



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

August 10, 2021

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

MEMBERS

Mr. Andrew Smith, Chair, District II
Ms. Emily Hitchcock, Vice Chairman, At Large
Mr. Ryan Keese, Secretary, District, III
Ms. Laura Havran, Treasurer, District I

Mr. Nicholas Gambrell, District IV
Mr. Scuddy Walker, District V
Mr. Charles VanOver, At Large
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 all members present [except Mr. Walker & Mr. VanOver] 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.oconeesc.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. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hitchcock, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to move the first discussion item to the end of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Keese made a motion, seconded by Ms. Havran, approved 5 – 0, to approve the minutes from May 18, 2021 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Havran read the Treasurer's Reports for Community First Bank and the Local Government Investment Pool [State Pool] and noted they are accurate as presented. She further noted the balances on the reports are as follows:

Community First Bank for April 2021 and May 2021 is \$4,420.00; and June 2021 is \$4,920.00;

Local Government Investment Pool [State Pool] for April 2021 is \$344,401.67, May 2021 is \$344,433.48, and June 2021 is \$344,460.01.

Ms. Hitchcock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keese, approved 5 – 0, to accept as presented the Treasurer's Report for both Community First Bank and the Local Government Investment Pool [State Pool] for April, May, & June 2021.

Fundraising & Public Relations Reports

Ms. Havran updated the Board regarding the conversation they had with Senator Alexander regarding the endowment. She noted they would like to launch the endowment to start in January 2022 and have

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\$5 million the OCCB could segregate into an investment account with the purpose of generating revenue not to be used for grants and awards but to generate revenue to fund future grants and awards.

Discussion Items

Discussion and/or action regarding Whetstone Hill property

Discussion and/or action regarding Taychoedah property

Continued discussion and/or action regarding Peggy Moore property

Continued discussion and/or action regarding William Lyles Estate property

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Adjourn:

Mr. Keese made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison

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