



GASWCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2024 AT 10:00 AM  
GACD CONFERENCE  
100 RUE CHARLEMAGNE DR.  
BRASELTON, GA 30517

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio at 10:00 a.m. Jake Ford gave the invocation.

The following board members were present in person and/or via zoom: Vice Chairman Vikki Consiglio, Edwin Nix, and Jason Winters. A quorum was established.

Partners and/or Supervisors in attendance in person and/or via zoom: Jake Ford, Ricky Yarbrough, Katie Sponberger-Executive Director, Dana Tripp, Leann Hooper, Katelyn Poppell, from GACD, Tansel Hudson from NRCS, Jimmy “Bo” Bramblett, Supervisor for Lower Chattahoochee River SWCD, and Andrew Standard, Supervisor for Coastal SWCD.

Attending members of the Commission who appeared in person and/or via zoom were Mitch Attaway, Executive Director, Robert Amos, State Conservation Manager, Ben Ruzowicz, Urban Program Manager, Jennifer Standridge, Region II Conservation Manager, Michelle Conner, Region IV Conservation Manager, Ben Hyer, Rural Project Manager, Ben Roberts, Region V Conservation Manager, James Friese, Resource Specialist for Region V, and Jacqueline Holt, Administrative Assistant.

Vikki Consiglio requested approval of the Agenda with one correction. The day of the meeting was incorrect in the original agenda emailed and has been changed to Thursday. Mr. Jason Winters made a motion to approve the agenda, a second by Edwin Nix and the motion carried to unanimously approval.

Vikki Consiglio asked for approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2024 meeting. There was a motion by Edwin Nix to approve the minutes, a second Jason Winters, and the motion carried to unanimously approval

Executive Director's Report — Mitch Attaway gave the Director's Report.

The Vice Chairman, Vikki Consiglio, called for a motion to approve sending the new MOA process Edwin Nix made a motion to approve and Jason Winters seconded the motion and the motion carried to unanimously approval. Attaway reported there is a change to the employee handbook, making a change to reflect the changes to the state guidelines. Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the changes to the employee handbook. Jason Winters made the motion, Edwin Nix second the motion, and the motion carried to unanimously approval. Attaway reported there are 2 incoming employees Marla Whittington, Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist and Lisa Adams, Administrative Assistant. Attaway reported there are two outgoing employees, Stuart Suttles, Resources Specialist, Region II, and Nate Carr, Project Coordinator. Attaway reported on the financial report that basically we are 5 weeks into the fiscal year and not a lot of activity. Attaway also reported that the staff did receive raises. He had a request from OPB for a Zero base budget which means you cannot request a bigger budget. Attaway reported that Noonday 17 Dam in Cobb Co. and the one landowner have reached an agreement regarding the easement price to access his land. The agreement price is a little bit more than usual but as Greg Walker was going over the budget for the price, he calculated that the price of concrete has gone up so high that it makes financial sense to move forward with the agreement. Attaway has the document that Cobb Co. has signed with the landowner for a price of \$17,500. The Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the agreement. Jason Winters made the motion, Edwin Nix second the motion, and the motion carried to unanimously approval.

Conservation Report —Mr. Amos stated that he has provided a copy of most of the Annual Plans of Work but there are a few that were not submitted because those Districts have not met. The Vice Chairman questioned if the appointment/Annual Plans of Work were the next item on the agenda and expressed that she would like to follow the agenda. Amos reported there are 23 supervisor's appointments that need to be approved by the board. The Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the appointments. Jason Winters made a motion to approve the appointments, a second by Edwin Nix, and the motion carried to unanimously approval. Amos reported there are 2 resignations, Mr. David Muse from the Ocmulgee River SWCD and Ms. Lynn Parker from the Lamar County SWCD. The Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the resignations. Jason Winters made a motion to approve the resignations, a second by Edwin Nix and there was no discussion so the motion carried to unanimously approval. Mr. Amos reported there are 2 or 3 Annual Plans of Work that have not been submitted. He requested a motion to vote to approve the Annual Plans of Work. The Vice Chairman asked if the motion was for all of the Annual Plans of Work or just for the submitted ones. Amos stated the motion was just for the submitted one. The Vice Chairman request a motion for the submitted Annual Plans of Work to be approved. Edwin Nix made a motion, second by Jason Winters and the motion approving the submitted Annual Plans of Work war approved unanimously.

Urban Report—Ben Ruzowicz stated there have been 819 plans reviewed since the last meeting. Ruzowicz stated that Carlton is a LIA now so GSWCC should be reviewing their plans. Ruzowicz stated there have been 376 courses with 1,010 recertifications and 1,029 new certifications for a total of 2,039 participants. Mr. Ruzowicz stated there are 3 new BMPs. The first one is called Silt Saver Low Velocity Ditch Check, Silt Saver Rock Dam, and Seven Springs. Ruzowicz stated he is presenting for a motion for approval from the board then they can go to the overview council. Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve BMP Silt Saver Low Velocity Ditch Check. Edwin Nix made a motion, second by Jason Winters, and the motion carried to a unanimous approval. Vice Chairman made a motion to approve BMP Seven Springs Roll Blanket. Edwin Nix made a motion, second by Jason Winters, and the motion carried to a unanimous approval. Ruzowicz reported he has 7 people who have passed the Trainer I class. They are Omar Martin, Joel Miller, Amesha Morris, Phillip Schofield, Zachari Willingham and Aaron Wright. Ruzowicz reported that 4 people have passed the Trainer II class. They are Omar Martin, Amesha Morris, Miler Ogella, and Phillip Schofield. Ruzowicz reported each person has to pass with 85% or higher. Their applications showing their experience with Erosion and Sediment control as well as their full resumes are included. Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve the Trainer I and Trainer II applicants. Jason Winters made a motion, second by Edwin Nix, and the motion carried to a unanimous approval.

Rural Report: Mr. Ben Hyer and Mr. Greg Walker gave the report. See the attached report.

Partner Update:

GACD—Jake Ford stated he appreciates working with GSWCC.

UGA Extension--No report given.

RC&D—Courtney—No report given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vice Chairman stated public comments will be limited to 2 minutes. Mr. Nix will keep time. She needs to know who wants to speak.

George Kelecheck—Rockdale County-He would like to thank everybody for being here. Mr. Johnson is sending lawsuits but both have been dismissed. We have been discussing this for 2 years now. Chairman Martin sent letter to Kenny Johnson with 28 illegal items. Kelecheck has received a cease and desist letter from Johnson. We need a decision regarding Johnson.

Jacob Bailey—Rockdale County-Adding feedback to what George is saying. I am asking for a change to GA Code to allow for the removal of elected supervisors.

Amos asked Ms. Carr or Kenny Johnson if they wanted to speak. There was no response.

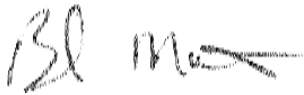
The next meeting will be 10/8/24 at 10:00 a.m. (Tentaive)

Vice Chairman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Edwin Nix made a motion to adjourn, second by Jason Winters, and the motion carried to unanimously approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectively Submitted by:

Jacqueline Holt

Approved by:



12/17/24

GSWCC Chairman      Date



8/5/24

GSWCC Executive Director      Date