

# Agricultural Advisory Board Agenda

## April 11, 2022

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1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of allegiance
5. Approval of minutes
  - March 14, 2022
6. **Public Comment Session** [3 minutes per person]  
*If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting the Planning Department at [planninginfo@oconeesc.com](mailto:planninginfo@oconeesc.com) or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record.*
7. **Discussions** [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
  - Food Council Update
  - Family Farm Preservation Update
8. Adjourn



## Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board

### When & Where

6:00 PM

Thursday, April 14, 2022  
Council Chambers  
415 South Pine Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

### Alternative participation

YouTube: "YourOconee"

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### BOARD MEMBERS

Debbie Sewell, Vice-Chairman, At-Large	Kim Alexander, Chairman, District I
Tessa Moxley, Secretary, At-Large	Larry Cantrell, District II
Rex Blanton, District III	Ashley Townsend, District IV
Charlie Whiten, District V	Kerrie Roach, Ex-Officio

## Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, March 14th, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

### Members Present

Rex Blanton  
Charlie Whiten  
Debbie Sewell  
Tessa Moxley  
Kerri Roach

### Staff Present

James Coley

### Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of allegiance**
4. **Approval of minutes-**February 14th, 2022. Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Sewell called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
  - **Discussion-** Ms. Moxley noted that the person who called for the vote was not Ms. Alexander, but Ms. Sewell.
  - Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
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6. **Discussions** [to include vote and/or action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
  - Final review of letter for SCDOT and Oconee County Roads & Bridges
    - i. Debbie expressed that the language used in regards to the regulations for limb maintenance was confusing.
    - ii. Ms. Alexander suggested that the wording be changed to “the right of way being maintained at a height of 17 feet...”
    - iii. Ms. Sewell made a motion to amend the document in order to clarify the wording, seconded Mr. Blanton, and approved 5/0
  - Saving the family farm

- i. Ms. Alexander turned the floor over to Mr. Blanton
    - 1. Fresh Potential (freshpotential.com) - a business that helps guide family businesses
      - a. "Assess the business and create a customized plan for succession"
      - b. May be willing to come to the May meeting
    - 2. Mr. Coley proposed that the ag board do some individual investigative work on this program before having anything official.
      - a. Mr. Blanton agreed to do some more research into the organization and bring his findings to the April meeting
  - o Identifying and establishing relationships with ag-focused groups in the county
    - i. Ms. Alexander asked Tessa if she could liaise between the Food Council and the Ag Board, and give monthly updates on what the Food Council is working on
    - ii. Ms. Sewell-Jocassee community conservation group
    - iii. Ms. Alexander asked Mr. Whiten for any updates or relevant information on the Farm Center
      - 1. Bill going before the house in regards to Ag Disclosures, which Mr. whiten believes would be an asset to The Right To Farm Bill
    - iv. Ms. Alexander to look into DHEC
  - o Ms. Alexander emphasized the importance of contacting Ms. Zimmerman with relevant agenda items in order to have productive meetings
  - o Creating monthly agenda
7. Celia Meyers - Ms. Alexander extended a welcome to Celia Meyers who attended the meeting
8. **Adjourn** - Ms Sewell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 5/0