

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, May 13, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present

Tessa Moxley
Natalie Arnold
Nate Duncan
Kim Alexander
Charlie Whiten
Chris Talley

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the May 13th meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of allegiance**
5. **Welcome new member-**Natalie Arnold, Choestoa Farms
6. **Approval of minutes-** April 8. Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 5/0.
7. **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*
8. **Discussion** [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up in discussion if required].
 - o Move agricultural school contest
 - i. All contests to be in the Fall

Ms. Moxley made a motion to move the Agricultural school contest for Oconee High Schools, Middle Schools, and Elementary Schools to be held in the Fall, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 5/0.

- ii. Update on agricultural educators in the county schools
 1. Will be meeting with Dr. Thorsland to discuss the matter further
- iii. Discussion ensued on how to package all the extracurricular agricultural activities that the Ag teachers on a 190 day contract do as something like a "Coaches stipend".
- o Ms. Moxley updated the board on the Oconee Food Council initiatives

- i. Next Farmer Breakfast: Producer to Markets networking
 - 1. May 29th 7:30 am
 - o Mr. Whiten provided updates on roads and bridges in Oconee that are important to maintain for agricultural equipment. There are some bridges that have weight limits that are too low for agricultural equipment, as well as ambulances and fire trucks.
 - i. Ms. Alexander suggested that we pull, review, and revise the letter that was written to address the issues with the setbacks on the roads.
- 9. **Adjourn:** Ms. Moxley made a motion to adjourn at 6:37pm, seconded by Mr. Whiten and approved 5/0.