



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

September 10, 2013 ~ ~ 9:00 a.m.

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, District I, Chairman
Mr. Andy Lee, District II, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rocky Nation, District III, Secretary
Mr. Marvin Prater, District IV

Mr. Frank Ables, District V
Mr. Glenn Buddin, At Large Member [term ends 2016]
Mr. Richard Cain, At Large Member [term ends 2014]
Ms. Elizabeth G. Hulse, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Conservation Bank Board [OCCB] met in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Members present [except Mr. Nation & Mr. Ables] and Ms. 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 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Buddin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2013 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Airey recognized Mr. Prater who presented the Treasurer's Report for July 2013. Discussion followed. Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buddin, approved 4 – 0 to accept the Treasurer's Reports from July 2013 as presented.

Old Business:

Continued Discussion/Exploration regarding Potential Funding Sources

Mr. Airey led discussions regarding potential alternative funding sources for the OCCB to include:

- Developing contacts with local businesses/industry to identify interest in potential donations
- Designation of voluntary funding on tax bills to be designated for the OCCB
- Work with the Oconee County PRT Department to identify potential mechanisms for citizen donations to the OCCB at our county parks
- Develop an OCCB General Information / Donation Form brochure

Mr. Prater introduced Mr. Rex Ramsey, Oconee County Soil & Water Conservation District, who addressed the Board stating the District would be happy to work with and help the OCCB. Mr. Ramsey suggested also focusing on visitors who are drawn to this area because of our natural resources and history. Mr. Airey thanked Mr. Ramsey for his attendance and remarks.

Mr. Airey read into the record Mr. Nation's email [copy filed with these minutes] in follow up regarding mitigation funds. Mr. Lee arrived during discussion regarding potential funding sources.

New & Other Business

None at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Buddin noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Election Day and suggested moving the date. Discussion followed. It was unanimously agreed to move the November meeting to Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Adjourn:

Mr. Airey adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Staff Liaison