

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, April 8, 2023

FARM CENTER

Members Present

Rex Blanton

Kim Alexander

Nate Duncan

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the makeup meeting for March to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of allegiance**
5. **Approval of minutes-** March 11, 2024. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Duncan and approved 3/0.
6. **Presentations**
 - **Mission goals and vision**
 - **Members of the board and contact information.**

Ms. Alexander reviewed the context for the district meetings and reviewed the concerns discussed at the meetings held last year.
 - **Partner organizations**
 - **Citizen-initiated zoning.**

7. **Public discussion** [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

- Agricultural educators in Oconee County- Ms. Alexander will be meeting with the district superintendent regarding contracts and Clemson reimbursements
- Pickens County adding Ag programs to middle school
- Dr. Witherspoon (West Oak) to provide data

Farm Center:

- Mr. Gibson- planning for a second structure 60x100 enclosed
- Farm Market 8-12 Saturdays
- My 18 Bygone Days Event
- Farm Center is limited in requesting funding from the County
- Leadership Oconee adopting market incubator for their large

project

- Men and Women of Action Sleep in Heavenly Peace Program
- New Marketing Director
- Ms. Brock- Goals financial self-sufficiency, adequate volunteers, adding sewer line, associating with FFA and School District
- ATAX grants have been helpful
- Ms. McPhail- Agricultural teachers could be considered coaches and treated as such. Should consider FAA Booster Club like sports.
- Mr. Adams- Right-to-Farm Act strengthening legislation in committee.

8. Adjourn: Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Duncan and approved 3/0.