

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, October 12, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Commission meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a "first-come" basis.

Additionally, to ensure the meeting otherwise remains open to the public, we will continue to broadcast it live on the County's YouTube channel, which can be found via the County's website at Oconeesc.com.

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PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED

During this election season, please remain aware that engaging in partisan political activity during a County Commission meeting is prohibited. Oconee Code of Ordinances Section 2-61.

"Partisan political activities" are those activities that are directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group.

Members Present

Kim Alexander (arrived late)	Douglas Hollifield
Sandra Gray	Amanda Moon Callahan
Debbie Sewell	Rex Blanton

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Laura Zimmerman

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Approval of minutes from 09/14/2020 –Ms. Sewell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Gray and approved 5/0.

3. Citizen comment – None
4. Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Chapman asked members to review the Agriculture Element of the Comprehensive Plan prior to next month’s meeting and be prepared to discuss priorities for the Board in 2021.
5. Right-to-Farm Act proclamation – Ms. Gray made a motion to accept the Right-to-Farm Act with edits and amendments as discussed, seconded by Mr. Hollifield, and approved 6/0. In Paragraph 5, “and it is the farmer who must comply, even when” was removed and replaced by “if they are not abiding by all laws and regulations;”. Paragraph 7 will close at the word “therein.” and all verbiage after was deleted.
6. Farmer’s resource guide – Ms. Gray will email Mr. Chapman the most current draft of the resource guide so Mr. Chapman can email to all board members. Members should review and send proposed edits to Ms. Gray. Ms. Gray to send final draft to Mr. Chapman to convert to appropriate format for Oconee County website.
7. Adjourn – Mr. Blanton thanked Ed Land, who recently resigned from Board, for his service to the Board and Oconee County. Ms. Alexander made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Hollifield, and approved unanimously at 7:10 PM.

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.