

Agricultural Advisory Board Agenda

August 8, 2022



1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of allegiance
5. Approval of minutes
 - June 13, 2022
6. **Public Comment Session** [3 minutes per person]
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7. **Discussions** [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
 - Farm Bureau –First Bite resolution
 - Legislative Update
 - Farmland Reduction Protection
 - Heritage Farm Support
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

Tessa Moxley, Secretary, At-Large

Rex Blanton, District III

Charlie Whiten, District V

Kim Alexander, Chairman, District I

Larry Cantrell, District II

Ashley Townsend, District IV

Kerrie Roach, Ex-Officio

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, June 13th, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present

Ashley Townsend

Kim Alexander

Debbie Sewell

Tessa Moxley

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of allegiance**
5. **Approval of minutes-** May 9th, 2022. Ms. Townsend made a motion to approve minutes, with corrections, seconded by Ms. Moxley. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 4/0.
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 - **Mandolin Bright** - operations director of the Oconee Food Council
 - i. Food sovereignty convening met at the Tamassee DAR school on June 8th.
 - ii. Approval and launch of the Oconee Food Alliance - membership network for anyone in the county to support the work of the food council and have the opportunity to get involved
7. **Presentation-** Dr. Adam Kantrovich - extension specialist
 - akanthro@clemson.edu, 803-834-0019
 - Agribusiness program team - enterprise budgets, farm financial analysis, market outlook, business and succession planning, women in ag programs, etc.
 - Succession, transition and estate planning

Follow-up Questions:

- Ms. Townsend asked how much the program costs. Dr. Kantrovich stated

that a farm analysis typically costs several hundred dollars to cover travel etc. and that the program is ultimately cheaper than going directly through an attorney.

- Ms. Townsend asked Dr. Kantrrovich for Data on the number of family farms in the area that have successfully transitioned through this program. Dr. Kantrrovich stated that data is not available for this.
- Ms. Townsend asked if there are any kind of mentoring transition programs for new farmers who are not family members. Dr. Kantrrovich stated that SC does not have any official mentorship programing.

Other introductions

- Chris Talley - Clemson livestock extension agent
- Matt Fisher - Pickens County, agribusiness agent for upstate SC

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- Ms. Sewell - Would like to see a farmers forum before the election in November. Have people in the community discuss what our primary agricultural interests are for the county before we vote.

9. Adjourn: Ms. Townsend made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Sewell and approved 4/0.

Items of Note from Kerrie Roach

Initial Private Applicator Pesticide Certification – Available Monthly
– [CLICK HERE](#)

SC Women’s Agricultural Network Conference – SAVE THE DATE Nov.
4th & 5th!

8.16 – Clemson & UGA Extension Joint Strawberry Preplant Meeting –
ONLINE via Zoom – 6:30-8pm – [REGISTER HERE](#)

8.30 & 8.31 – South Carolina Produce Safety Rule Grower Training – ONLINE
– 1pm-5:30pm – [REGISTER HERE](#)