



**MINUTES  
MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2019**

The meeting was changed to a conference call by Mitch Attaway, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fallin at 10:00AM. Conservation Manger Robert Amos gave the invocation.

The following board members were present on the call: Chairman Harold Fallin, Board Members Kerry Van Moore, Bob Martin and Drew Echols. Attending members of the Commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Conservation Manager Robert Amos, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, Office Manager Karen Bruce and Administrative Assistant Jerri Helbing. Terrance Rudolph from NRCS was also on the conference call.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting. There was a motion by Bob Martin to approve them a second from Mr. Echols and they were approved unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report** - Mitch Attaway stated there was no old business so he proceeded to the Personnel Report. He reported Kim Worley started on November 16<sup>th</sup> as an E & S Control Specialist and will be reviewing plans in Calhoun. Mr. Attaway mentioned there are two more openings for E&S Control Specialist one in Dawson and the other in Athens. There has been some interest shown in the position but no interviews have been conducted yet.

**Financial Report** – Mr. Attaway confirmed that GSWCC is operating under the 4% cut.

**New Business** – Mr. Attaway stated that the Overview Council will meet on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> and that he needs the Board's approval for the *Manual*. Mr. Fallin made a motion to approve the *Manual* Mr. Martin seconded it and it was approved unanimously. In other new business Mr. Attaway explained and agrees with giving Locust Grove a full status MOA. The partial MOA with Locust Grove allows them to review and approve properties under 10 acres, and now the District feels they would like to grant full status. Mr. Echols motioned to approve and Chairman Fallin seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

**Conservation Report** – Conservation Manger Robert Amos announced there were 4 new appointed Supervisors, 39 re-appointed Supervisors and 2 resignations, Mr. Claxton and Mr. McCarthy. A motion was made to approve these by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Martin and the approval was unanimous. Mr. Amos stated Jackson County is beginning to train Andrea Tuggle in “Online Plan Reviewing” to see how it will work throughout the state. Mr. Amos went on to say he has attended the Group Meetings and many of the Annual Banquets, everything has been outstanding.

**Urban Report** – Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz reported that staff continue to work on the MOA with Walton County. Mr. Ruzowicz also stated he should have some trainers to be approved at the next Board Meeting, as the candidates have just taken the test on December 5 & 6 and will have to qualify.

**Rural Report** – Mr. Attaway gave the rural report and stated the dams are very busy with 8 plans, design and construction stages. At the Dec 12<sup>th</sup> NCRS meeting 45 more dams for assessment will be discussed.


**GACD Update** – No one was present.

**NCRS Update** – Mr. Rudolph gave the report. Some of the NCRS staff will go to Dallas, TX to attend computer training for the Farm Bill. The first of the year other employees and farmers will receive the training by signing up for the classes. Also they are almost finished with the payments for Hurricane Michael.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM and it will be a teleconference call. With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fallin.

Respectively Submitted by:  
Jerri Helbing

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GSWCC Chairman                      3/3/2020  
Date

  
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GSWCC Executive Director                      12/10/2019  
Date