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Rex Blanton, Chairman, District 3	Tessa Moxley, At-Large
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Gary Wilson, District 4	Charlie Whiten, District 5
David McMahan, At-Large	Absent - Chris Talley, Ex-Officio

STAFF

Elise Dunaway
Ed Halbig

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, July 14, 2025
Oconee County – Council Chambers

1. Call to order – Ms. Moxley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Moment of silence
3. Invocation – led by Ms. Alexander.
4. Pledge of allegiance – led by Mr. Whiten.
5. Minutes approval – Mr. Whiten made a motion to approve second by Ms. Alexander.
Approved Unanimously.
6. Public Comments – None
7. Discussion –
Proofread and make amendments to the letter to the County Council about the conservation bank.

Premise

Why would someone put their farm in a conservation easement for X amount of dollars when someone else can sell for more than triple the price of what you would get for the easement. Who will fund to prevent the more profitable but devastating alternative which is selling their land rather than conservation easement.

The big picture of the conservation bank funding is to focus on the money not saying ignore the partitioning of the money but the funding itself. Fully fund the conservation bank to help keep farmland what it is, once it's lost you will never get it back.

Motion made by Mr. Whiten to approve the letter and the edits and to present the letter to the county council meeting tomorrow 7/15/2025 second By Mr. McMahan. Approved Unanimously.

8. Adjourn - Motion made by Ms. Alexander, second by Mr. Whiten. Approved Unanimously.