



Meeting agenda April 12, 2021

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes from 2/8/2021
3. Approval of Minutes from workshop 3/8/2021
4. Public comment for non-agenda items
(3-minutes per person)
5. Election of Secretary
6. Rannie Bond, President, Oconee County
Beekeepers Association
7. Oconee County Beekeepers Association –
Facilitate County Council to recognize OCBA
for 100 years during National Honey Month in
September 2021
8. Communication Plan – AAB with County
Council and other Commissions
9. AAB work groups – 7 groups (1-3 Board
Members)
10. Adjourn

Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board

When & Where

4:00 PM

Monday, April 12, 2021

Council Chambers

415 South Pine Street

Walhalla, SC 29691

Alternative participation

YouTube: "YourOconee"

Zoom: 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257 and entering meeting ID # 828 4377 0168

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LIMITED IN-PERSON

ATTENDANCE

PERMITTED

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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, February 8, 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

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Members Present

Ashley Townsend

Charlie Whiten

Debbie Sewell

Kim Alexander

Larry Cantrell

Rex Blanton

Tessa Moxly

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Laura Zimmerman

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Ms. Sewell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Approval of minutes from 1/21/2021 – Ms. Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 4/0; Ms. Moxly, Mr. Whiten, and Mr. Cantrell abstained as they did not attend meeting on 1/21/2021.
3. Public comment – None

4. New AAB member welcome – new members were welcomed by Ms. Sewell
5. AAB workshop date & planning – workshop to orientate new members and set goals for 2021 was set for Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.
6. Agricultural disclosure act letter – discussion, no motion, no vote.
7. Animal processing letter – discussion, no motion, no vote.
8. Farmers resource guide – Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept final draft of Farmers Resource Guide and move forward with sharing with public; seconded by Ms. Alexander; approved 7/0.
9. SNAP-Ed Local Food Policy Council Development and Expansion Grant Program – Mr. Blanton made a motion for Ms. Townsend and Ms. Sewell to be available to provide insight and expertise to county staff regarding the completion of grant application; seconded by Mr. Whiten; approved 7/0.
10. SC House Bill 3766 and SC Senate Bill 506 – discussion, no motion, no vote.
11. Adjourn – Ms. Alexander made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Blanton, and approved 7/0.

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Minutes – Workshop

5:30 PM, Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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Kerrie Roach

Kim Alexander

Larry Cantrell

Rex Blanton

Tessa Moxly

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Laura Zimmerman

Facilitator

Jennifer Moss, Assistant Curator/Education Specialist – Oconee History Museum

Media Present

None

1. Ms. Sewell called the workshop to order and welcomed all in attendance at 5:30 PM.

2. Ms. Moss facilitated the workshop. Discussions included the role of the Agricultural Advisory Board, the Oconee County Comprehensive Plan and the AAB, goals and priorities for 2021, and formulating an action plan. No motions; no votes.
3. Workshop was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 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.

Proposed AAB Communication Plan:

A plan for AAB members to connect with County Council and Commissions and to report results at AAB meetings.

During Workshop Follow-up discussions with Board members, it has been suggested that each board member should make regular contact with our District Council members and related Boards and Commissions to discuss County Agricultural related issues and policies.

For discussion and vote. This is an outline for the AAB Communication Plan proposal.

District	Board Member	Council/Commission Contact
District 1	Kim Alexander	Mr. John Elliott
District 2	Larry Cantrell	Mr. Matthew Durham
District 3	Rex Blanton	Mr. Paul Cain
District 4	Ashley Townsend	Mr. Julian Davis, III
District 5	Charlie Whiten	Mr. Glenn Hart
At Large	Debbie Sewell	Planning Commission?
At Large	Tessa Moxley	Parks and Recreation Commission?
Ex-Officio	Kerrie Roach	State and Local Extension?

Board Members to prepare and submit brief **AAB Communication Report** of relevant issues, policies, opportunities related to Agriculture, for agenda each month (no later than 4PM the Monday before the meeting date.) The Report will be presented at regular meeting for discussion and/or vote. Reports will not be part of meeting if not submitted for Agenda.

AAB Work Groups (Proposal)

AAB work groups/committees.

During Workshop Follow-up discussions with Board members, it has been suggested that each board member form and participate in a work group. The idea is for each member to have at least one Work Group (Issue, policy, project...) of their choice. They are responsible for Research, development, for item related to Agriculture relevant to Oconee that will be discussed, voted on and presented to council. Groups can be 1-3 people. (7 groups (1-3 board members). Kerry's will be a resource available for all Work Groups.

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AAB Work Groups (Example)

District	Board Member Chairman	AAB Work Groups
District 1	Kim Alexander	New Farmer Guide?
District 2	Larry Cantrell	
District 3	Rex Blanton	AG Disclosure?
District 4	Ashley Townsend	Food Systems?
District 5	Charlie Whiten	
At Large	Debbie Sewell	Processing
At Large	Tessa Moxley	
Ex-Officio	Kerrie Roach (resource for Work Groups)	

Other Examples for Work Groups: Education, Farm Road signs, Community Gardens...