



## Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals

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### Minutes

6:00 P.M., Thursday, March 28, 2013

Oconee County Council Chambers

#### Members Present:

Mr. Lee (Chairman)

Mr. Reckert

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Medford

Mr. Hughes

Mr. McKee

Mr. Littlefield

Mr. Josh Stephens (Zoning Administrator)

Media present: None

#### Item 1. Call to Order

Mr. Josh Stephens called the meeting to order, with the approval of the Chairman, due to the Election of Officers.

#### Item 2. Approval of Minutes (January 17, 2013)

Mr. Medford made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 4-0 with Mr. McKee, Hughes, and Littlefield abstaining.

#### Item 3. Public Comment

Mr. Ryan Honea gave the details of timeline related to Variance request.

#### Item 4. Election of Officers

Mr. Reckert nominated Mr. Sam Lee for the position of Chairman. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0, at which point Mr. Lee took over as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Lee expressed his thanks for the honor.

Mr. Reckert nominated Mr. Littlefield for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

## **Item 5. Variance Request from Masstar Signs**

Mr. Stephens stated the matter before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Bobby James, a representative from Masstar Signs, presented the details of the timeline regarding the sign, specifically that a deposit was received on January 15, 2013. He further explained that the permit was sent in and notified that the Zoning requirements of Chapter 38 of Oconee's Code of Ordinances had been amended during the production of the sign.

Mr. McKee asked for Mr. James to clarify the timeline of events.

Mr. Littlefield asked about the location of the sign and Mr. James answered that it would be located in the vicinity of the sign currently there. Mr. Littlefield asked Mr. James to clarify the height of the sign above grade.

Mr. Nichols asked if the sign could be lowered. Mr. James responded that the structure was already built.

Mr. Hughes asked if other projects could were in the 'works?' Mr. Stephens answered that no other projects were currently under review by the Community Development Office. He also asked about the lights associated with the sign. Mr. James explained that the sign would dim at night.

Mr. Lee asked if the sign would be on all night. Mr. James answered that it would be around all night.

Mr. Reckert asked about protective measures around the sign. Mr. James said that the sign would possibly be protected.

Mr. Hughes made a motion the Variance be granted as requested at 15 feet. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

## **Item 6. Old Business**

## **Item 7. New Business**

Mr. Stephens presented a meeting schedule. As presented the Board would meet on the last Thursday of the month with a submission deadline being set as the last Thursday of the month in order to be heard at the following month's meeting.

Mr. Medford made a motion to establish the schedule as presented. Mr. Reckert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

## **Item 8. Adjourn**