

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

6:30 PM, Thursday, January 21, 2021

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.

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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

Kim Alexander

Rex Blanton

Debbie Sewell

Ashley Townsend

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Laura Zimmerman

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. Approval of minutes from 11/09/2020 – Ms. Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 3/0 with Ms. Townsend abstaining as a new member.

3. Citizen comment – None

4. Election of Officers

Chair

- Mr. Blanton nominated Ms. Alexander for Chair; Ms. Alexander rescinded the nomination.
- Ms. Alexander nominated Ms. Sewell for Chair; there were no other nominations; vote was 4/0; Ms. Sewell was named Chair

Vice-Chair

- Ms. Townsend nominated Ms. Alexander for Vice-Chair; there were no other nominations; vote was 4/0; Ms. Alexander was named Vice-Chair

Secretary

- Mr. Blanton nominated Mr. Chapman for Secretary; there were no other nominations; vote was 4/0; Mr. Chapman was named Secretary

5. Approval of 2021 calendar of meetings – Ms. Alexander made a motion to approve the Calendar of Meetings as submitted with the provision that the meeting time be changed to 6:30 PM. Ms. Townsend seconded the motion. Motion approved 4/0.

6. 2021 Goals – discussion, no motion, no vote.

7. Agriculture Advisory Board Workshop - Ms. Alexander made a motion to hold a AAB Workshop to set goals for 2021 and orientate new board members; seconded by Mr. Blanton; approved 4/0. Date for workshop will be set via email correspondence.

8. Animal processing – updates on status were presented and discussed.

9. Open Seats – Members agreed to identify candidates for open seats and forward questionnaire with goal to have open seats filled by County Council prior to next meeting.

10. Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ms. Alexander and approved unanimously at 7:15 PM.

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.