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New Lake Keowee restaurant in the works

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WALHALLA — A group of local investors are in the preliminary stages of planning to open a restaurant on Lake Keowee.

Lake Keowee Investors and Cottingham & Associates are advancing plans to build a Copper River-like restaurant on property located at Kelley Ridge Road off S.C. Highway 183 in Oconee County.

Richard Cottingham offered a few details of the plans during an appearance Thursday evening before the Oconee County Council's Transportation Committee.

Cottingham formally requested that the county take over a portion of a state road bordered by property owned by the restaurant developers on one side and Duke Energy on the other.

Cottingham said the developers would pay to fix the portion of the road to county standards and then have the county deed back the portion of the road back to the group.

Committee Chairman Joel Thrift put off any recommendation because he would like to see the property in question firsthand.

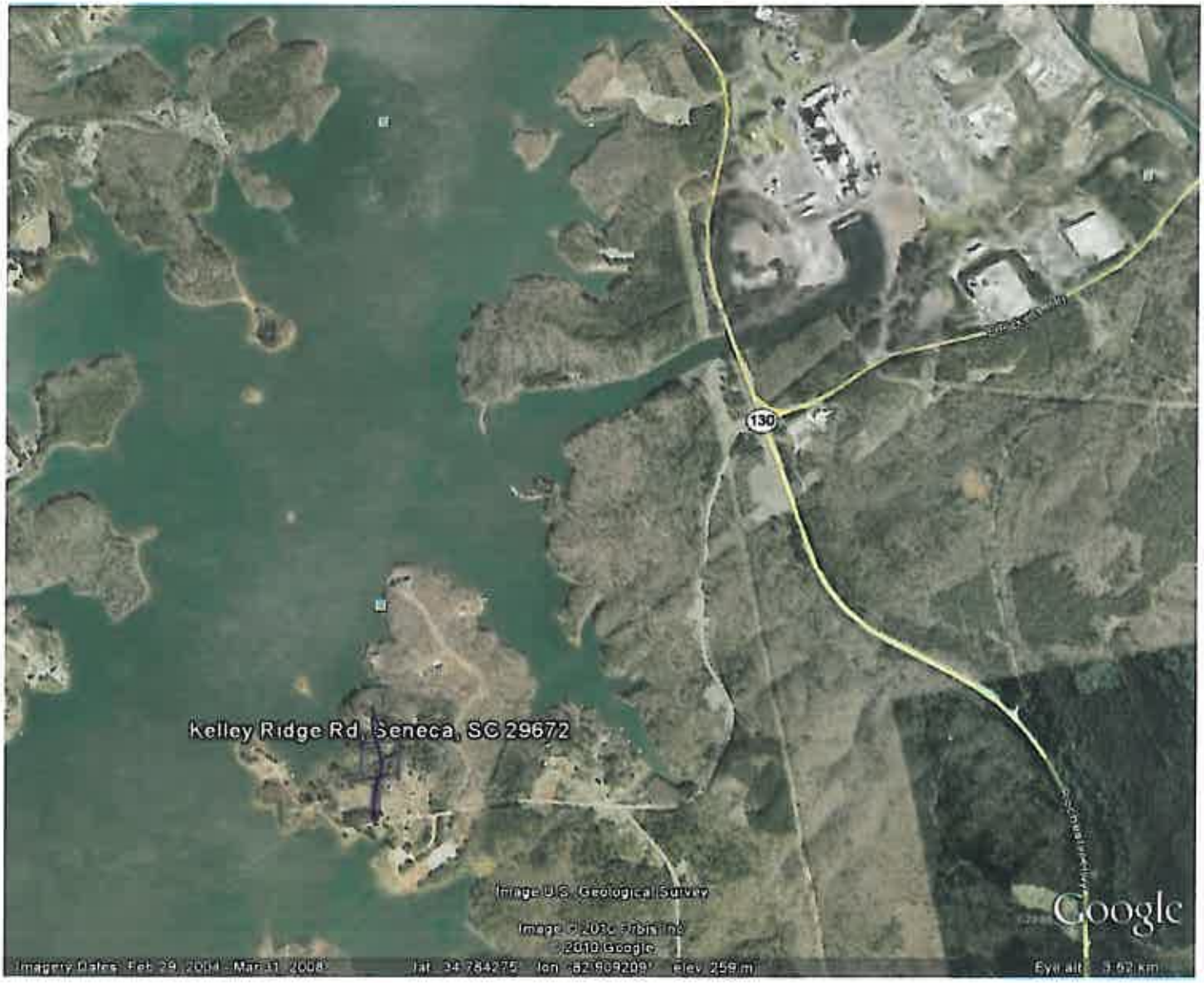
Cottingham said initial timeline for the project calls for groundbreaking in June. The restaurant, The Lighthouse Restaurant, would open for business in May 2012.

"There's strong belief of the need for a nice restaurant accessible by boat and car," Cottingham said.

Duke Energy signed an agreement with Lake Keowee Investors to lease the developers about half an acre that would be used as a cluster dock, documents filed with the Oconee County Register of Deeds show.

The committee is scheduled to revisit the developers' request again in late October.

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