



MEETING MINUTES – February 22, 2022

10:00 AM - GSWCC – Athens, GA Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Martin at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held at Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Mitch Attaway, Executive Director GSWCC, gave the invocation.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Martin, Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio. Kerry Van Moore, Jason Winters, Carol Hayes, Katie Spornberger (GACD), Terrance Rudolph (GACD), Mady Barnes (GACD)m, Edwin Nix, Mark Masters (GACD), George Kelecheck (Rockdale SWCD), and Roger Singleton (Silt Saver) attended via Zoom. Attending members of the Commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Conservation Manager Robert Amos, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, Rural Project Managers Ben Hyer, Greg Walker, and Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Holt.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2021 meeting. There was a motion by Mr. Kerry Van Moore to approve, a second by Mr. Jason Winters and the motion carried unanimous approval.

Executive Director's Report - Mitch Attaway started by thanking everyone for attending. He was pleased to announce that GSWCC hired 1 new employee and 1 was on commitment. There was 1 resignation. One new employee has started the new job. Vikki Consiglio made a motion to add Per Diem for Annual meeting to the Agenda, the motion was 2nd by Jason Winters and the motion was carried unanimously to approval. A motion was made to approve to pay \$120 per day for the Annual Meeting by Jason Winters and 2nd by Kerry Van Moore so the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Attaway stated that he was looking at changing the official document for district and LIA to enter in to a MOA that should be faster. He hopes to discuss this at the next meeting. Mr. Attaway stated there are 3 Supervisor for Rockdale SWCD but Mr. Johnson is still holding himself out at the Chairman and still holds meeting. Mr. Attaway will keep the board apprised of the situation.

Conservation Report – Mr. Amos stated that there are 25 re-appointed supervisor positions and 1 new that need to be approved by the board. Ms. Consiglio made a motion to approve and Mr. Moore seconded it and the motion was passed. Mr. Amos stated there were 4 resignation. Mr. Amos stated there is a NRC Event is from June 12 through June 17, 2022 in Tifton with no cap on participation. The registration fee is \$275 with District support. He has helped Urban Districts with Certification and Recertification. He held a class in Rockdale County that went well. He will continue to work through overviews. He stated that Josh Jackwood is working with Cherokee County. He is taking steps to revive the Small Farmers Conference sometime in the Fall. Mr. Amos stated that Michelle Boone, Josh Jackwood, and Jennifer Standridge were a God sent and they have hit the ground running.

Urban Report – Due to an out of the office commit Mitch Attaway gave the Urban Report for Ben Ruzowicz. Mr. Attaway said there is about a 2 week turnaround on plan reviews and that certifications are steady. He then presented the Board with one MOA that needed to be approved for the Brookhaven. There last overview was 456 out of 500. Mr. Winters made a motion for Mr. Attaway to sign the MOA letter once approved, the motion was 2nd by Mr. Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Attaway spoke about the March 29, 2022 Erosion and Sediment Control Day. He said if anyone wants to attend GASWCC will get you signed up. Mr. Attaway spoke about Silt Saver Prefabricated Silt Gate. There was a motion was to approve the product by Mr. Winters and Ms. Consiglio 2nd the motion and the motion carried to unanimous approval. He discussed Mat Fiber Plus and there was a motion to approve the product for use by Kerry Van Moore, the motion was 2nd by Jason Winters and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Before the meeting adjourned Mr. Attaway discussed Silt Saver High Velocity Ditch also. There was a motion to approve the product by Ms. Consiglio, the motion was 2nd by Mr. Nix and the motion carried to unanimous approval

Rural Report – Rural Project Manager Ben Hyer and Greg Walker had no action items to discuss. They discussed the what was happening with the Dams and Grants.

GACD Update – Discussed the February 23, 2022 Conservation Day at the Capital. She invited all Supervisors and encourage Board member and the Commission members to attend. The GACD Annual meeting will be April 10-12 at Callaway Gardens. She thanked everyone for paying the GACD dues.

NCRS Update – Mr. Rudolph stated NCRS is still operating un CM Budget. They cannot approve and application for funding. All EQIP applications are waiting for budget approval. They are still trying to fill positions in West Georgia. They will be doing a direct hire event. The notice of funding opportunity is being routed through appropriate channels. Covid restrictions are not 75% for the field, state is still 25% and the restrictions will expire on March 31, 2022.

Public Comment- No Public Comment

The next board meeting is scheduled in April 2022. With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin.

Respectively Submitted by:
Jacqueline Holt

Approved by:



04/19/2022

GSWCC Chairman

Date



02/22/2022

GSWCC Executive Director

Date