



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Ms. Sewell
Mr. Hollifield
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Land
Ms. Willoughby
Ms. Alexander
Mr. Blanton

Staff Present: Gregory Gordos, Senior Planner – Community Development

Media Present: none.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sewell requested that on the December 12, 2016 draft minutes, a Mr. Gibson’s name be corrected to reflect the correct spelling. Mr. Hollifield requested that the minutes be amended to note that he is vice president of the Farm Bureau, not president. Ms. Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2016 meeting as amended. Mr. Hollifield seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

3. Presentation by Members of the Public

Mr. Marshall invited any scheduled members of the public sitting in the audience to speak at this time. Seeing none, no discussion took place.

4. Old Business

Mr. Gordos asked the Board to reaffirm their selections of Chair and Vice-Chair from the previous meeting, as it was now the 2017 year.

Mr. Marshall was elected as Chair with a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Land was elected as Vice Chair with a vote of 7-0.

5. New Business

None Presented.

6. Board Correspondence with Outside Agencies

Mr. Blanton expressed to the Board that a Mr. Dobbins may be able to attend the next scheduled meeting, per a previous request of the Board. Ms. Alexander suggested that teachers or other Ag-related leaders attend subsequent meetings either as ex-officio or members of the public. The Board agreed that, procedurally, any attendee is to be invited by Mr. Marshall as acting Chair or by an appointee of the Chair.

Discussion took place on the availability of FARM Center information on the internet including the most up-to-date renderings and images. There was consensus that the Foothills Heritage Fair website has previously hosted these images. Discussion followed on hosting Agricultural Advisory Board materials on the web including in relation to economic development.

Ms. Alexander made a motion to instruct Mr. Gordos to reach out to Mr. Kenneth Blackwell, of Ocone Economic Alliance, to determine methods to host AAB or agriculturally-related information in the www.investoconeesc.com website. Mr. Hollifield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Marshall motioned to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.