

MINUTES MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2019

The meeting was a scheduled conference call.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fallin at 10:00AM. Conservation Manger Robert Amos gave the invocation.

The following board members were present on the call: Chairman Harold Fallin, Board Members Kerry Van Moore, Bob Martin and Jason Winters. Attending members of the Commission were Executive Director Mitch Attaway, Conservation Manager Robert Amos, Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz, Rural Project Managers Ben Hyer and Greg Walker and Administrative Assistant Jerri Helbing. Roger Bowman from GACD was also on the conference call.

Mr. Attaway asked for approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting. There was a motion by Bob Martin to approve them with corrections, a second from Kerry Van Moore and they were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report - Mitch Attaway stated there was no old business so he proceeded to the Personnel Report. He reported Alyssa Lamb started on September 1. She is working with Ben Hyer on the 319 Grants and is assisting Robert Amos. Ricky Ensley is the new *319 Grant Coordinator/Environmental Safety Worker* that started September 16 and is working with Greg Walker in Calhoun. Mr. Attaway explained he was on the interview panel October 10th for another E&S Control Specialist in Calhoun. Ben Ruzowicz has a new Intern, Mazen El-Jeaid, from UGA.

<u>**Financial Report</u>** – Mr. Attaway confirmed that this is the first month under the mandatory 4% budget cut. He said Karen Bruce is working with OPB to implement the budget cuts smoothly.</u>

<u>New Business</u> – Mr. Attaway proposed a change to the Employee Handbook. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve, Mr. Winters seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Attaway went on to say he has attended 2 of the Group Meetings so far and there has been good attendance and the material has been very beneficial. He urges all supervisors to attend.

<u>**Conservation Report</u>** – Conservation Manger Robert Amos welcomed Alyssa and Ricky to GSWCC. He said Ohoopee had an excellent Forestry Field Day that he was able to attend and that Pine Mountain District is going to have their Forestry Field Day in Feb. 2020. Mr. Amos mentioned it is "Banquet Season" and he is trying to attend as many as possible and help the Districts with anything they may need. Mr. Amos announced there were 3 new appointed Supervisors and 29 reappointed Supervisors. A motion was made to approve these by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Fallin and the approval was unanimous. Mr. Amos stated there was only 1 resignation of Gilbert Barrett. Mr. Fallin made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Mr. Moore and it was unanimous.</u>

<u>Urban Report</u> – Urban Program Manager Ben Ruzowicz reported that staff continue to work with Walton County, even though it is going slowly. St. Mary's overview showed deficiencies in the program, but our staff is committed to completing the MOA process. Mr. Ruzowicz also stated the GSWCC reviewers are extremely busy but no plans are over 35 days old. There are a lot of certification courses coming up. Mr. Ruzowicz presented 1 new trainer, Soraya Agudelo, for approval. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Martin and it passed unanimously.

<u>**Rural Report**</u> – Rural Project Manager Ben Hyer reported he, Alyssa and Ricky have been doing site visits. Mr. Hyer and Mr. Walker reported on the Watershed Dams. They are waiting on a few firms to send plans. On Little Sandy Trail 14 they are waiting on further verification of State funding and on the Maintenance Funds they are waiting on some clarification of which funds can be spent where.

GACD Update - Vice President Roger Bowman presented the updates for GACD.

NCRS Update – No one was present.

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM in Athens. With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectively Submitted by: Jerri Helbing

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GSWCC Executive Director

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