a threat of any kind. This letter isn't going to the press if you don't act. I'm not trying to force your hand. I'm just asking you to take action and save this agency before things get out of hand and they will if he remains in office. We are desperate for help and that help can only come from you. Please do your diligence and give us the leader we need and the leader that the tax payers of Richland County deserve. You were put in this job for a reason and when things hit the fan, the people that appointed you are going to want to know what you knew and what you did about it. They are going to want to know what you did to save the Richland County Recreation Commission.

Unfortunately, I was not able to secure addresses of all the Commissioners, so please share this with your colleagues and do what you can to save the agency before it is too late.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS POLICY CREATES A CONTRACT RIGHT. CONSISTENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW, ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL" WHICH MEANS THAT THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE OR CAUSE, AND THAT THE COMMISSION RETAINS THE SAME RIGHT. EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY THAT ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL" MAY BE MADE ONLY BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE EMPLOYEE AND APPROVED BY VOTE OF THE BOARD.



Staff Reductions

Human Resources
Policy No. 190

New Policy Date: July 21, 2010

Policy Statement

The long-term success of the Richland County Recreation Commission is contingent upon our ability as an agency to manage costs and generate revenue in excess of expenses. Elimination or reduction of funding or work, reorganization or other changing business needs may result in the elimination of one or more regular classified staff positions through a layoff/reduction in force. It is important that separation from the Richland County Recreation Commission be done in a way that preserves the employee's dignity.

GUIDANCE:

1. **Work Force:** The Richland County Recreation Commission retains the right to adjust the number of employees and/or their work hours to a level commensurate with providing the most efficient service possible considering productivity, workload and seasonal fluctuations. This is an ongoing process and in the case of work hours, it is to be applied by supervisors at any appropriate time.
2. **Supporting Circumstances:** The following circumstances may support the need for a staff reduction:
 - 2.1. Decrease in funding from sources including Richland County Council appropriation
 - 2.2. Decrease in utilization
 - 2.3. Poor financial outlook (short-term, long-term)
 - 2.4. Change in services or organizational structure
 - 2.5. Poor productivity (overall staffing)
 - 2.6. Reduction or elimination of grant funding
 - 2.7. Other indicators of need for reduced staffing

3. **Consideration for Avoiding a Staff Reduction:** All realistic alternatives, including the following, may be explored before proceeding with a staff reduction:
 - 3.1. Hiring freeze
 - 3.2. Salary freeze
 - 3.3. Reduced hours
 - 3.4. Unpaid Furloughs
 - 3.5. Reduced pay (temporary or permanent)
 - 3.6. Reduced benefits
 - 3.7. Increase User Fees
 - 3.8. **Redeployment:** At certain times, the Richland County Recreation Commission may choose to move employees to other positions. This redeployment may occur when the Richland County Recreation Commission desires to reduce staffing levels while maintaining the talent and skills of its incumbent workforce. Human Resources, in collaboration with the department reducing its staff, will match the affected employee(s) with available jobs as approved by administration. It may be necessary to adjust the employees' pay to insure consistency with the pay grade requirements of the alternative position. The identification of employees to be redeployed should utilize the criteria outlined in Section 5 of this policy.
 - 3.9. Temporary layoff
4. **Needs Assessment:** A needs assessment of personnel requirements for services to be provided will usually be prepared by the responsible Department Heads during the annual budget process to include:
 - 4.1. Classification (Job Code)
 - 4.2. Employment category (Full-time, Part-time)
 - 4.3. Assignment (Department)
5. **Reduction-In-Force or Lay-off Criteria.** Criteria (not necessarily in order of importance) which may be used to reduce the number of agency staff are as follows:
 - 5.1. **Job Classification and/or Grade:** May be within department or between departments or same job with different classification.
 - 5.2. **Length of Service:** Continuous employment with the Richland County Recreation Commission apply equally to full-time and part-time employees, not date assigned to the department or job classification. Where all other criteria used to compare two employees appears to be equal, length of service will be the determinative factor.

- 5.3. **Department or Area:** Critical areas may be exempted
- 5.4. **Performance/Discipline:** Personnel record review of performance appraisals and disciplinary actions.
- 5.5. **Employee Skills:** Employee skills, certification and training which might enable the employee to perform more tasks within a department.
- 5.6. **TERI / Retiree:** TERI and/ or Working Retiree Job Status.
- 5.7. **Shifting Job Classification:** Displacing "bumping" a less senior employee in a different job classification or department will not be permitted.
- 6. **Reduction-In-Force and Lay-Off Procedures:**
 - 6.1. **Unemployment Compensation:** Arrangements may be made to have a representative from the S.C. Employment Security Commission available to make the process for filing for unemployment compensation as easy as possible.
 - 6.2. **Outplacement Assistance:** Employees may request assistance through reference checks, referrals, resume assistance, public/private job search methods/assistance etc.
 - 6.3. **Benefit Continuation:** Benefit continuation (i.e., Health Insurance, Life Insurance, etc.) will follow federal and state regulation (i.e. COBRA continuation rights, etc.).
 - 6.4. **Financial and social Assistance:** Every effort will be made to assist employees in their application for assistance from social agencies.
 - 6.5. **Severance Pay:** Severance pay may be awarded during a layoff or reduction in force at the sole discretion of the Board.
 - 6.6. **Leave of Absence:** Employees on leave of absence whose positions would otherwise be eliminated under a reduction in force will be dealt with in accordance with applicable law.
 - 6.7. **Terminal Vacation Pay:** Employees who are laid off or discharged during a reduction in force are deemed to have given the proper notice and to have satisfactorily worked any notice period prerequisite to receiving terminal vacation pay.

7. **Recall Procedure:**

7.1. In the event that a layoff or reduction in force appears to be of such duration that a recall of employees may be practical and the Richland County Recreation Commission decides to recall employees, the following criteria should be considered:

- 7.1.1. Method of Selection of employees to be recalled.
- 7.1.2. Process to be utilized to notify recalled employees. (Time limits for acceptance, notification method, etc.)
- 7.1.3. Effect of reinstatement on benefits, pay rates, length of service.
- 7.1.4. Handling of new vacancies in classifications or departments where no layoff took place.

8. **Employee Information and Responsibilities:** Information and clarification regarding the following issues should be provided to each employee:

- 8.1. Benefits (COBRA continuation rights, etc.)
- 8.2. Severance pay (if applicable)
- 8.3. Unemployment compensation

9. **Appeals Process:** If an employee feels that he has been improperly selected, he must appeal in writing within 10 calendar days after he has been terminated or laid off. All such appeals must be sent to the Director of Human Resources.

ADOPTED BY RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION BOARD

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(Date Approved)

APPROVED: J. Marie Green
J. Marie Green, Chair

For more information about this policy, contact Human Resources

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS POLICY CREATES A CONTRACT RIGHT. CONSISTENT WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW, ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL" WHICH MEANS THAT THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT AT ANY TIME, WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE OR CAUSE, AND THAT THE COMMISSION RETAINS THE SAME RIGHT. EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY THAT ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EMPLOYED "AT WILL" MAY BE MADE ONLY BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE EMPLOYEE AND APPROVED BY VOTE OF THE BOARD.



Grievances

Human Resources
Policy No. 090

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Richland County Recreation Commission to provide a procedure for **regular full-time** employees to present concerns and seek clarification without fear of restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal on certain grievable actions. Regular full-time employees who have not completed their one-year introductory period are not eligible to submit a grievance under this policy but may seek redress arising from acts of discrimination or abuse.

1. Time Limitation:

If an employee has experienced a grievable action (as define in section 2 below) with the Commission, the employee may, within fifteen (15) workdays after such an action, make appeal through the grievance procedure of the Commission. If an employee has experienced a grievable action of a recurring nature, the appeal will be considered within the time limit if it is filed within fifteen (15) work days following the latest occurrence of the act. If the employee fails to file an appeal within the time limit, he or she may not appeal thereafter. An employee may only file an appeal for the grievable actions listed in section 2 of this policy.

2. Grievable Actions:

Grievable actions include dismissals, suspensions, involuntary reassignments, and demotions. Involuntary reassignments are only a proper subject for grievance where (1) the reassignment is in excess of fifteen miles from the prior work station and (2) a position of comparable status for which an employee is qualified is available 15 miles or less from the prior work station. The reassignment of an employee by the agency in excess of fifteen miles from the prior work station to the nearest facility with an available position of comparable status for which he or she is qualified is not a grievable matter.

3. Non-Grievable Actions:

3.1 Reclassifications, reassignments, and transfers to the same pay grade are not grievable. Promotions are not grievable. However, where the grievant alleges he was excluded from consideration for promotion to a position for which he was qualified and that was greater than one organizational level above his present level, and the grievant applied or would have applied had he known of the opportunity, the Executive Director may, in his sole discretion, allow the grievance.

3.2 Compensation is not grievable, except as it applies to alleged inequities.

3.3 A reduction in force may be grieved by an affected employee only if the grievance is based on alleged inconsistent or improper application of a reduction in force plan.

3.4 Should it be determined that a grievance filed is not grievable, the employee will be notified of such in writing.

3.5 Part-time employees and temporary employees are not eligible to submit a Grievance under this policy.

4. Matters that are considered grievable are handled according to the process set forth below. An employee who feels that he/she has a grievance should follow this procedure.

5. Grievance Steps (Internal Process):

Step 1. The employee must discuss the grievance with his immediate supervisor. If his supervisor is unable or unwilling to adjust the grievance to the satisfaction of the employee, the employee must take Step 2.

Step 2. The employee must follow the chain of command in his department, presenting his grievance to each successive level of supervision. All Step 1 and Step 2 appeals may be oral. At each level each supervisor has two (2) work days (Saturday, Sunday and Holidays excluded) to render a decision. If a supervisor at a particular level is unavailable to consider the grievance, it is considered denied and the employee may continue the grievance with the next level of supervision.

Step 3. If the head of the department in which the employee is employed denies the grievance, the employee may present the grievance to the Executive Director's office. This must be done within 10 workdays of the time at which the facts on which the grievance is based became available to the employee.

6. Executive Director Review:

- 6.1 The written request for an Executive Director review must include the purpose of the grievance and what action is requested of the Executive Director.
- 6.2 The Human Resources staff may assist in the grievance process, if requested by the employee. The employee should submit along with the grievance request any documents or other things he wishes the Executive Director to review.
- 6.3 The Executive Director will render a final decision. The Executive Director may, in his sole discretion, review material submitted to him by the employee and/or the department, if any, and he may review any documents contained in the employee's personnel file and any other documents and things deemed relevant. In the Executive Director's sole discretion, he may request interviews with the grieving employee and other commission employees. Such interviews may be conducted by the Executive Director or anyone he designates. The employee may not have the assistance of an attorney during any interviews. The Executive Director may designate someone to render a decision on the grievance should he be unable to do so.

7. Appeal Hearing (Appeal of Final Decision):

- 7.1 In the event the employee is not satisfied with the final Executive Director decision the employee then has ten (10) calendar days to appeal the final decision to the Richland County Recreation Commission Board by filing a written appeal (one that gives a reason for the appeal) with the Commission Chairman. The Commission shall act on a grievance within forty-five (45) calendar days. At least five (5) Commission members must constitute a quorum for an appeal hearing.
- 7.2 If the employee is going to be represented by an attorney during the appeal hearing, the employee must inform RCRC at least 5 days in advance of the hearing and furnish the name of the attorney.
- 7.3 Procedures (Appeal Hearings will normally proceed as follows):
 - 7.3.1 Appeals are personnel matters that will be heard in executive session.
 - 7.3.2 Management Presentation, Present any Witnesses and Board Questions
– 15 minute limit;
 - 7.3.3 Employee Presentation, Present any Witnesses, Rebuttal and Board Questions
– 15 minute limit;
 - 7.3.4 Brief Rebuttal by Management or Employee – 5 minutes each.
- 7.4 Board will return from executive session and follows normal motion/note protocol coming out of executive session.

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Richland County Recreation Commission member arrested

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A top-ranking official in the under-fire Richland County Recreation Commission, the son of commission's executive director, has been arrested and charged with multiple drug trafficking and possession offenses, including crimes allegedly committed near a school.

James Anthony Brown, 38, director of recreation for the commission, was arrested by Richland County Sheriff's deputies Friday and charged with:

- Trafficking more than 10 pounds of marijuana
- Trafficking more than 400 grams of methamphetamine, a felony carrying 25 to 30 years in prison
- Possession with intent to distribute marijuana
- Possession with intent to distribute Ecstasy
- Possession of a weapon during a violent crime
- Possession with intent to distribute marijuana near a school
- Possession with intent to distribute Ecstasy near a school
- Possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine near a school.

Brown was arrested Friday near Killian Elementary School, at Killian Green Drive and Clemson Road in northeast Richland County. He is being held at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.



Brown's arrest grew out of the sheriff's department's investigation into the Recreation Commission, initiated by Richland County legislators after numerous lawsuits and complaints have come against the commission and its executive director, Brown's father, James Brown III.

The FBI and the State Law Enforcement Division also are continuing to probe the commission, which receives more than \$13 million in Richland County taxpayer funding each year but operates with little oversight.

Since March, at least four current or former employees of the Recreation Commission have filed lawsuits against the agency, alleging various complaints against Brown III and others associated with the commission. The allegations include sexual harassment and other inappropriate behaviors on the part of Brown III and some staffers and board members.

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Recreation Commission director busted on drug charges

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SC (WIS) - The Richland County Sheriff's Department has arrested a top manager of the Richland County Recreation Commission on charges including weapon possession and multiple counts of drug trafficking and possession.

38-year-old James Anthony Brown was taken into custody Friday in Richland County, and is being held at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

Brown is the son of Commission Executive Director James Brown III.

The younger Brown is listed as the agency's Director of Recreation. He is one of several members of Executive Director Brown's family holding management positions at the Commission.

Three of the seven drug charges filed against James Anthony Brown accuse him of distribution or possession near a school.

The arrest comes as the sheriff's department, SLED and the FBI are conducting investigations into a variety of allegations against James Brown III and others linked to the Commission.

Five lawsuits have been filed by current and former employees. The complaints cover a range of allegations from kickbacks and misuse of county resources to harassment and intimidation.

Criticism of the agency and its leadership has also prompted members of the Richland legislative delegation to call for county council oversight of the Commission's operations.

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I Doubt this James Brown is Singing "I Feel Good"

Kevin Fisher Jun 1, 2016

On the one hand, now that the FBI is involved in the investigation of the Richland County Recreation Commission, I suspect the truth is going to come out.

Whether that truth exposes corruption at the commission as alleged in five lawsuits filed against it and executive director James Brown III by former employees remains to be seen. But those lawsuits, along with news pieces featuring employees telling dramatic stories, suggest Brown's days are likely numbered.

And unlike the great soul singer James Brown, I doubt this one is singing "I feel good" as the feds close in.

The FBI is joined by parallel investigations from SLED, the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Even the combination of a notorious state law, a suspect board of commissioners and a look-the-other-way legislative delegation that allowed the Recreation Commission to become Brown's personal fiefdom won't protect him this time.

Now Brown's son, a Recreation Commission employee, has been charged with drug dealing.

If you missed that story over the Memorial Day weekend it's worth looking up, as the younger Brown was charged on Friday with possession with intent to distribute large quantities of meth, ecstasy and pot near a school. An elementary school.

On the other hand, his father, the rec boss, might end up with a nice job and a pay raise at the Richland County Elections Commission.

If only that were just a joke, instead of an historical precedent.

Speaking of the worst election debacle in modern South Carolina history and the lack of consequences associated with it (are you listening U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles, supposed protector of the people's right to vote?), here's state Rep. Leon Howard of Columbia in a 2012 interview with The Nerve: "[H]e has 'complete confidence in Lillian McBride to do that job,' noting that the Election Day problems in Richland County were caused partly by factors outside McBride's control, such as the lack of early voting."

So that's what it was, those damn voters voting on Election Day! Of course, no such problem (or any other significant problems) had occurred with elections in Richland County during the previous 37 years under the watch of executive director Mike Cinnamon, whom the Richland County legislative delegation booted in favor of Lillian McBride in advance of the 2012 election.

But Howard wasn't finished. This is what he went on to tell The Nerve: "He believes the Richland County delegation's appointment authority in certain county areas has been successful, citing the Recreation Commission as an example."

It's hard to know whether to laugh or cry. But it gets better/worse, as Howard finished it off with this comment in favor of the legislative delegation running county commissions: "There are some things we need to keep our hands on."

Howard, of course, is a Democrat. But if you think that matters when it comes to goofball statements, listen to this from his Republican colleague Nathan Ballentine, reported by The Nerve in April: "Ballentine voted to put former director Lillian McBride in charge over longtime director Mike Cinnamon... Speaking to The State, Ballentine said, 'Given the nightmare of 2012, I have to believe they [county leaders] know how important elections are and that they can't fail the voters again.'"

Again, it's hard to know whether to laugh or cry. The article continued: "County Council members said they were appalled at Ballentine's comments. 'When I read that, I was livid,' said a council member who preferred to remain anonymous. 'It was the legislative delegation's failure. Everybody knows that... He knows we don't have the authority to change anything, only they do.'"

That's exactly right, folks. While the FBI and other investigating agencies may take care of the open sewer that is the Richland County Recreation Commission, only the legislative delegation can cap the political sludge and send it to the treatment plant.

Though the delegation cannot fire Brown or even remove the commissioners they appointed, they can change state law to eliminate having this (and other) bastard agencies that answer to no one, placing them under the control of the county governments that fund them.

Any citizen of any party of any color of any age of any sex of any legislative district of Richland County should demand that change, starting right now and to be completed in next year's legislative session.

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