



# AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC 29691



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## Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday February 14, 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

### Members Present

Rex Blanton

Debbie Sewell

Kim Alexander

Charlie Whiten

Tessa Moxley

### Staff Present

James Coley

Laura Zimmerman

### Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Mr. Coley called the meeting to order at 5:02pm
2. **Approval of minutes** – December 13th, 2021. Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Sewell called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
3. **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.*
4. **Election of Officers**
  - a. **Nominations for Chair:**
    - i. Mr. Blanton nominated Ms. Sewell for Chair, seconded by Mr. Whiten.
    - ii. Ms. Sewell declined the nomination, stating that Ms. Alexander had previously agreed to hold the Chair position for the year 2022.
    - iii. Mr. Whiten made a motion to nominate Ms. Alexander for Chair,

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seconded by Mr. Blanton and accepted by Ms. Alexander. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.

**b. Nominations for Vice Chair:**

- i. Mr. Whiten nominated Ms. Sewell for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Blanton and accepted by Ms. Sewell. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.

**c. Nominations for Secretary**

- i. Ms. Alexander asked Ms. Moxley if she would be willing to continue as secretary, which she accepted.
- ii. Mr. Whiten made a motion to nominate Ms. Moxley for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Blanton, and approved 5/0.

**5. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar -** Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the calendar, seconded by Ms. Alexander

**a. Discussion**

- i. The committee agreed that it would be more accommodating for everyone to have the meeting time at 6:00pm, rather than 5:00pm.
- ii. Ms. Sewell made a motion to change the meeting time from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, seconded by Mr. Blanton.
- iii. Ms. Alexander called for a vote to approve the calendar with the time change. The motion passed 5/0.

**6. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation –** Vote to add to Agricultural Advisory Board meetings

- a. Mr. Whiten made a motion to add the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation at the beginning of each meeting, seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 5/0.

**7. Discussion**

- a. **Kerrie Roach's Email –** Ms. Roach made an inquiry via email if the Clemson University Agriculture Extension could hold the Ex-Officio position as an Agency instead of a person, and send the appropriate person to specific meetings, instead of Ms. Roach holding the Ex-Officio position since she is not able to attend every time.
  - i. Ms. Alexander asked Mr. Coley to put this item on the next meeting agenda so that the Ag Board can do research before discussing the topic further.

**8. Adjourn-** Mr. Whiten made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm, seconded by Ms. Sewell, and approved 5/0.