



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC TEL (864) 638-4218

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AGENDA

6:30 PM, Monday November 9th, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from 10/12/2020
3. Approval of minutes from 07/13/2020
4. Citizen comment
5. Animal Processing
6. Farmer’s resource guide
7. Agriculture month proclamation
8. Adjourn

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, July 13, 2020

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Members Present

Rex Blanton

Sandra Gray

Doug Hollifield

Debbie Sewell

Kim Alexander

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. Approval of minutes from 06/08/2020 – Mr. Hollifield was not in attendance and Ms. Gray was. A motion was made by Mr. Hollifield to accept the minutes with the changes and seconded by Ms. Sewel and approved 5/0.
3. Citizen comment – None
4. Board member comment – None

5. New member welcome – Amanda Callahan could not make the meeting.
6. Development standards – The Planning Commission is drafting Development Standards including buffers for Agriculture.
7. H.S.5306 – Mr. Tim Donald spoke about HS 5306. The Bill regulates setbacks and having reciprocal setbacks that would not change.
8. Farmer’s resource guide – Please review and redline or add as needed,
9. Agricultural Disclosure Act – At Real Estate closing the buyer would sign a legal document that they know they are purchasing next to a farm/agriculture land.
10. County Right-to-Farm act – Oconee County supports the States Right to Farm act. A motion was made by Mr. Hollifield to draft a letter to Council asking them to approve a proclamation in support.
11. Non-traditional and specialty agriculture assistance – Debbie Sewel doing research.
12. “Victory gardens” – How to grow in small areas.
13. Adjourn – The meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:45pm.

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TEL (864) 638-4218 FAX (864) 638-4168

Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, October 12, 2020

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Members Present

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| Kim Alexander (arrived late) | Douglas Hollifield |
| Sandra Gray | Amanda Moon Callahan |
| Debbie Sewell | Rex Blanton |

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Laura Zimmerman

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Approval of minutes from 09/14/2020 –Ms. Sewell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Gray and approved 5/0.

3. Citizen comment – None
4. Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Chapman asked members to review the Agriculture Element of the Comprehensive Plan prior to next month’s meeting and be prepared to discuss priorities for the Board in 2021.
5. Right-to-Farm Act proclamation – Ms. Gray made a motion to accept the Right-to-Farm Act with edits and amendments as discussed, seconded by Mr. Hollifield, and approved 6/0. In Paragraph 5, “and it is the farmer who must comply, even when” was removed and replaced by “if they are not abiding by all laws and regulations;”. Paragraph 7 will close at the word “therein.” and all verbiage after was deleted.
6. Farmer’s resource guide – Ms. Gray will email Mr. Chapman the most current draft of the resource guide so Mr. Chapman can email to all board members. Members should review and send proposed edits to Ms. Gray. Ms. Gray to send final draft to Mr. Chapman to convert to appropriate format for Oconee County website.
7. Adjourn – Mr. Blanton thanked Ed Land, who recently resigned from Board, for his service to the Board and Oconee County. Ms. Alexander made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Hollifield, and approved unanimously at 7:10 PM.

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FARM RESOURCE GUIDE

| FEDERAL AGENCIES | | |
|---|---|---|
| USDA Farm Service Agency - Oconee County 301 W South Broad Street Walhalla, SC 29691 | 864-638-2213 | https://www.fsa.usda.gov/ |
| USDA Farm Service Agency - outside Oconee County South Carolina State Farm Service Agency 1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29201-2375 | 803-806-3820 | |
| USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) | 844-820-2234 | http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ |
| Veterinary Services - USDA 440 Hogan Road, Jennings Building Nashville, TN 37220 | 615-781-5315 vspstn@usda.gov | |
| Plant Health - USDA 4600 Goer Drive, Suite 104 Charleston, SC 29406 | 843-480-4334 | https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth |
| South Carolina Wildlife Services 400 Northeast Drive, Suite L Columbia, SC 29203 | 803-786-9455 | |
| USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services Oconee County Field Office 301 West South Broad Street Walhalla, SC 29691 | Eddie Martin SWCD District Manager edward.martin@sc.nacdn.net | http://www.oconeesoilandwater.org/ |
| National Organic Products Links | | |
| USDA National Organic Products Regulations Handbook | | https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/handbook |
| USDA National Organic Products Homepage | | https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program |
| Using Organic Seals | | https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/organic-seal |
| Organic Crop Producers | | https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Guide-OrganicCropProducers.pdf |
| STATE AGENCIES | | |
| South Carolina Department of Agriculture | 803-734-2210 | https://agriculture.sc.gov/ |
| Certified South Carolina Product - Ansley Rast Turnbald | arast@scca.sc.gov | |
| Certified South Carolina Grown | | https://certifiedsc.com/ |
| Industrial Hemp Information | 803-734-2210 | https://agriculture.sc.gov/faq/hemp/ |
| Clemson University Cooperative Extension - Oconee | | https://www.clemson.edu/extension/co/index.html |
| Mallory Dailey - 4-H Youth Development Agent | 864-638-5889 | mallord@clemson.edu |
| Carolyn Dawson - Area Extension Forestry Agent | 864-638-5899 | dawson4@clemson.edu |
| George Dickert - District Extension Director | 864-365-0642 | gdicker@clemson.edu |
| Tina Reif - Administrative Assistant | 864-638-5889 | treif@clemson.edu |
| Kerrie Roach - Area Commercial Horticulture Agent | 864-638-5889 | kwalker@clemson.edu |
| Christopher Talley - Livestock & Forages Agent | 864-359-3382 | talley2@clemson.edu |
| Extension Publications | | https://www.clemson.edu/extension/publications/index.html |
| Extension Resources and Services | | https://www.clemson.edu/extension/resources.html/index.html |
| Agricultural Service Laboratory | | https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/qa-srvc-lab/ |
| Plant and Pest Diagnostic Clinic | | https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-problem/ |
| Department of Pesticide Regulation | | https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/pesticide-regulation/ |
| Livestock Poultry Health | | https://www.clemson.edu/public/lph/ |
| Organic Certification | | https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/organic/ |
| Home & Garden Information Center | 864-986-4310 | https://hgic.clemson.edu/ |
| COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS | | |
| Oconee County Conservation Board Bank | | commissions/conservation-bank-board |
| Oconee Cultivation Project - Casey Certain | 864-873-8924 | https://www.oconeecultivationproject.com/ |
| Oconee County Beekeepers Association 223A DSS Building Kenneth Street Walhalla, SC 29691 | 864-638-5889 | https://scstatebeekeepers.com/venue/oconee-county-beekeepers-association/ |
| Oconee County Poultry Growers - Tim Donald | 864-972-9691 | |
| Oconee County Cattleman's Association - Pat William | 864-710-8799 cowpatty@NCTV.com | |
| LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS | | |
| Seneca Farmers Market | | https://agriculture.sc.gov/farmers-markets/seneca-farmers-market/ |
| Foothills Heritage Market | | https://agriculture.sc.gov/farmers-markets/foothills-heritage-market/ |
| Walhalla Farmers Market | | https://agriculture.sc.gov/farmers-markets/walhalla-farmers-market/ |