

**GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
Athens, GA  
March 5, 2018

Participating were Chairman Harold Fallin and Board members Drew Echols, Bob Martin, Kerry Van Moore, and Jason Winters. Participating from the Commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, Conservation Manager Robert Amos, Rural Program Manager Jessica Mimbs, Resource Specialist Jonathan Rutland, and Personnel Representative Andy Pope. Also in attendance was Tansel Hudson from NRCS. Executive Director Attaway called the meeting to order and asked Conservation Manager Amos to give an invocation.

The Board called for discussion on past meeting minutes. On a motion by Bob Martin and second by Kerry Van Moore, the board unanimously approved the December 12, 2017 board meeting minutes as provided.

At this point the board moved to item #4 on the agenda for supervisor appointments and current vacancies, and Mitch Attaway reported the appointments of 15 supervisors in 11 districts and seven supervisor resignations, approved on a motion by Kerry Van Moore and a second by Drew Echols.

The Board next called on Mr. Attaway to give the Executive Director's report; he began with the Personnel Report of one resignation. He then presented proposed changes to the employee handbook, and a motion was made by Bob Martin and seconded by Drew Echols to approve. Lastly he spoke briefly on the financial report and states GSWCC is on track for FY18.

Conservation Manager Robert Amos gave an update on Locust Grove's request for an MOA. He requested that the board give Mr. Attaway the authority to sign it before the next board meeting provided Locust Grove produces satisfactory plan reviews, approved on a motion by Drew Echols and a second by Bob Martin.

Rural Program Manager Jessica Mimbs then gave an update on the watershed dam program, after which Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz announced one new E&SC trainer. A motion to approve the trainer was made by Kerry Van Moore and seconded by Bob Martin.

Woody Snell was not present to represent GACD. Tansel Hudson gave an NCRS update.

The floor was then opened for public comment, at which point representatives from the Athens Land Trust requested and were granted speaking time at the next board meeting. Bob Martin proposed his ACE plan, and a conference call was scheduled for 10 days later to discuss before the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting will be held in Athens on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Andy Pope

Approved by:

 05/08/2018

GSWCC Chairman

Date

 03/06/2018

GSWCC Executive Director

Date