CONSIDER SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROPERTY ACQUISITION REQUEST

<u>Policy Reference</u> OE-13: The superintendent shall assure that physical facilities support the accomplishment of the board's *Results* policies, are safe and properly maintained.

Background Information:

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Board has approved the acquisition of two tracts in Horry County adjoining the Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve/Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The properties are west of SC Highway 9 along the Waccamaw River near the community of Longs. Following state guidelines, SCDNR must obtain a letter of support from the school district before completing the projects and declaring them tax exempt. After the properties are acquired, they will be managed as part of the existing preserve/WMA and will be open to the public for outdoor recreational activities. For the previous year, the two properties generated taxes in Horry County totaling \$629.80.

Purpose:

Consider providing a letter of support to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in relation to a Property Acquisition Request for two tracts of land to be added to the Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve totaling 300 and 225 acres respectively in the Longs area of Horry County.

For additional information:

Contact Daryl Brown at 843-488-6774 or Joe Burch at 843-488-6712.

Recommended Action:

Approve the submittal of a letter of support for the proposed property acquisitions by SCDNR.

Estimated Project Cost: None