

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, July 13, 2020

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Commission meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a "first-come" basis.

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PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED

During this election season, please remain aware that engaging in partisan political activity during a County Commission meeting is prohibited. Oconee Code of Ordinances Section 2-61.

"Partisan political activities" are those activities that are directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group.

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.

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.