

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, December 9, 2019, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Draft Minutes – Monday, December 9, 2019

Members Present

Edward Land
Rex Blanton
Doug Hollifield
Vickie Willoughby
Sandra Gray

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Vivian Kompier

Media Present

Caitlin Harrington - The Journal

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Public Comment** – Mandolin Bright spoke about the Oconee Food Summit. The date is February, 28, 2020, 9:00am-3:30pm, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Seneca. They are looking for sponsorships, topics and speakers.
3. **Approval of 10/14/2019 Minutes** – Mr. Land made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Gray and approved 5/0.
4. **Farm Bureau meeting update** – Mr. Hollifield spoke about the event with 246 delegates attending, it was a good turnout. Oconee County received 5 awards. (Mr. Hollifield was one of the recipients.) Membership with the Farm Bureau is well worth the \$40.00.
5. **Agriculture infrastructure** – Mr. Chapman mentioned that Morris Warner from the Clemson Cooperative Extension is retiring and hopefully the position will be filled internally.

6. Agriculture Communication and updates – Mr. Chapman gave a few handouts. These are just 1st drafts. Agricultural Communication Plan, Agriculture Groups, and Prompts for social media. (see attached)

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo will be January 15-16, 2020 in Florence SC.

Mr. Chapman mentioned that the next meeting will be January 13, 2020 and we will set the 2020 calendar and elect officers, please attend. Also, the Comprehensive Plan is almost finished and we will have an agenda going forward. Please be open to the idea of having 2 meetings per month.

Ms. Willoughby is concerned about the school children in Oconee County and is there some way this Board can help the children who have trouble paying for their school meals. Mr. Chapman will do some research.

9. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:23pm

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.