

## Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, September 9, 2024

### COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### Members Present

Tessa Moxley  
Charlie Whiten  
Nate Duncan  
Kim Alexander  
Rex Blanton  
Trent Smith  
Chris Talley

#### Staff Present

Elise Dunaway

#### Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of allegiance**
5. **Approval of minutes-** June 10th. Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 6/0.
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 [planninginfo@oconeesc.com](mailto:planninginfo@oconeesc.com) or 864-638-4218, so that we may receive your comment and read it into the record*

**Discussion** [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up in discussion if required].

7. **Update on Food Council and Farmers Breakfast**
  - Farmers breakfasts will take place during the months of January, February, March, and April
  - Next event: E.A.T.T. Oconee: data walk at the Hamilton Career Center November 9th.
8. **Agricultural Highway Signage**
  - Placement of basic signs at major entrances in OC about the economic impact of agriculture in the county
  - Parks and Rec has received funding for new signage in the county; perhaps the Ag board can work with them to come up with signage
  - There may be grants available for the promotion of Ag
  - Also need to consider Ag signs for safety

Mr. Blanton made a motion that he will research types, costs, and funding for signage that promotes agriculture in the County, as well as the wording to be used on the signs, to be presented at the next Ag Advisory Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whiten and approved 6/0.

Mr. Blanton made a motion for the AAB to further research types and wording for signage that increases road safety in relation to agricultural equipment on roads in the County, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 6/0.

**9. Farmland Preservation/ Over Development**

- Are there impact fees for housing developments?
- Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of new subdivisions on wildlife, agriculture, water quality, and road conditions.

**10. Update on Ag. Education/ Meeting with SDOC Ag Sub-Committee**

- After speaking with the ag-ed teachers at the February meeting, communication has been ongoing regarding the 240 contracts.
- Ms. Alexander has been working on setting up a meeting with Dr. Thorsland, and the SDOC Ag sub-committee.

**11. Combine District 1 and 2 location for october meeting**

Mr. Smith made a motion to combine District 1 and District 2 meetings into one meeting at one location in October, to be secured by Mr. Duncan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duncan and approved 6/0.

**12. Strategic meeting in November for 2025**

Mr. Blanton made a motion to set the November meeting as the strategic planning meeting, seconded by Mr. Blanton and approved 6/0.

**13. Adjourn:** Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn at 6:54pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 6/0.