

GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Athens, GA

May 8, 2018

Participating via telephone were Board members Drew Echols, Bob Martin, Kerry Van Moore, and Jason Winters. Woody Snell from GACD, Jeffrey Harvey from Farm Bureau, and Stephanie DuQue from Athens Land Trust also participated by telephone. Participating from the Commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Rural Program Manager Jessica Mimbs, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, and Personnel Representative Andy Pope. Also attending in person was Tansel Hudson from NRCS. Executive Director Attaway called the meeting to order and gave an invocation.

The Board called for discussion on past meeting minutes. On a motion by Kerry Van Moore and second by Jason Winters, the board unanimously approved the March 5, 2018 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 12 supervisors in 8 districts and two supervisor resignations, approved on a motion by Bob Martin and a second by Kerry Van Moore.

The Board next called on Mr. Attaway to give the Executive Director's report; he began with the Personnel Report of one part-time hire. He then spoke briefly on the financial report and states GSWCC is on track for FY18. Mr. Attaway asked for a board vote regarding financial assistance to GACD with group meetings and supervisor training; the request was approved on a motion by Bob Martin and a second by Kerry Van Moore to pay GACD \$41.00 per supervisor that attended the group meeting. Lastly he addressed the S.T.A.R. Farm Program.

Mr. Attaway gave Conservation Manager Robert Amos' report in his absence, followed by Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, who requested action on Powder Springs' MOA; the request was approved on a motion by Jason Winters and a second by Drew Echols.

Rural Program Manager Jessica Mimbs then gave an update on the watershed dam program, including a request for action on a bond sale. A motion to approve the sale was made by Kerry Van Moore and seconded by Jason Winters.

Woody Snell gave a brief GACD update, followed by Tansel Hudson, who gave an NCRS update.

The floor was then opened for public comment, at which point Stephanie DuQue from the Athens Land Trust spoke regarding that program. Mr. Attaway proposed a change to per diem pay in regards to supervisor training which was approved on a motion by Drew Echols and a second by Bob Martin. Jeffrey Harvey of the Farm Bureau questioned the 25 signatures required to run for District Supervisor, which prompted a discussion.

It was decided that the date and time of the next board meeting would be determined later before the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Martin and a second by Kerry Van Moore.

Respectfully submitted by:

Andy Pope

Approved by:

 07/10/2018

GSWCC Chairman

Date

 05/09/2018

GSWCC Executive Director

Date