

**GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Georgia Farm Bureau, Macon, GA
September 20, 2012

Present were Chairman Garland Thompson, Vice-Chairman Dennis Brown, Commission Members Carl Brack, Hal Haddock, and David Hays. Participating from the Commission were Executive Director Brent Dykes, Deputy Executive Director Dave Eigenberg, Executive Manager of Water Policy Bob Hanner, Urban Program Manager Lauren Zdunczyk and E&SC Technical Specialist Ben Ruzowicz. Present from GACDS was President Danny Hogan. Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and asked Executive Director Dykes to give an invocation.

On a motion by Mr. Hays, and second by Mr. Brack, the Board unanimously approved an amendment of the agenda to include an executive session dealing with personnel.

Mr. Dykes presented the Board with a brief description and current wording of the Model Ordinance and E&S Act. Suggestions were provided on revisions to include a definition of stabilization.

Next, Chairman Thompson opened up the floor for discussion on the E&SC Manual (i.e., the "Green Book") and GSWCC E&SC Law. Mr. Hays and Vice-Chairman Brown both voiced concerns regarding the current state of erosion and regulations pertaining to erosion control particularly in metro-Atlanta counties on-sites taken over by FDIC upon bank closings. An E&S Program update was provided by Ms. Zdunczyk regarding the EPD consent order process with specific site descriptions given by Mr. Ruzowicz. The Board was update on upcoming NPDS permitting revisions. Board discussed revisions for the Model Ordinance and E&SC Manual. Chairman Thompson appointed a committee of Vice-Chairman Brown and Mr. Hays to work towards proposing new language to make E&SC law revisions. Director Dykes was requested to provide legislative contact leadership and to make available technical and clerical assistance to the committee.

On a motion by David Hays, and second by Dennis Brown, the Board unanimously directed Director Dykes to assist in accelerating the compliance process by coordinating with the EPD Director and necessary staff to find ways of achieving stabilization of these development sites.

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Dykes to schedule a meeting between Commission staff and EPD to discuss GSWCC concerns.

Georgia Farm Bureau President Zippy Duval made a brief appearance welcoming attendees to their facilities and providing an updated current status of GFB.

The Board agreed to hold their next meeting on October 18th, at the Georgia Department of Agriculture in Atlanta. Chairman Thompson thanked all of those in attendance, and opened the floor up for audience discussion.

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The Board went into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved by:

 10-18-12

GSWCC Chairman

Date

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GSWCC Executive Director

Date