



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

February 14, 2017

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

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, Chairman
Mr. Frank Ables, Vice Chairman
Ms. Jennifer Moss, Secretary
Mr. Marvin Prater, Treasurer

Ms. Frances Rundlett
Mr. Richard Cain
Mr. Jason Davis
Ms. Katie D. Smith, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Conservation Bank Board [OCCB] met at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Mr. Shea Airey, Mr. Frank Ables, Ms. Jennifer Moss, Mr. Marvin Prater, Mr. Jason, and Mr. Richard Cain [who arrived late], Amanda Brock, Public Information Officer and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council acting as 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.

No members of the media were present.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Moss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ables, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Prater noted that the Treasurer's Reports as presented are accurate. Mr. Ables made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moss, approved 5 – 0 to accept as presented the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2016.

Mr. Richard Cain arrived after the Treasurer Report was completed.

Election of Officers

Mr. Ables nominated Mr. Shea Airey, approved 6 – 0, as Chairman.

Mr. Airey nominated, approved 6 – 0 to elect Mr. Frank Ables as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Ables nominated, Ms. Jennifer Moss, as Secretary, approved 6 – 0.

Ms. Moss nominated Mr. Marvin Prater, approved 6 – 0, as Treasurer.

2017 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Moss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 6 – 0 to approve the establishment of the meeting schedule for 2017. Meeting dates are as follows: May 9, 2017, August 8, 2017, November 14, 2017 and February 18, 2018.

Old Business:

Continued Discussion/Exploration regarding Alternate Funding Sources

Mr. Airey led discussion regarding various options for fund raising to include but not limited to the following areas:

- Seek letters of support from community groups, friends, family members, non-profit organizations, businesses, etc.
- Advertise at recycling centers and/or bulletin boards

Mr. Cain asked for a template for the letter of support. Mr. Airey stated he would put together and send to all members.

New Business

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Airey, approved 6 – 0 to allow a special presentation from Mr. Eddie Martin, of the Soil and Water Conservation District Office. Mr. Eddie Martin read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] of consideration of funding from the Conservation Bank Board.

- To help with funding for easements on landowner's property and that would require a landowner to incur expenses, such as an appraisal, surveys with new plats, deed documents, etc.
- Landowners who donate easements would not likely get financial assistance.

Ms. Moss inquired about a press release for applications and indicated she will compile the information for the applications.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Adjourn:

Mr. Airey adjourned the meeting, based on a motion by Mr. Ables, approved unanimously, at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison