

Agricultural Advisory Board Agenda

January 13, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of allegiance
5. Approval of minutes
 - December 9, 2024
6. Election of Officers
7. Approval of Calendar
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 planninginfo@oconeesc.com 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]
 - Board member updates
10. **Adjourn**



Oconee County Agricultural Advisory Board

When & Where

6:00 PM

January 13

Council Chambers

415 S Pine St

Walhalla SC 29691

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BOARD MEMBERS

Kim Alexander, District I
Rex Blanton, District III
Charlie Whiten, District V
Tessa Moxley, At-Large

Nathaniel Duncan, District II
Gary Wilson, District IV
David McMahan, At-Large
Chris Talley, Ex-Officio

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, December 9, 2024

Council Chambers

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Members Present

Charlie Whiten

Nate Duncan

Kim Alexander

Rex Blanton

Ex-Officio Chris Talley

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

None

1. **Call to order-** Ms. Alexander called the October 14th meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation –** Mr. Whiten
4. **Pledge of allegiance-** Mr. Blanton
5. **Motion to approve October minutes-** Mr. Whiten, second Mr. Blanton
approved 4-0

6. Public Comment Session *NA*

7. Discussion

- SCDOT cutting and spraying along ROW
 - i. Should see positive results in Spring
- **Motion to amend the agenda-** Ms. Alexander second Mr. Blanton.
Motion to invite Mr. Phil Shirley to either the January or February meeting at his convenience **approved 4-0**
- Calendar for 2025- **Motion to approve-** Mr. Blanton second Mr. Whiten
approved 4-0
- **Open floor for board member comments-**
 - i. Mr. Blanton, concerned about rapid development
 - ii. Mr. Talley, the new extension agent has started working
 - iii. Mr. Whiten, is also concerned about growth and development across the county. Deer are a serious problem and habitat loss is exacerbating issues with deer in row crops. Farm Bureau working on conservation easements.
 - iv. Ms. Alexander, Ms. Alexander presented at the Chamber breakfast with reps from Clemson's new vet school. Closing of timber mills - Ms. Alexander invited Mr. Josh Owens to discuss. Mr. Owens is in

favor of chip power generation. Market conditions continue to degrade. Mr. Owens also discussed young farmers and management practices that new farmers need.

v. Mr. Duncan, appreciative of everyone

8. **Adjourn: Motion** to adjourn at 6:40 PM Mr. Whiten, **approved 4-0**

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