

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, February 10, 2020
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Draft Minutes – Monday, February 10, 2020

Members Present

Edward Land
 Rex Blanton
 Doug Hollifield
 Vickie Willoughby
 Sandra Gray
 Debbie Sewell
 Kerri Roach (non voting)

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
 Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Approval of 1/13/2019 Minutes** – Ms. Gray mentioned that Hossfeld is spelled with a “d” not an “l”. Mr. Hollifield made a motion to approve minutes with the change, seconded by Mr. Land and approved 6/0.
3. **Upstate Forever -**
 Caitlyn Smith from Upstate Forever gave a presentation on Conservation Easements.
4. **Comprehensive Plan 2020** – The Comprehensive Plan passed 2 out of the 3 council votes. The next reading will be March 3, 2020. Mr. Land made a motion for Debbie Sewell to go to the next reading of the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Ms. Gray and approved 6/0.
5. **Oconee Food Summit update** – Amanda Callahan gave an update on the Food Summit. February 28, 2020, 9am – 3:30pm at Trinity Baptist Church. There will be many breakout

sessions. \$20.00 admission. Several tickets have been selling every day. Ms. Sewell made a motion to call a meeting that day as 4 members of the Board have already purchased tickets, seconded by Ms. Gray and approved 6/0.

6. **Agricultural Communication** – Mr. Chapman handed out a list of Oconee County farmers for each of the members to pick 10 and call to see what they have going on. By Friday please let Mr. Chapman know who you are calling as not to duplicate.
7. **Ag position** – Mr. Chapman explained that the Ag position is in the Comprehensive Plan and needs a job description, examples, and a statement of need.
8. **Increase the number of new farmers** – Phone meeting set with the planner of Aglanta to see how they got started. Felons to farmers. State bee keepers. Schools. A program is need for farmers who have no one to will their farms to.
9. **Old Business** – No update on the backpack program. No update on the
10. **New Business** – Berrie Rikard resigned. Food Safety Workshop. Voucher training program, February 12th. Land matters. Homeless problem.
11. **Adjourn** – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:32pm

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