

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, March 14th, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present

Rex Blanton
Charlie Whiten
Debbie Sewell
Tessa Moxley
Kerri Roach

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of allegiance**
4. **Approval of minutes-**February 14th, 2022. Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Sewell called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
 - o **Discussion-** Ms. Moxley noted that the person who called for the vote was not Ms. Alexander, but Ms. Sewell.
 - o Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
5. **Public Comment Session** *[3 minutes per person] If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting the Planning Department at planninginfo@oconeesc.com or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record*
6. **Discussions** [to include vote and/or action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
 - o Final review of letter for SCDOT and Oconee County Roads & Bridges
 - i. Debbie expressed that the language used in regards to the regulations for limb maintenance was confusing.
 - ii. Ms. Alexander suggested that the wording be changed to “the right of way being maintained at a height of 17 feet...”
 - iii. Ms. Sewell made a motion to amend the document in order to clarify the wording, seconded Mr. Blanton, and approved 5/0
 - o Saving the family farm

- i. Ms. Alexander turned the floor over to Mr. Blanton
 - 1. Fresh Potential (freshpotential.com) - a business that helps guide family businesses
 - a. "Assess the business and create a customized plan for succession"
 - b. May be willing to come to the May meeting
 - 2. Mr. Coley proposed that the ag board do some individual investigative work on this program before having anything official.
 - a. Mr. Blanton agreed to do some more research into the organization and bring his findings to the April meeting
 - o Identifying and establishing relationships with ag-focused groups in the county
 - i. Ms. Alexander asked Tessa if she could liaise between the Food Council and the Ag Board, and give monthly updates on what the Food Council is working on
 - ii. Ms. Sewell-Jocassee community conservation group
 - iii. Ms. Alexander asked Mr. Whiten for any updates or relevant information on the Farm Center
 - 1. Bill going before the house in regards to Ag Disclosures, which Mr. whiten believes would be an asset to The Right To Farm Bill
 - iv. Ms. Alexander to look into DHEC
 - o Ms. Alexander emphasized the importance of contacting Ms. Zimmerman with relevant agenda items in order to have productive meetings
 - o Creating monthly agenda
7. Celia Meyers - Ms. Alexander extended a welcome to Celia Meyers who attended the meeting
8. **Adjourn** - Ms Sewell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 5/0