

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Monday, August 10, 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.

*Additionally, to ensure the meeting otherwise remains open to the public, we will continue to broadcast it live on the County’s YouTube channel, which can be found via the County’s website at Oconeesc.com. Further, the public may call in and listen by dialing **888-475-4499 OR 877-853-5257** and entering meeting ID # **828 4377 0168**. And, individuals parked in close proximity to Council Chambers may listen to the meeting on FM 92.3.*

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

Amanda Callahan

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Approval of minutes from 07/13/2020 – Minutes not available.
3. Citizen comment – None

4. Board member comment – Ms. Sewel mentioned that the Farmer’s Markets are mandated to wear face coverings. This includes volunteers, vendors, and consumers. The markets are doing well.
5. New member welcome – Ms. Callahan was graciously welcomed to the group.
6. Farmer’s resource guide –Discussion with no motion or vote.
7. Agricultural Disclosure Act – Ms. Alexander made a motion to draft a letter to the Planning and Economic Development Committee asking to accept the Oconee Agricultural District Disclosure Form and Notice. This letter along with the form will be presented to the P&ED Committee by Mr. Blanton and Ms. Callahan on September 1st, the next P&ED meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Callahan and approved 6/0.
8. County Right-to-Farm act – Discussion with no motion or vote.
9. Non-traditional and specialty agriculture assistance – Discussion with no motion or vote.
10. “Victory gardens” – Discussion with no motion or vote.
11. Adjourn – The meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:49pm.

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.