



OCONEE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
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BOARD MEMBERS

Rex Blanton, District 3	Tessa Moxley, Chairman At-Large
Vacant, District 1	Nate Duncan, District 2
Gary Wilson, District 4	Charlie Whiten, District 5
David McMahan, At-Large	Chris Talley, Ex-Officio

MEMBERS PRESENT

David McMahan	Nate Duncan
Gary Wilson	Rex Blanton
Charlie Whitten	

STAFF

DeAnn Hester

MEDIA PRESENT

None

Minutes

6:00 PM, Monday, May 12, 2026
Oconee County Council Chambers

1. **Call to order** – Mr. Blanton called the meeting to order at 6
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Invocation** – led by Mr. Whiten
4. **Pledge of allegiance** – led by Mr. Talley
5. **Minutes approval** – Motion made by Mr. Whiten to accept the minutes as presented second by Mr. Duncan
6. **Public Comments** –
None

7. Discussion –

Nominated Moxley as the Chair for the board

Nominated Whiten as the Vice chair for the board

Nominated Duncan as the secretary for the board

Kristi Carleton – farm crawl, started the Oconee farm collective, organizes an event for people to tour the local farms

2020 comprehensive plan, due for an update every 5 years. Observe and come up with suggestions in June.

Attracting Agribusiness – pellet mills for energy, build a mill and use the timber we have.

Farmland Protection

County wide developments that are 11 dwellings or larger is stopped. This is huge for protecting farmland

It may be time to reintroduce the 1 home per 5 acres in the ag community to help slow the loss of farmland

Zoning can have its benefits but will hurt the long run of the land if one is in the situation where he or she wants to sell their land for retirement

Farm center - Hosting more fairs, events, and renting to other groups

8. Adjourn motion made by Mr. Whiten second by Mr. McMahan