



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

February 9, 2016

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

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, Chairman
Ms. Jennifer Moss, Secretary
Mr. Marvin Prater, Treasurer
Mr. Frank Ables

Mr. Bill Smith, [term ends 2016]
Mr. Richard Cain, [term ends 2018]
OPEN SEAT
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. Smith & Ms. Moss] and Elizabeth G. Hulse, Clerk to Council acting as 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 9:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prater, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Prater noted that the Treasurer's Reports as presented are accurate. Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0 to accept as presented the Treasurer's Reports for October, November and December 2015.

Grant Administrator Briefing re: Grant Opportunities for Conservation

Ms. Sharon DeRitter, Oconee County Grant Administrator, addressed the Committee utilizing several handouts [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting various granting agencies and opportunities. Discussion followed. Mr. Airey requested that Ms. DeRitter narrow her search to 2-3 opportunities for the Conservation Bank Board that would focus on funding the board for the next Board meeting.

Old Business:

Continued Discussion/Exploration regarding Alternate Funding Sources

Mr. Airey led discussion regarding alternate funding sources to include but not limited to: Duke \$600,000 donation as part of their Keowee Toxaway relicensing; Recycling monies and Register of Deed monies above multi-year average; endowment options; and, potential grant options.

Mr. Airey stated that he would contact the Council chair to discuss potential meeting times for a joint meeting/presentation regarding needs of the Board.

New Business

None discussed at this meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison