# **Agricultural Advisory Board Agenda**

January 9, 2023

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Moment of silence
- 3. Invocation
- 4. Pledge of allegiance
- 5. Election of Officers
- 6. Approval of Calendar
- 7. Approval of minutes December 12, 2022
- 8. 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 <u>planninginfo@oconeesc.com</u> or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record.
- **9. Discussions** [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
  - Mark Fischer –Oconee Soil and Water
  - Member comments
- 10. Adjourn



## Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board

## When & Where

6:00 PM Monday, January 9, 2023 Council Chambers 415 South Pine Street Walhalla, SC 29691

Alternative participation YouTube: "YourOconee"

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**BOARD MEMBERS** 

Debbie Sewell, Vice-Chairman, At-Large Tessa Moxley, Secretary, At-Large Rex Blanton, District III Charlie Whiten, District V Kim Alexander, Chairman, District I Larry Cantrell, District II Ashley Townsend, District IV Chris Talley, Ex-Officio

#### Minutes 6:00 PM, Monday, December 12, 2022 COUNCIL CHAMBERS OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

#### **Members Present**

Christopher Talley Rex Blanton Kim Alexander Debbie Sewell Ashley Townsend Tessa Moxley

#### Staff Present

James Coley

#### **Media Present**

None

- **1. Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- 2. Moment of silence
- 3. Invocation
- 4. Pledge of allegiance
- 5. Approval of minutes- November 14, 2022. Ms. Townsend made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanton. Ms. Alexander called for a vote. The motion passed 5/0.
- 6. 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 <u>planninginfo@oconeesc.com</u> or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record
- 7. Presentation-
- 8. Discussions [to include vote and/or action on matters brought up in discussion if required]
  - Comprehensive Plan update
    - i. Ms. Alexander asked Mr. Coley if there is a way to obtain a list of all active farms in Oconee County
    - ii. Ms. Alexander asked for a budget that can cover printing and mailing educational and resource materials
      - 1. Mr. Blanton Agriculture needs to be a line item on the proposed budget
    - iii. Ms Alexander Grassroots coalition in each district to host public meetings with farmers in order to communicate about current

issues in agriculture and coordinate around these issues

- iv. Mr. Talley suggests sending a speaker to already established organizations, such as the Cattlemen's Association.
- v. Mr. Coley requested that the Ag board submit a budget proposal with line items in January of 2023.
- vi. Ms. Sewell expressed concern over the dismissal of the Proposed Development Standards at the County Council level.
  - 1. Discussion about the role of the Agriculture Advisory Board in development standards ensued, the general consensus being that the role of the Agriculture Advisory Board is to advise on matters strictly related to agriculture.
- NRCS
  - i. Mr. Fischer was not in attendance.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Townsend and approved 5/0.

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