



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

April 28, 2015

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
OPEN POSITION, District III
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 2018]
Ms. Elizabeth G. Hulse, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Conservation Bank Board [OCCB] met at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Members present [except Mr. Ables and Mr. Cain] 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 at this meeting.

Call to Order:

Mr. Airey called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Buddin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Prater noted that the Treasurer's Reports as presented are accurate.

Mr. Lee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buddin, approved 4 – 0 to accept as presented the Treasurer's Reports for September, October, November and December 2014; and, January, February and March 2015.

Election of Officers

Mr. Buddin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prater, approved 4 – 0 to continue with the current slate of officers until such time as the vacant board positions are filled.

Old Business:

Continued Discussion/Exploration regarding Potential Funding Sources

Mr. Airey led discussions among those present regarding various potential alternative funding sources.

It was agreed that at the next meeting discussion continue regarding various options to include but not limited to: Keowee-Toxaway relicensing funding commitment; state stewardship program, contact with local industries to identify charitable contact person, discussion regarding potential county funding options to include fees and/or taxes, etc.

New Business

Conservation Bank Board Membership Requirements / Ordinances

Mr. Airey asked for an update from Ms. Hulse regarding the open position on the board. She noted that at the present time even though questionnaires were on file that they did not meet the membership requirements as outlined in the ordinance. Discussion followed.

Mr. Buddin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee, approved 4 – 0 to formally request Council to consider an amendment to the ordinance to state that Council will endeavor to find candidates [and not require] as outlined in Chapter II, Article IV, Division IX, Section 2-400; Membership in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances.

2015 Meeting Schedule Establishment:

Mr. Buddin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee, approved 4 – 0 to establish the 2015 meeting schedule and first meeting for 2016 as August 11th and November 10th 2015 and February 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC.

Adjourn: Mr. Airey adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse, Staff Liaison