



MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2022

10:00 AM – VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Martin at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held via zoom.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Martin Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio, Edwin Nix. Kerry Van Moore, and Jason Winters, a quorum was established. Partners attending via zoom were Katie Spornberger (GACD), Mark Masters (GACD), Mady Barnes (GACD), Katelynn Poppell (GACD), Leanne Hopper (GACD), Jena Leone (GACD), Tabatha Wooten (GACD), Dana Tripp (GACD) and Tansel Hudson (NRCS).

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

Chairman Bob Martin called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Mr. Amos gave the invocation.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting. Chairman Martin called for a motion. There was a motion by Mr. Jason Winters to approve the minutes, a second by Mr. Kerry Van Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Executive Director's Report - Mitch Attaway stated the 5 incoming employees: 2 Regional Managers, 2 Plan Reviewers and 1 Resource Specialist. There are no outgoing employees. Mr. Attaway spoke about the FY24 ask. Mr. Attaway stated there was another surplus of approximately 6.6 billion in the budget this year for the state of Georgia and he would like for GASWCC to receive some of that money.

Conservation Report – Robert Amos stated that there are 15 supervisors that need to be approved by the board of which 3 are new. Mr. Amos stated there were 2 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. Kerry Van Moore and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Amos stated that the 2 new Regional Managers have gotten their feet wet Erosion and Sediment complaints and doing plan reviews. Mr. Amos stated that Andrea Tuggle has returned to work. Mr. Amos stated that with the new staff, he is able to concentrate more on Partners for Wildlife, move forward with field days, and going in to schools. He attended the Piedmont banquet last night and there were about 30 attendees.

Urban Report – Ben Ruzowicz was in another meeting, so Mitch Attaway gave the report. Mr. Attaway spoke about the BMP discussion for SB 50/50. Mr. Attaway stated that he is going to

take this product to the Overview Council in November for discussion. Mr. Attaway stated once this is completed, it will then have to returned to the Board for approval. After Mr. Ruzowicz's meeting ended, he joined the board meeting to discuss an Elbert County Complaint.

Rural Report – Mr. Ben Hyer, Rural Project Manager gave the report.

GACD Update – Mark Masters gave the report once the GACD meeting started.

NCRS Update – Tansel Hudson gave the report

Public Comment- No Public Comment

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be December 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmers Market in Macon.

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

Respectively Submitted by:

Jacqueline Holt

Approved by:



GSWCC Chairman

12/13/22

Date



GSWCC Executive Director

10/11/2022

Date