

STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Athens, GA

Action Items

1. Call to order – Garland Thompson, Chairman
2. Invocation – Mitch Attaway, Executive Director
3. Approve Minutes of August 26, 2016 Board Meeting, as previously provided –
Approved (see attached)
4. Act on Supervisor Appointments & Resignations – **Approved (see attached)**
 - a) Elected Supervisor Vacancies
5. Executive Director's Report – Mitch Attaway
 - a) Personnel Report – Andy Pope
 - b) Financial Update – Karen Parson
6. Macon – Bibb MOA – Ben Ruzowicz – **Approved (see attached)**
7. Coastal SWCD – Scholarship Awards – **Approved by board (see attached)**
8. GACD Update – Woody Snell / Dan Bennett
9. NCRS Update – Terrance Rudolph
10. Public Comments
11. **Next Board Meeting: Tuesday December 13, 2016**

**GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

UGA Hotel & Conference Center
Athens, GA

August 26, 2016

Attending:

Board Members

Garland Thompson, Chairman
Harold Fallin, Vice Chairman
Bob Martin

Guests

Dan Bennett, GACD President
Terrance Rudolph
Tony Gobert

Staff Members

Kelly Dudley, Interim Director
Mitch Attaway, Incoming Director
Ben Ruzowicz
Karen Parson
Andy Pope
La Shawn Jennings
Robert Amos
Dustin Rushing
Andy Dyar
John Loughridge
Luke Crosson
Seneca Cartee

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and asked Kelly Dudley to give an invocation. Incoming Director Mitch Attaway was introduced to all in attendance.

The Board called for discussion on past meeting minutes;

On a motion by Harold Fallin and second by Bob Martin, the Board unanimously approved the nominees and resignations put forth in the August Supervisor Appointment Report.

The Board next called on Mrs. Dudley to give the Executive Director's report. She began with the Personnel Report and also spoke briefly on grant updates. There are two 319 grants with EPD that are now closed; and a new 319 grant has been started. Mrs. Dudley reported on the administrative changes within GSWCC and briefly discussed hiring an assistant director will depend on funding.

The board then moved on a motion to officially approve the new Executive Director Mitch Attaway; motion to approve by Harold Fallin and second by Bob Martin.

Next on the agenda, Ben Ruzowicz began his request for the board to approve third party trainers.

On a motion to approve by Mr. Fallin and a second by Bob Martin; the trainers were approved.

The floor was then open for public comment and a welcoming of new Executive Mitch Attaway. There was a brief update from Dan Bennett, GACD President, and also Terrance Rudolph of NCRS.

On a motion by Garland Thompson and a second by Harold Fallin the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted by:

La Shawn Jennings

Approved by:

GSWCC Chairman

Date

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 22 day of August, 20 16

Sheila F. Griggs
Notary Public

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MACON-BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: Robert A. B. Reckert

Title: Mayor, Macon-Bibb County

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Title: District Chairman

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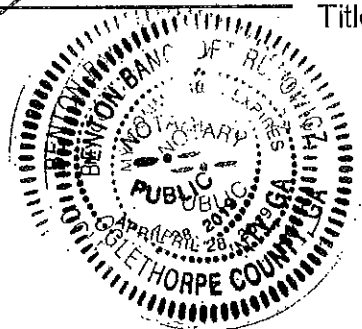
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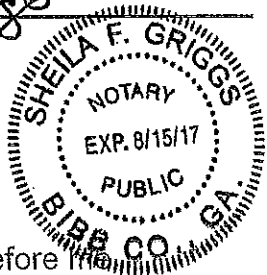
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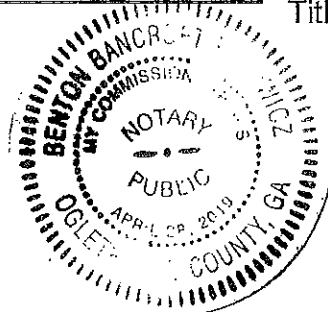
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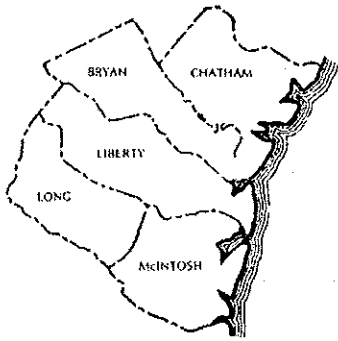
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By: Nate Clapp

Title: Executive Director, GSWCC



Coastal Soil & Water Conservation District

Jack Kingston Conservation Center
185 Richard Davis Drive, Suite 201
Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324

September 23, 2016

GSWCC State Board
4310 Lexington Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

Dear Board:

The Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District voted unanimously to support offering a Scholarship for a Water and Soil Resources major that emphasizes assessment, conservation, and rehabilitation of the soil, water, wetland, and endangered species components of the natural landscape.

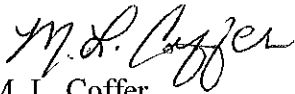
The District will use money from our Education Fund to support the scholarship. These are donated funds.

Students in this major will have to apply for the scholarship and the recipient will be selected by the Honors and Awards Committee that is appointed by the Dean.

The District asks for the Boards support of this project and request that, if approved, the Board forward our request to the Attorney General's office for final approval.

We ask for your immediate attention in this matter.

Respectfully,


M..L. Coffey
Chairman
Coastal Soil and Water District