



**MEETING – December 14, 2021
10:00 AM - GSWCC – Macon, Georgia**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Martin at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held at Farmers Market, Macon, Georgia. Jake Ford, District Supervisor gave the invocation.

The following board members were present: Chairman Bob Martin, Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio. Edwin Nix and Jason Winters 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 Greg Walker Office Manager Karen Bruce, Regional Program Managers Jennifer Standridge, Michelle Boone and Josh Jackwood. Also, in attendance was Georgia Association of Conservation Districts. See attached sheet for a list of the names of each person in attendance. Tansel Hudson for NRCS

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the November 23, 2021 meeting. There was a motion by Vikki Consiglio to approve, a second by Jason Winters and the motion carried unanimously to approve.

Executive Director's Report - Mitch Attaway started by thanking everyone for coming and how nice it was to see everyone in person. He was pleased to announce that GSWCC hired 1 new employee for E&SC Plan Reviewer and 1 resignation. Mr. Attaway presented a update to the Employee Handbook for the locations and universities for weather emergency policy.

Discussion about Rockdale County Supervisor Kenny Johnson. Mr. Attaway let everyone know that Mr. Johnson chose not to attend the Rockdale County regular board meeting. The next step is to hold a hearing to decide what is the next step. A motion by Edwin Nix and second by Vikki Consiglio and the motion carried unanimously to approve taking the next step with Mr. Johnson.

A proposal was introduced by GASWCC and GACD for Conservation Funding. Where GASWCC would request an additional \$1.48 million in annual funding to the Governor for Improving Conservation Delivery in Georgia.

Conservation Report – Mr. Amos stated that there are 41 re-appointed supervisor positions that needs to be approved by the board. Vikki Consiglio made a motion to approve and Jason Winters seconded it and the motion was passed. Mr. Amos stated that there was 1 supervisor resignation that needed to be approved. Jason Winters made a motion to approve and seconded by Edwin Nix and the motion was passed. Mr. Amos gave an update of things that had been happening in the Districts.

Urban Report – Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz presented the Board with a Trainer that needed to be approved. On a motion by Edwin Nix and seconded by Jason Winters the motion passed. Mr. Ruzowicz then gave a report on plan review and certification.

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

GACD and NCRS Update Reports were given during the GACD Board Meeting.

Public Comment- No Public Comment

The next board meeting is scheduled February at 10:00. Ms. Consiglio made a motion and Mr. Nix seconded it and it was approved to have the meeting. With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin.

Respectively Submitted by:

Karen D. Bruce

Approved by:



GSWCC Chairman

02/22/2022

Date



GSWCC Executive Director

12/14/2021

Date

GACD Attendance

Mark Masters – President

Tabatha Wooten – Vice President

Roger Bowman – Vice President

Danny Hogan – NACD Representative

Jake Ford – Secretary

Dan Bennett – Board Member Emeritus

Wes Fogle – Group I Vice President

Ted Hughes – Group II Vice President

Sunny Turner – Group II Alternate Vice President

Brian Ponder – Group III Vice President

Jim Waters – Group IV Vice President

Chris Hopkins – Group IV Alternate Vice President

Katie Sponberger – Executive Director

Mandy Barnes – Project Coordinator

Jena Leone – Northwest Georgia Regional Program Manager

LeAnn Rutledge – Northeast Georgia Regional Program Manager

Leanne Chafin – Southwest Georgia Regional Program Manager

Katelyn Poppell – Southeast Program Manager

Irenee Payne – Pollinator Coordinator