

# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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## Minutes

5:00 PM, Monday September 13, 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

### Members Present

Rex Blanton  
Kim Alexander  
Debbie Sewell  
Tessa Moxley

### Staff Present

Laura Zimmerman

### Media Present

None

1. **Call to Order** – Ms. Sewell called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
2. **Approval of minutes from August 9th**– Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Moxley. Ms. Sewell called for a vote. The motion passed 4/0.
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Discussions**
  - a. **Road Safety and Agriculture**
    - i. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the progress the Board had made with SCDOT, Oconee County Roads & Bridges, and Post Office. Ms. Alexander also addressed the issues with HWY 11 and lack of signage.
  - b. **Farmland Conservation and Preservation**
    - i. Mr. Blanton made a motion to form a work group headed by Ms. Sewell to draft recommendations to help achieve farmland conservation and preservation in Oconee County.

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- c. **Proposed Development Standards**
    - i. Mr. Smith, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, gave an overview of the proposed development standards and answered questions from Board members. Discussion included, but was not limited to, concerns about type of vegetation used and limitation and possible effects of proposed standards on farmers. Mr. Smith requested that the Agricultural Advisory Board send a representative to the October 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to endorse the proposed standards. Mr. Blanton made a motion to nominate Ms. Sewell to speak in support of the proposed development standards on behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Board at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moxley. Ms. Sewell called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously 4/0.
5. **Adjourn** – Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM; seconded by Ms. Alexander. Ms. Sewell called for a vote. The motion was approved 4/0.