



# MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

May 9, 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. Frank Ables, Ms. Jennifer Moss, Mr. Marvin Prater, Mr. Jason Davis, Ms. Frances Rundlett [who arrived late] Mr. Shea Airey & Mr. Richard Cain [were not present], 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](http://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. Frank Ables, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Moss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prater, approved 4 – 0 to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting as presented.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Prater noted that the Treasurer's Reports as presented are accurate. Mr. Prater made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 4 – 0 to accept as presented the Treasurer's Reports for January, February, and March 2017.

Ms. Frances Rundlett arrived after the Treasurer Report was completed.

## **New Business**

Statement of Interest from Mr. Moore RE: TMS: 131-00-02-015

Upon Mr. Ables request, Mr. Moore addressed the Committee regarding the statement of interest.

Mr. Moore noted the interest was a main waterway that feeds into Lake Keowee comes directly through his property. He wanted to know the pros and cons of putting his property into the OCCB.

The Committee asked Mr. Moore to give a description of his property.

- Parcel # 131-00-02-015
- 96.65 acres located directly below Stumphouse Tunnel

- Waterway comes off the base of Issaqueena Falls and goes all the way to Lake Keowee
- One of main contributories to Lake Keowee
- Active farm and will continue to be agriculture property
- Bordered by Neville Brothers, Inc.

Discussion followed to include but not limited to:

- Consider a special meeting in the future
- Need to know what Mr. Moore is seeking assistance with and what his long term goals are for the property
- NRCS [National Resource Conservation Service]
- OCCB would not be the easement holder
- Financial need
- Discussion with Soil Conservation and / or Upstate Forever

Ms. Moss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis approved 5 – 0, to appoint Ms. Amanda Brock as the staff liaison for the statement of interest.

The Committee suggested having another meeting between June 5, 2017 and June 9, 2017 to discuss the statement of interest packet. Mr. Moore noted he has a very big job during this week and will be out of town but noted his wife, Kay Moore, is on all of the paperwork and would be able to stand in for Mr. Moore.

Mr. Davis noted there needed to be a ranking system when receiving the packets of the statement of interests. The Clerk noted there was a OCCB Criteria Worksheet, which is a draft document at this point, and was given to all Committee members that were present [copy filed with these minutes].

Ms. Frances Rundlett asked Mr. Moore how he found out about the OCCB and he noted he heard an advertisement on WGOG. Ms. Moss noted she sent a press release to all of the major news networks in Oconee County.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

**Old Business:**

None at this meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Ables adjourned the meeting, based on a motion by Ms. Moss, approved unanimously, at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison