



MEETING MINUTES – June 7, 2022

10:00 AM - GSWCC MACON FARMER'S MARKET

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Martin at 10:02 AM. The meeting was held at The Macon Farmer's Market. Jake Ford, GACD, gave the invocation.

The following board members present in person were: Chairman Bob Martin and Edwin Nix. Board members present via Zoom was Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio, Kerry Van Moore, and Jason Winters and a quorum was established. Partners attending the meeting in person were Katie Spornberger (GACD), Mark Masters (GACD), Jake Ford (GACD), Woody Snell (GACD), Brian Ponder (GACD), Mady Barnes (GACD), Leann Rutledge (GACD), Tabatha Wooten (GACD), Katelynn Poppell (GACD), LeAnn Chafin (GACD), Jim Waters (GACD), Sonny Turner (GACD), Wes Fogle (GACD), Ellis Lamme (GACD), Jena Leone (GACD), Danny Hogan (GACD), Dan Bennett (GACD), Terrance Rudolph (NRCS), and Tansel Hudson (NRCS). Brantley Day, Community Development Director for Cherokee County (Guest) attended in person.

Attending members of the Commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Conservation Manager Robert Amos, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, Rural Project Manager Ben Hyer and Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Holt attended in person. Office Manager Karen Bruce and Rural Project Manager Greg Walker attended via Zoom.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting. Chairman Martin called for a motion. There was a motion by Mr. Edwin Nix to approve, a second by Mr. Jason Winters and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Executive Director's Report - Mitch Attaway started there was no old business but that several positions have been posted through Human Resources. The budget has grown over \$1,000,000 due to the cost of living increases, being able to cash out 40 hours of sick leave and 10 new positions. The Commission is going back to 5 regions. Region 1 will be Calhoun, Region 2 will be Athens, Region 3 will be Soperton, Region 4 will be Milledgeville, and Region 5 will be Albany. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the FY 23 budget. Mr. Kerry Van Moore made a motion a second by Ms. Vikki Consiglio and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Conservation Report – Robert Amos stated that there are 24 supervisors new that need to be approved by the board. Mr. Amos stated there were 1 resignation. Chairman Martin called for a motion on the appointments and resignation. Ms. Vikki Consiglio made a motion to approve the appointments and resignation, a second by Mr. Jason Winters and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Michelle Boone gave the NRCS update. She stated there will be 56 students for ABAC. She thanked NRCS, GACD, 7 Rivers and GSWCC for providing advisors.

Urban Report –Ben Ruzowicz gave the report. He stated there is a certification class scheduled for July 18 and 19, 2022. Cherokee County has had 2 overviews for their MOA. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve Cherokee County’s MOA. Mr. Edwin Nix made a motion, a second by Mr. Kerry Van Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Chairman Martin called for a motion for the new BMP to be approved. Mr. Edwin Nix made the motion, a second by Mr. Kerry Van Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Rural Report – Rural Project Manager Ben Hyer and Greg Walker gave the report. They discussed what was happening with the Dams and Grants. Mitch Attaway stated that the FY 22 Bond and the FY 23 Bond were up for sell if the Board approved it. Chairman Martin called for a motion. Mr. Edwin Nix made a motion, a second by Mr. Kerry Van Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Attaway stated that the Commission wanted to grant an easement to Cobb County SWCD for the Noonday 17 property so they could access the bridge/dam on the other side. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the easement. Mr. Edwin Nix made the motion, a second by Mr. Kerry Van Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Attaway stated the Commission is going to sell the Noonday 17 property if the Board approves it. Chairman Martin called for a motion on selling the Noonday 17 property. Mr. Kerry Van Moore made a motion, a second by Mr. Edwin Nix and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

GACD Update – Katie Spornberger gave the report.

NCRS Update – Terrance Rudolph gave the report

Public Comment- No Public Comment

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin.

Respectively Submitted by:
Jacqueline Holt

Approved by:


GSWCC Chairman 10/21/2022
Date


GSWCC Executive Director 06/07/2022
Date