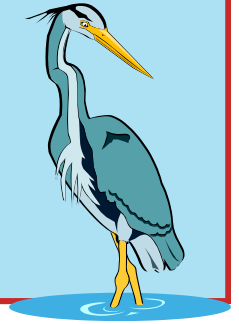


# The Heron

July 31, 2016



*Newberry County on Lake Greenwood*

## DISAPPOINTMENT

It is disappointing to note that, even after promises of a solution, County Line Road still looks like a byway in a war-zone. Many potholes have been patched and then quickly broken revealing even bigger holes in the pavement.

The August 19, 2015 issue of The Heron highlighted the problem with County Line Road in an article headlined "Patch the Patches". In response to that article, Senator Ronnie Cromer contacted "The Heron" and in the October 29, 2015 issue we reported that Senator Cromer was initiating an effort to coordinate Newberry County, Laurens County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Sen. Cromer indicated that County Line Rd. would be re-surfaced by the end of the State's Fiscal Year. Obviously that commitment has not been met.

**Sen. Cromer is to be commended for stepping up to this problem but apparently achieving a solution is a more daunting task than he expected.**

## "WAR ON COPS"

Thomas Paine said, "These are the times that try men's souls." Those words are as relevant today as they were in the eighteenth century. The country is beset by concerns with domestic security and public safety. Nation-wide there seems to be a "war on cops". When did these defenders of general safety and tranquility become the enemy?

It is wholly appropriate then that we express our appreciation to those law enforcement officers who are serving on the front line in our own community.

**The Heron extends a special thanks to Sheriff Lee Foster and his deputies.**

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Are the property owners on Lake Greenwood in Newberry County ill-served by their county government? There is a seems to be a general discontent in the community.

**Do these tax payers expect too much in county services?**

The number one issue has to be Emergency Medical Services. This is an aging community comprised mostly of retirees. Most of these taxpayers are in late 60's, 70's and even 80's. They all know that it is not **IF** but **WHEN** they will have a medical emergency. It is in everyone's best interest that these folks be able to stay in their own homes as long as possible. However, they need to be confident that someone will respond quickly to that 911 call for medical assistance.

Chappells EMS seems to be unable to recruit enough volunteers to assure a reasonable level of confidence in quick response time to a medical emergency.

Perhaps its time for the county to explore new approaches for providing this essential community service. Waiting for volunteers to step up doesn't seem to be working.

**Emergency Medical Service would seem to be a rudimentary county service.**

**Information on County Line Rd.:**

**Lee Neighbors**

**District 2 Construction Engineer**

**803-276-0554**

## Capital Projects Sales Tax

Every seven years the county chooses to vote for an extension of the Capital Project Sales Tax of one percent on top of the state sales tax. A YES vote in November will commit the people of Newberry to the additional sales tax for the next seven years.

The sales tax revenue is committed to specified capital projects and may not be used for operational expenses. If at any time over the next seven years enough sales tax revenue is collected to pay for the enumerated capital projects, state law requires that additional collection of the tax be suspended.

On May 2, The Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission reached conclusion on final ballot content as follows,

“Must a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in Newberry County for not more than seven years to raise the amounts specified for the follow purposes:”

No.	Project Description	Cost
1.	800 MHz Emergency Services Radio System	\$7,400,000
2.	City of Newberry – Recreational Complex Construction	4,075,000
3.	County of Newberry – Newberry Museum	2,200,000
4.	City of Newberry – Opera House HVAC Improvements	155,000
5.	Town of Prosperity – Recreational Complex Improvements	770,000
6.	Consolidated Fire District – Water Supply Improvement	1,000,000
7.	Town of Whitmire – Town Hall/Police Department Remodel/Upgrades	1,000,000
8.	Town of Pomaria – Old Pomaria School Building Renovation	655,000
9.	Town of Little Mountain – Computer Center and Library Upgrades	245,000
10.	Town of Silverstreet – Demolition of Old School Building/ New Walking Track	700,000
11.	Newberry County – Detention Center Repairs/Improvements	1,600,000
12.	Newberry County Water & Sewer Authority—Mid-Carolina Commerce Park	1,400,00
<b>TOTAL: \$21,200,000</b>		



### Men's Breakfast

Every third Thursday of the month an intrepid band of men gather at the Cross Hill Bakery in fellowship and good conversation. Although travel vacations at this time of year tend to reduce attendance there was still a lively exchange of information, ideas and some poignant humor.

The group meets at 8:00AM and usually finishes a little after 9:00AM. The food is good. The price is very reasonable. The company is congenial.

All the men in our community are invited to join us for breakfast.

**Come and meet your neighbors.**

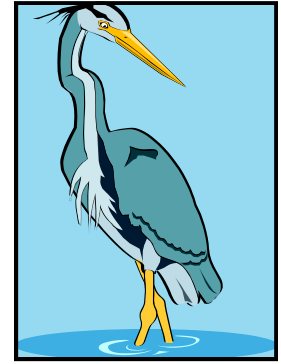
## POA Board Minutes by Shelley Grund

Board Meeting June 9, 2016

Chappells Station #10

- \* Harry Greisser presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- \* Board Members Present: Harry Greisser, Shelley Grund, Ed LaRoche, and Larry Sartori
- \* Guests Present: Bob Ackers, Roy Mendelsohn, Sally Mueller, John Sidnick
- \* Reading of the March 10, 2016 Minutes/Secretary Report. Approved
- \* Treasurer's Report was provided.  
Balance as of May 31, 2016: \$15,212.72; Available cash: \$6,597.41. Approved.  
Fire Rescue Donation: \$500
- \* New PO Box rental: Cross Hill, 29332 – PO Box 532
- \* Rick Martin sent us a thank you letter for having him address our General Meeting members.
- \* Newsletter – Harry Greisser: THE HERON to be published July 22, 2016. All articles to be submitted by July 18th . (h.greisser@gmail.com / 864-992-3090)
- \* **Committees:**
- \* ACC – No Report
- \* Mowing – Roy Mendelsohn  
Lost one volunteer  
Container to be attached to mower - approved
- \* Landscaping – Jim Smith – no report
- \* Communications: No Report
- \* Old Business:  
General Meeting Feedback  
Good location  
Agenda – long, but worthwhile  
Food – Excellent  
Next time: Consider a Raffle? Door Prizes?

- \* County Line Road – Harry Greisser to contact Ronnie Cromer.  
Security Cameras – No report  
New Business
- \* Security Cameras for the area are being considered. Lou Rosenthal will check with the police on recommendations.
- \* Meeting was adjourned, 8:00 P.M.



## POA 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes by Shelley Grund

General Meeting April 30, 2016

Chappells Station #10

Harry Greisser presided and opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

33 members in attendance

Introductions – Harry Greisser

Guest Speakers:

Carlton Kinard (D)

David Koon (R)

Craig Kesler (D)

Rick Martin (R)

Elections of 2016 Board Members – 2 positions open.  
Incumbents voted back in unanimously (Ed LaRoche and Lou Rosenthal)

Reading of the Minutes/Secretary Report – Shelley Grund. The reading of the General Minutes of April 25, 2015 was waived

Treasurer's Report – Ed LaRoche. 2015 end balance: \$14,131.74

Committee Reports

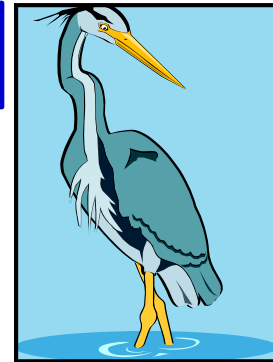
ACC – Larry Santori for Lou Rosenthal. No News  
Landscaping – Jim Smith. Crape myrtles trimmed  
Mowing – Roy Mendelsohn. Requested new volunteers.

Communications – Gene Mayer.

The Heron will continue to be edited by Harry Greisser.

Emails will be sent out by Gene Mayer.

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**Annual Meeting 2016 (cont'd)**

**Guest Speakers:**

Chappells Fire Department – Mike Engmann

\$500 was presented to the Fire Department from POA  
 Volunteers are need for both fire and emergency medical services.

Candidates for SC House of Representatives: Carlton Kinard, David Koon,  
 Craig Kesler, and Rick Martin each gave a fifteen minute presentation.

Meeting was adjourned, 5:50 P.M.

Next meeting: June 9, 2016, 7:00 pm - “Board Meeting” Chappells Station #10

**NOTE:** There have been two recent vacancies in the Summerset/Windmill committee operations. The first is the communications function and the second is the Architectural Committee Chairmanship. Volunteers may contact Harry Greisser, 864-992-3090 or Ed LaRoche at 864-998-4572.

**Treasurer’s Report** *by Ed LaRoche*

Bank Statement Balance, Jan. 2016 \$14,936.74

Deposits:

Dues \$1,500.00

Disbursements:

P.O. Box rentals \$ 31.00

Chappells Fire & Rescue 500.00

Annual mtg. Food and supplies 119.70

SSB road mowing (4/11 & 4/28) 350.00

Fire Ant Treatment 243.32

Total Disbursements: \$1,224.02

Balance, May 31, 2016 \$15,212.72

Pending Deposits:

Dues \$ 100.00

Pending Disbursements:

Mower maintenance \$ 106.99

Net Pending Total: (\$ 6.99)

Mower Replacement Contingency: \$4,000.00

2016 Remaining Estimated Contingency: \$4,608.32

Contingency Total: \$8,608.32

Available Cash (after contingencies)

As of June 9,2016: \$ 6,597.41

**Board Meetings: 2016**  
**Chappells Fire House**

September 8 -7:00 P.M.

December 8 -7:00 P.M.

**NEW MEMBER FORM**

If you are not now a member and would like to join your neighbors in making Summerset/Windmill a great community please fill out this form and send with a check for \$100 to the return address above.

**NAME:**

**DEVELOPMENT:**

**Lot # or local address:**

**Mailing Address if different:**

**Telephone No.**

**Check Enclosed**