



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

March 7, 2013

9:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, District I, Chairman
Mr. Andy Lee, District II, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rocky Nation, District III, Secretary
Mr. Marvin Prater, District IV

Mr. Frank Ables, District V
Mr. Glenn Buddin, At Large Member [term ends 2016]
Mr. Richard Cain, At Large Member [term ends 2014]
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. Buddin] 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: None

Call to Order:

Mr. Airey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Airey asked all members to introduce themselves for the benefit of the new members and the public present.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Prater made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 6 – 0 to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2012 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Airey noted that reports have been prepared for December 2012, January and February 2013; however, as Mr. Land was the treasurer and resigned his position the reports should be received as information only pending election of a new Treasurer and their review of the reports. The Board concurred.

Old Business:

Discussion Regarding Requesting a Portion of the County's Recycling Revenue & Other Potential Revenue Sources

Mr. Airey led discussion regarding revenue generated from recycle sales by the Solid Waste Department. Mr. Ables asked if the county's grant writer could be asked to look for potential grants for conservation. Discussion followed.

New Business

Establishment of 2013 OCCB Meeting Schedule

Mr. Airey led discussion regarding the establishment of the remainder of the 2013 meeting schedule.

Mr. Airey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 6 – 0 to meet on the first Tuesday every other month in May, July, August, October and December. In addition, the first meeting in 2014 will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at which time the remainder of the 2014 meeting schedule will be established.

Other Business

“The Oconee County Conservation Bank: A New Vehicle to Save Oconee’s Natural Resources & Heritage”

Mr. Airey noted that he had contributed an article in The Sentinel, pages 4-5 in the January-February 2013, the official newsletter of FOLKS [Friends of Lake Keowee] outlining the Conservation Bank and their role in helping citizens conserve their land in Oconee County.

Donation to the OCCB

Mr. Airey noted that Ms. Alice Wald mailed in a \$100 contribution check for the Board. He thanked Ms. Wald for her generous donation. He also asked the Staff Liaison to prepare a “form” thank you letter to be sent to all contributors in the future.

Oconee Forever May Fundraiser

Mr. Airey noted that Oconee Forever will be holding a fundraiser for the OCCB, May 18, 2013, at Calix Farms off Highway 11.

Next Meeting:

Mr. Airey noted the next meeting will be held May 7, 2013 and that the following issues will be on the agenda for discussion/possible action

- Election of a 2013 Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

Adjourn:

Mr. Airey adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Staff Liaison