



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

Thursday, May 3, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers, 415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

No Recording of this meeting was made.

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, District I, Chairman
Mr. Bob Hill, At Large Member, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rocky Nation, District III, Secretary
Mr. Andy Lee, District II

Mr. Marvin Prater, District IV
Mr. Richard "Lynn" Harwell, District V
Mr. Ed Land, At Large Member
Ms. Elizabeth G. Hulse, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Conservation Bank Board met in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Members present [except Mr.'s Nation & Lee] and Elizabeth Hulse, staff liaison.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal

Call to Order:

Mr. Airey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Harwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Land, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2012 meeting as presented.

Election of Treasurer

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prater, approved 4 – 0 – 1 [Mr. Land abstained] to appoint Mr. Ed Land as the Treasurer for the Board.

Old Business:

OCCB Bank Account Follow-up

Mr. Airey addressed the following outstanding issue from the April 5th meeting:

[1] Names of Signatory's on the Account:

Mr. Land made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harwell, approved 5 – 0 to designate the Chair and Secretary of the Board as the two authorized positions to sign checks on the bank account.

Conservation Group / Organization Listing

The Committee directed the staff liaison to compile a draft organization listing for review/discussion at the next meeting.

Chattooga Bell Farm “TEST” / Application & Criteria Sheet

Mr. Land reviewed briefly with the Board actual paperwork submitted for a previous conservation easement for his Rock Fork Farm. Mr. Dana Levitt with Upstate Forever was also present to discuss the forms and process. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Airey asked those present to review the forms along with the group’s application and criteria sheet for a more in depth discussion at the June 7th meeting. Mr. Airey also requested the staff liaison to redact any personal identification information from the Rock Form Farm material prior to posting on line.

New Business

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Airey, approved 5 – 0 to adjourn at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Staff Liaison