

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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AGENDA

6:30 PM, MONDAY, May 13th, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Draft Minutes – Monday, May 13, 2019

Members Present

Sandra Gray
Edward Land
Rex Blanton
Doug Hollifield
Vickie Willoughby
Debbie Sewell

Staff Present

Bill Huggins

Media Present

None

- 1. Call to Order** – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- 2. Public Comment** - None
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Approval of minutes was tabled, not available at the time of the meeting.
- 4. Discussion by County Attorney discussion official procedures** – Mr. Root explained that the members of the Agricultural Advisory Board are a separate public body, but not separate from the county. There is no distinction between the two and they are bound by FOIA. Mr. Root also cautioned members to do business at meetings, not by emails or text. You can speak as an individual, but explain that you are speaking as an individual, not as a representative of the county.
- 5. USDA Census of Agriculture numbers** – Mr. Land discussed the 2017 Census of Agriculture and made a motion to draft an information sheet with the new information on it and

bring it to County Council. Mr. Hollifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Agricultural clearinghouse of data – There was a lengthy discussion about what to do with this data. Is it worth putting together a list? Is it legal? Can we just put business information in one spot for people to access? A county calendar of events? Social Media? Local paper? Maybe a staff, part time position, or newsletter. Get the numbers finalized then talk about how to promote.

7. Apiary information – Ms. Sewell would like to declare June 17-23 as a pollinator week. Ms. Willoughby seconded and was unanimously approved to draft the letter and present it to County Council.

8. Old Business –

a) Ms. Sewell presented a flyer for the Farm and Landowner Workshop, Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. and discussion about how to get the information out to the public.

b) Mr. Huggins reminded the Board about the Comprehensive Plan and that the Agriculture element is coming soon.

9. New Business - None

10. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Agricultural Advisory Board can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at achapman@oconeesc.com.