

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, MONDAY, September 9, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Draft Minutes – Monday, September 9, 2019

Members Present

Sandra Gray
Edward Land
Rex Blanton
Doug Hollifield
Debbie Sewell
Vickie Willoughby

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Vivian Kompier

Media Present

Caitlin Harrington - The Journal

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Public Comment** - None
- **3. Approval of 8/12/2019 Minutes** – Ms. Sewell made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Land and approved 6/0.
4. **Agriculture Element of the Comprehensive Plan** –
 - Public Comment (3-minutes per person)** – None
 - Discussion/Vote** –
 - 8.1.1.9 – Ms. Sewell made a motion to accept the changes, Ms. Gray seconded and was accepted 6/0.

8.1.1.10 – Mr. Land made a motion to accept the changes, Ms. Sewell seconded and was approved 6/0.

8.3.1.9 – Mr. Hollifield mad a motion to change the wording to “Demonstrate the use of agriculture as a method of mitigating climate change.” Seconded by Mr. Land and approved 6/0.

Page 8-7 – Ms. Sewell made a motion to add Apiculture. Sentence should read “equine, apiculture, and aquaculture” Seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 6/0.

Mr. Land made a motion to send the Agriculture Element to Planning Commission, Ms. Sewell seconded and was approved 6/0.

Mr. Land made a motion to send Mr. Blanton to present the Agriculture Element to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Hollifield and approved 6/0.

6. Old Business –

- September 10, 2019. 4:00pm meeting at Chattooga Belle.
- Heritage Fair September 24 – 28, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Land to have Mr. Blanton speak at the Farmers Appreciation Dinner, seconded by Ms. Sewell and approved 6/0. Dinner is free to all farmers and gets a ticket to the fair.
- Farm Bureau annual meeting at Westminster Middle School

7. New Business –

- A motion was made by Ms. Sewell directing staff to research poultry setbacks. Seconded by Mr. Land and approved 6/0.
- Mr. Land said that we need to recognize and support the FFA and Agriculture teachers.

8. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Agricultural Advisory Board can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at achapman@oconeesc.com.