

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES SPECIAL HEARING

6:00 PM, MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

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

Staff Present: Gregory Gordos, Senior Planner – Community Development

Media Present: none.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Discussion of Creating a Letter of Support to FARM Center

Mr. Blanton introduced the matter before the board and stated that a special meeting was scheduled in order to finalize the letter’s content and approve that content as a Board, in order to speak on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Sewell recommended adding the following statement to the letter of support: “we recommend Oconee County Council approve the ground lease agreement found in Ordinance 2017-12”. Discussion on the precise wording took place. Consensus was reached amongst the Board and Mr. Blanton agreed to place the statement in the first paragraph of the second page. Discussion followed on the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-12 that took place on 5/16/2017.

Ms. Sewell recommended that the first paragraph on the second page be moved to the final paragraph of the second page. Consensus was reached and Mr. Blanton agreed to move the paragraph.

Mr. Blanton made a motion to recommend to County Council the letter of support as amended. Ms. Willoughby seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

3. Old Business

Mr. Blanton introduced a revised mission statement draft for consideration by the Board. He stated the draft could be reviewed at home for consideration and a vote at the next regularly scheduled hearing. Discussion on slogans promoting Oconee County agriculture followed. The Board thanked Mr. Blanton for his hard work on each draft document to date.

4. New Business

Ms. Sewell noted two items mentioned at the Oconee County Council meeting on 5/16/2017 that may be of relevance to the Agricultural Advisory Board. Council consideration of a “pet tax” and dead armadillos were mentioned. Discussion followed on both topics. No action was taken.

5. Board Correspondence with Outside Agencies

None presented.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Blanton motioned to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.