

**GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Athens, Ga**  
**June 6, 2017**

Participating were Vice-Chairman Harold Falin and board members Drew Echols, Bob Martin, Jason Winters, and new board member Kerry Van Moore. Participating from the commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, Procurement and Services Officer Karen Bruce and Administrative Support Tymisha Creightney. Also in attendance were GACD President Dan Bennett and on behalf of NRCS Tansel Hudson.

Executive Director Mitch Attaway called the meeting to order and gave an invocation. He went on to introduce Kerry Van Moore to the board.

At this point, the board moved to approve of minutes. Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Martin with a second motion by Drew Echols. The board moved on to the appointment of a new chair and vice chair. Mr. Harold Falin was appointed to chair on a motion by Jason Winters with a second motion by Drew Echols. On a motion by Harold Falin and a second motion by Drew Echols, Bob Martin was appointed to Vice-Chair of the board.

The board moved to supervisor appointments in which Mitch Attaway reported 5 appointments: Region 1, Coosa River in Floyd County, Samuel T. Rush. Region 1, Limestone Valley in Whitfield County, Bob Seaton. Region 2, Hall County, Jane Hemmer. Region 4 Ocmulgee River in Dooley County, James Warbington, Sr. and in Region 2, Ocmulgee River in Macon County, Gary Slaton. Supervisor appointments were approved on a motion by Drew Echols with a second motion by Jason Winters. Mr. Attaway reported that 357 out of 370 supervisor positions have been filled.

Moving to the personnel report, Mitch Attaway announced Joshua Jackson as a new employee. Mr. Attaway also reported that interviews for the Watershed Dams Program Manager would begin on June 7<sup>th</sup> in which the position should be filled by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was a brief update on the financial report in which Mr. Attaway requested a board vote on the district allotment for fiscal year 2018. Mr. Attaway then moved to go over changes in the employee handbook. Changes were approved by Jason Winters with a second motion by Bob Martin. At this point the board moved to review the Resolution for Bond Sales as well as review the Resolution to move the Dawson Office to DNR.

At this point the board moved to item 6 on the agenda in which Urban Program Manager, Ben Ruzowicz presented a MOA for Bartow County. This was approved by a motion by Bob Martin with a second motion by Jason Winters. The board then requested that the Governor's office assist with the remaining 4 appointments for the Stakeholders Advisory Board (SAB) in order to assist with voting for new trainers in which a letter addressing this matter is to be drafted.

There was a brief update from GACD President Dan Bennet as well as a NRCS update from Tansel Hudson. The floor was then open for public comment.

With no further comments, a date was set for the next board meeting and the meeting was adjourned with the board having a brief executive meeting afterward.

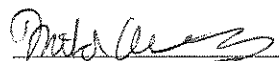
The next board meeting will be held in Athens at the Commission Office on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tymisha Creightney

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GSWCC Chairman Date



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GSWCC Executive Director

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