

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Draft Minutes – Monday, October 14, 2019**Members Present**

Edward Land
Rex Blanton
Doug Hollifield
Debbie Sewell
Vickie Willoughby
Berry Rikard

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 09/09/2019 Minutes** – Mr. Hollifield made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Land and approved 6/0.
- 4. Agriculture Element of the Comprehensive Plan** – Mr. Chapman explained that the Agriculture Element will be going to County Council shortly and the Board should look it over to come up with a game plan to start implementing January 1st.
- 5. Ag & Art** – Will be November 2 & 3, 2019 at four places:
Chattooga Belle Farm, End of the Road Studios, The F.A.R.M. Center, and Little Cane Creek Farm. Members of the Agricultural Board should stop by, as available, to distribute info graphics.

- 6. Agriculture Communication and updates** – 2020 US Census – Planning Department will be involved to get people to respond. There is money up for grabs and we need the participation from citizens to get it. It would be great if we can get the farming community involved as well.

Clemson Extension has a blog called scgrower.com where we can use the calendar for upcoming events.

The FARM Center also has a webpage; can this be a possibility as well?

- 7. Old Business** – None

- 8. New Business** – There is a seminar in Clemson on Friday called “All Things Hemp”.

There is a soil class coming up the end of October.

The Journal has some free options for advertising, contact life@upstatetoday.com.

A motion was made by Ms. Willoughby to have Mr. Land work with staff regarding agricultural communication. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rikard and approved 6/0.

U-S Drought Monitor qualifies Oconee livestock producers for a USDA payment for them to buy feed to re-plenish their dwindling stocks. Extension agent Morris Warner urges Oconee livestock farmers to call the Farm Service Agency office in Walhalla for an appointment and learn what documents they need to bring to make application.

Morris Warner is retiring in December it would be nice if we can get a proclamation that can be presented to him at the banquet.

- 9. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

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.