



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

Thursday, October 11, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Conference Room
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, District I, Chairman
Mr. Bob Hill, At Large Member, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rocky Nation, District III, Secretary
Mr. Andy Lee, District II

Mr. Marvin Prater, District IV
Mr. Richard "Lynn" Harwell, District V
Mr. Ed Land, At Large Member
Ms. Elizabeth G. Hulse, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Conservation Bank Board met in the Conference Room, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Members present [except Mr. Hill, Nation & Harwell] and Elizabeth Hulse, staff liaison.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: None

Call to Order:

Mr. Airey called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. after a quorum of members were present.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prater, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2012 meeting as presented.

Old Business:

Revised Statement of Interest Form / Know What to Expect

Mr. Airey led discussion of the revised Statement of Interest Form v3. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prater, approved 4 – 0 to approve the Statement of Interest Form v3 as presented.

Mr. Airey requested that the Staff Liaison post this document to the county website.

Application Process Cycle

Mr. Airey led discussions regarding establishing an application cycle to include establishing specific dates for receipt of applications [regardless of funding availability]. Discussion followed regarding various aspects to include concerns that acceptance of applications will establish false expectations by citizens. In addition, the Board discussed whether to address funding first and then accept applications or reverse the process. It was the consensus of those present to establish an application acceptance period in 2013 at their November 2013 meeting.

Report to Council / Funding

It was suggested that the Board report to County Council progress made to date in establishing the Statement of Interest form, Application and scoring mechanism. Consensus of those present was

that a funding request should also be made to Council; however, this matter was tabled to be further discussed at the November 2013 meeting.

Recycle Revenue / Allocation

Mr. Airey led discussion of the form provided regarding revenue generated from recycle sales by the Solid Waste Department. Discussion followed. Those present stated that with possible improved recycling that revenues could be allocated to the Conservation Bank Board; noting that recycling and conservation have similar long term goals for the county. The form was received as information and no action was taken by the Board regarding this matter.

New Business

Mr. Hill Resignation

Mr. Airey announced that Mr. Bob Hill, Board Vice Chairman, resigned effective immediately. He asked the staff liaison to notify County Council so that a new member could be identified and appointed as quickly as possible.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Airey noted the next meeting will be held November 1, 2012 and that the following issues will be on the agenda for discussion/possible action

- Action regarding establishing an Application Process Cycle
- Discussion regarding requesting a portion of the County's Recycling Revenues
- Election of Vice Chairman position
- Approval of Draft report to County Council.

Adjourn:

Mr. Airey adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Staff Liaison