

**GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

Georgia Soil & Water Main Office
Athens, GA

DRAFT

October 4, 2016

Attending:

Board Members

Garland Thompson, Chairman
Harold Fallin, Vice Chairman
Bob Martin
Drew Echols

Staff Members

Mitch Attaway, Executive Director
Ben Ruzowicz
Karen Parson
La Shawn Jennings
Robert Amos
Jessica Bee

Guests

Dan Bennett, GACD President
Woody Snell
Andrew Seaver
Terrance Rudolph
Jeff Harvey
Kathleen Bowen

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and asked Mitch Attaway to give an invocation. The Board called for discussion and approval on past meeting minutes.

On a motion by Drew Echols and second by Bob Martin, the board approved the minutes with no changes from the August 26th Board Meeting.

The board moved to item #4 on the agenda for supervisor appointments and current vacancies. Mitch Attaway reports there are currently 22 vacancies in the 5 districts; however, after the November 2016 elections the number of current vacancies will decrease to just 5.

On a motion by Bob Martin and second by Drew Echols, the Board unanimously approved the nominees put forth in the October Supervisor Appointment Report.

The Board next called on Mr. Attaway to give the Executive Director's report; he began with the Personnel Report of one new hire and one resignation. Karen Parson spoke briefly on the financial report and states GSWCC is on track for FY17.

Next on the agenda, Ben Ruzowicz began his request for the board to approve an MOA for Macon and Bibb counties.

On a motion to approve by Bob Martin and a second by Drew Echols; the MOA was approved.

Mitch addressed a letter sent in by Coastal SWCD regarding scholarship funding for higher education in a Water Soil and Resources major. This funding will be supported by the Coastal SWCD Education Fund. The letter asks for the board's approval.

On a motion to approve by Bob Martin and a second by Harold Fallin; the request for scholarship funding was approved.

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

On a motion by Harold Fallin and a second by Bob Martin the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held in the Athens Office on Tuesday December 13th

Respectfully submitted by:

La Shawn Jennings

Approved by:

GSWCC Director

Date