



DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING – August 10, 2021
10:30 AM - GSWCC – Athens, GA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Martin at 10:30 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, 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 Ben Hyer and Greg Walker and Office Manager Karen Bruce. Other people attending via zoom were for Mark Masters, GACD, Katie Sponberger, GACD, Terrance Rudolph, NRCS and Tinsel Hudson.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the June 29, 2021 meeting. There was a motion by Mr. Winters to approve, a second by Mr. Nix 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 was close to hiring three new employees with the new NRCS agreement. These employees will start on September 1, 2021. One new position for a Watershed Technician is in the process of being interviewed.

Mr. Attaway let the Board know that two updates were made the Employee Handbook. One was the Governor's New Code of Ethics that we in effective on July 1, 2021. The other update was for Administrative Leave to Include Paid Parental Leave.

Mr. Attaway talked about the financial report was only for the month of July 2021. He also, said That the FY22 Amended and FY23 Budget was due on September 1, 2021

Conservation Report – Mr. Amos stated that there are 15 re-appointed supervisor positions and 2 supervisors' resignations 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 state the he had 30 of the 40 Annual Plan of Works for the Districts. He let the Board know if they want to see them he would be glad to print for them. He then ask for approval of the 30 that he had, a motion was made by Ms. Consiglio and seconded by Mr. Winters. He will have the other 10 plans at the next Board meeting.

Urban Report – Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz reported on the number of plans reviewed and the number of certifications classes held. He then presented the Board with two BMP's that needed to be approved before they could go to the Overview Council. BMP's were

for TerraTex GASF-CF (Hanes Geo Components) and Willacoochee Industrial Fabrics, Inc. (Winfab 2020HDX). Each company was voted on for approval. Ms. Consiglio made a motion to approve TerraTex GASF-CF and seconded by Mr. Nix. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Willacoochee Industrial Fabrics, Inc. and Mr. Nix seconded.

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 – Will send a written update

NCRS Update – Mr. Rudolph gave the NCRS update and mentioned they are nervous about the Covid-Delta variant. They are still following CDC guidelines they are at 25% in the office. They are still trying to fill approximately 40 more positions. He thanked everyone for the partnership, leadership and commitment to conservation.

Public Comment- No Public Comment

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 10:00 as a Zoom. Ms. Consiglio made a motion and Mr. Moore 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:

 10/12/21



GSWCC Chairman

Date

GSWCC Executive Director

Date

8/12/2021