



MEETING MINUTES
MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2022
11:00 AM - GSWCC – Macon, Georgia

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Martin at 11:15 AM. The meeting was held in person at the Farmers Market in Macon, Georgia. Jake Ford gave the invocation.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Martin Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio, and Kerry Van Moore attended in person. Edwin Nix and Jason Winters attended via zoom, a quorum was established. Ellis Lamme, Gwinnett County Supervisor attended via zoom.

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, Michelle Conner, Conservation Regional Manager for Region IV, Ben Roberts, Conservation Regional Manager for Region V, and Leslie Peterson, Resource Specialist, Region IV, and Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Holt attended in person.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting. Chairman Martin called for a motion. There was a motion by Mr. Jason Winters to approve the minutes, a second by Ms. Vikki Consiglio and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Executive Director's Report - Mitch Attaway stated there are no incoming employees. There was 1 outgoing employee, but the position is already filled. Mr. Attaway spoke about the FY24 ask. He stated he would like to pursue funds for what GSWCC did not receive last year and additional funds for staff this year and outreach and education. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the FY24 ask. There was a motion by Mr. Kerry Van Moore, a second by Ms. Vikki Consiglio and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Conservation Report – Robert Amos stated that there are 9 supervisors that need to be approved by the board of which 4 are new. Mr. Amos stated there were 3 resignation. Chairman Martin called for a motion on the appointments and resignation. Mr. Jason Winters made a motion to approve the appointments and resignation, a second by Ms. Vikki Consiglio and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Amos stated that a motion was needed to approve the Annual Plan of Works. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the Annual Plans of Work. A motion was made by Mr. Kerry Van Moore, a second by Mr. Edwin Nix, and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Amos stated that the elections in November went well and the new Supervisors will be sworn in in January of 2023.

Urban Report –Ben Ruzowicz spoke about the BMP for Western Green product called Wattle Fence. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the new BMP. A motion was made by Ms. Vikki Consiglio, a second by Mr. Edwin Nix and the motion carried to unanimous approval.

Mr. Ruzowicz's ask if there could be a motion to state that BMP's will need to be provided at least 30 days prior to a board meeting to allow for time to review the product. Chairman Martin called for a motion to approve the request that BMP's to be submitted 30 days prior to a board meeting before being voted upon by the board. A motion was made by Ms. Vikki Consiglio, a second by Mr. Edwin Nix and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Ruzowicz requested to remove the 2016 from the BMP list on the website. Chairman Martin called for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kerry Van Moore, a second by Ms. Vikki Consiglio and the motion carried to unanimous approval. Mr. Ruzowicz stated there have been 380 plans reviewed since the last board meeting and over 1000 new cards and recertification cards completed. Mr. Ruzowicz stated there were 72 attendees at the LIA training at UGA. March 29, 2023 will be Erosion and Sediment Control Day.

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

GACD Update – Mark Masters gave the report at the GACD meeting prior to the GSWCC meeting.

NCRS Update – Tansel Hudson gave the report

Public Comment- No Public Comment

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom with GACD.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin at 12:06 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by:
Jacqueline Holt

Approved by:



02/07/23

GSWCC Chairman

Date



12/13/2022

GSWCC Executive Director

Date

GACD Attendance

Mark Masters – President

Danny Hogan – NACD Representative

Jake Ford – Secretary

Dan Bennett – Board Member Emeritus

Sunny Turner – Group II Alternate Vice President

Jim Waters – Group IV Vice President

Katie Sponberger – Executive Director

Jena Leone – Northwest Georgia Regional Program Manager

Dana Tripp – Northeast Georgia Regional Program Manager

Leanne Hopper – Southwest Georgia Regional Program Manager

Katelyn Poppell – Southeast Program Manager

NRCS Attendance

Tansel Hudson,

Michael Lowe