



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

Thursday, June 7, 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. Prater] 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. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harwell, approved 6 – 0 to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2012 meeting as presented.

Old Business:

Conservation Group / Organization Listing

The Board discussed adoption of the draft Conservation Group Listing. It was noted that this listing is for informational purposes only and may not be a complete listing of conservation organizations working in Oconee County, South Carolina. Additional organizations may be added and inactive organizations may be removed from time to time to maintain an updated list. The listing of any organization does not indicate the approval, support and/or any opinion whatsoever of Oconee County, the Oconee County Conservation Bank and/or their members or staff with regards to any organization listed herein.

The Board unanimously adopted usage of the Listing and asked the staff liaison to post to the Board's webpage.

Chattooga Bell Farm “TEST” / Application & Criteria Sheet

Mr. Airey & Mr. Land reviewed with the Board the following “test” forms:

- Statement of Interest Form
- Application for Funding

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the specific questions included on the application and several amendments/clarifications were adopted which will be brought back to the committee for action at a future meeting. Mr. Land made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nations, approved 6 – 0 to table further discussion of the “test” project until the next meeting.

It was suggested that a Flowchart for the process be developed for use by the Board and as a reference tool for citizens wishing to begin the process to identify deadlines and requirements.

New Business

Mr. Airey asked that the agenda for the next meeting include an additional review of the “test” to identify any additional areas for discussion/clarification. In addition, the “test” project will be scored using the criteria sheet to identify any areas of work needed for those forms.

Meeting Schedule Change:

The Board unanimously agreed to move their July meeting to the 2nd Thursday, July 12, 2012, so as not to conflict with the 4th of July holiday week.

Adjourn:

Mr. Harwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Land, approved 6 – 0 to adjourn at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Staff Liaison