



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

December 14, 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. Jennifer C. Adams, 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. Andrew Smith & Mr. Nick Gambrell] and Jennifer C. Adams, 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

Ms. Hitchcock, serving in place for Chair, Mr. Andrew Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Laura Havran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Charlie VanOver, approved 4 – 0, to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes from 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 October 2021 is \$5,240.00; Local Government Investment Pool [State Pool] for October 2021 is \$316,577.08 and for November 2021 is \$316,606.27.

Mr. Charles VanOver made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scuddy Walker, approved 4 – 0, to accept as presented the Treasurer's Report for Community First Bank for October 2021 and the Local Government Investment Pool [State Pool] for October and November 2021.

Fundraising & Public Relations Reports

Ms. Laura Havran updated the board related to the November 1, 2021 presentation she made to the Cosmopolitan Club with information associated to OCCB.

Discussion between board members related to the past funding from Duke Energy.

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Discussion Items

Discussion and/or action regarding September 21, 2021 Minutes dated incorrectly

Ms. Emily Hitchcock noted to the board that the September 21, 2021 minutes were dated September 19, 2021 in the backup material, which is incorrect.

Ms. Laura Havran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Charles VanOver, approved 4 – 0, to approve the revised September 21, 2021 minutes with the correct date.

Discussion and/or action regarding OCCB Policy Transfer of Property Interest 0005

Ms. Laura Havran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scuddy Walker, to approve the OCCB Policy Transfer of Property Interest 0005.

Ms. Emily Hitchcock opened the floor for discussion related to OCCB Policy Transfer of Property Interest 0005.

Lengthy discussion followed by board members related to deadline dates within the policy.

[Mr. Ryan Keese joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.]

Motion failed 0 – 4.

Mr. Charles VanOver made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scuddy Walker, approved 5 – 0, to send a draft of the proposed, revised OCCB Policy Transfer of Property Interest 0005, for comment to known applicants, requesting feedback to be submitted prior to January 20, 2022.

Discussion and/or action regarding amendment of OCCB Ordinance

Ms. Emily Hitchcock let the board know that she had a meeting with County Attorney, Mr. David Root, concerning possible ordinance amendments and will bring a proposal to the Board at its February 2022 meeting.

Discussion and/or action regarding Revised Policy 0002

Ms. Emily Hitchcock presented to the board the changes to Revised Policy 0002.

Ms. Laura Havran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Charles VanOver, approved 5 – 0, to approve the revisions to Policy 0002 as presented.

Update on approved projects

Ms. Emily Hitchcock updated the board concerning the approved projects.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Adjourn:

Ms. Laura Havran made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. A video recording of this meeting is available at www.oconeesc.com. Meetings have been live-streamed beginning January 17, 2017. Brought to you by Your Oconee.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison

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