



AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

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Minutes

4:00 PM, Monday, April 12, 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.

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Members Present

Ashley Townsend

Charlie Whiten

Debbie Sewell

Kim Alexander

Larry Cantrell

Rex Blanton

Tessa Moxly

Staff Present

Laura Zimmerman

Katie Smith

Media Present

None

1. Call to order – Ms. Sewell called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Approval of minutes from 2/8/2021 – Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Alexander and approved 7/0.

3. Approval of minutes from workshop 3/8/2021 – Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve the minutes from the workshop on 3/8/2021, seconded by Ms. Townsend and approved 7/0.
4. Public comment for non-agenda items – None
5. Election of Secretary – Ms. Townsend nominated Ms. Moxly as Secretary; there were no other nominations; vote was 7/0; Ms. Moxly was named Secretary.
6. Rannie Bond, President of the Oconee County Beekeepers Association (OCBA), asked the Agricultural Advisory Board to ask County Council to recognize OCBA for their 100-year anniversary during National Honey Month in September 2021.
7. Oconee County Beekeepers Association – Discussion; Mr. Whiten made a motion for the AAB to request County Council honor the Oconee County Beekeepers Association through official proclamation for their 100th anniversary during National Honey Month in September 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blanton; vote was 7/0.
8. Communication Plan – Discussion on improving communication between AAB and others in County. Ms. Alexander made a motion to adopt a communication plan that calls on each board member to talk to their Council Member or appointed Commission contact on a regular basis to open up two-way dialogue with regards to agriculture in the County. Mr. Whitten seconded; Vote 7/0.
9. AAB Work Groups – Discussion; Ms. Alexander made a motion to establish AAB work groups of 1 to 3 Board Members to address issues as needed and approved by the full board. Mr. Whitten seconded; Vote 7/0.
10. Adjourn – Mr. Whitten made a motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Mr. Blanton; Vote 7/0.