

**ROCKDALE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT STATE BOARD
MARCH 26, 2021, MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:00:43:10] Mr. Ryan? How are you doing Mr. Ryan?
How are you doing Mr. Ryan?

Ryan Burgess: [00:01:24:02] I'm good, sir. How about you?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:01:46:00] Fine.

James Murphy: [00:01:46:07] Morning y'all.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:01:55:15] Good Morning.

David Shipp: [00:01:56:15] Morning.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:02:00:02] Morning.

James Murphy: [00:02:00:05] Howdy David!

David Shipp: [00:02:00:22] Hey!

James Murphy: [00:02:02:17] I got somebody I might end up passing your way.....Called me yesterday when I tell you he's warming, but at the moment she didn't want anybody to come out. But if she calls me back and it's like yeah, I want somebody to take care of him. I'll probably get in touch with ya.

David Shipp: [00:02:17:12] Yes, do that!

James Murphy: [00:02:19:02] Sure thing.

David Shipp: [00:02:19:22] Thank you.

Roslyn Ridgeway: [00:02:36:00] Good morning!

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:02:38:10] Good morning Ms. Ridgeway. How are you doing today?

Roslyn Ridgeway: [00:02:41:05] Good, good. How are you and everyone else?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:02:46:00] Oh! I'm good.

James Murphy: [00:02:48:05] Doing well.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:03:24:10] Good morning, Ms. Wilson.

Ruth Wilson: [00:03:28:05] Good morning. How are you?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:03:29:20] I'm doing fine.

Ruth Wilson: [00:03:31:15] Great, great, great. I'm actually in Alabama, but I wanted to check in and see what's happening this morning.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:03:37:17] I appreciate it. Thank you. Be safe out there.

Ruth Wilson: [00:03:41:05] Wonderful! Alright. Have a good meeting. I'll be watching as much as I can.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:03:45:02] Okay?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:06:02:10] Hello.

David Shipp: [00:09:43:07] Kenny, did you have an agenda that you sent out and I didn't see.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:09:48:02] Yeah! You didn't receive it.

David Shipp: [00:09:52:15] Um....was it part of? Um....trying to see where it is at?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:10:08:12] Um...I send it right after Alyssa sent hers. It's going to say, February 26. I'll sent it right now.

David Shipp: [00:11:01:10] Okay.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:11:03:22] I'm waiting on George right now, but um....Shay has an emergency and can't make it.

David Shipp: [00:11:08:00] Okay.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:12:48:22] Hi Scott. How you doing?

Joe McKinnon: [00:13:06:00] Chairman Johnson, this is Joe McKinnon. I'm sitting in for Scott this morning. He's had a personal day off today.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:13:12:00] Okay? No problem, Joe. I appreciate it.

Joe McKinnon: [00:13:14:15] Yes, sir.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:13:28:20] Have you received it yet, Dave ?

David Shipp: [00:13:34:22] Yes, I got it. Thank you.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:13:44:12] How you doing, Ms. Koralee ?

Koralee Nisbett: [00:13:54:02] I'm good. Thanks for asking. How are you?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:13:59:05] I am good. It's good to see you.

Koralee Nisbett: [00:14:02:10] Alright, I'm driving. So I'm going to be listening in today.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:14:05:17] Okay?

Koralee Nisbett: [00:14:08:07] Okay.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:20:39:10] Alright, Dave. We got George on the line. So, we got a quorum.

David Shipp: [00:20:43:17] Okay good.

George Kelecheck: [00:20:48:17] I apologize y'all. I'm going for my vaccine down in Macon.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:20:48:22] I understand I had to get mine last week. I got my shot last week too. So, I understand you just be safe in that weather.

George Kelecheck: [00:20:56:22] Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Well thank you very much. I apologize. I look forward and we got a quorum. Very good.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:21:03:10] Okay. Oh Dave. Can you read the minutes for me ?

David Shipp: [00:21:11:22] Okay, I don't have them up right now. Hold on. It's going to take me a minute to get there.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:21:30:05] Okay, it's no problem.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:21:32:07] We would have had Shay, but she had emergency. So that's understandable.

George Kelecheck: [00:21:37:00] Is she okay?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:21:37:07] Yep, she's fine.

George Kelecheck: [00:21:39:12] Okay. Thank you.

David Shipp: [00:22:53:17] Hold on one second.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:23:03:15] Okay.

David Shipp: [00:23:08:17] Alright um....you want me to read the short version. I assume.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:23:11:15] Yeah, the short version.

George Kelecheck: [00:23:11:15] Yeah, George is here.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:23:11:15] Yeah, we're going to read the short version.

David Shipp: [00:23:15:22] Okay.

David Shipp: [00:23:19:05] Regular monthly minutes February twenty sixth twenty twenty-one meeting via Zoom held attendance supervisors Kenny A Johnson, Chairman, George Kelecheck supervisor, David Shipp supervisor, Shay Hansford supervisor other attendees. Alyssa Lamb, Ryan Burgess, Orlando Robinson, Scott Gaither, Joe McKinnon, Dr. Johnson, Roslyn Ridgeway, Koralee Nesbitt, Alysa Davis, and Dwight Wicks. Called to order Chairman Kenny A. Johnson call the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. established that a quorum was present. Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone. Ms. Lamb read the minutes from the last meeting and motion was made by district supervisor Shipp second by district supervisor Handsford for the minutes were approved as read. NCRS report NRCS report was read by Ryan Burgess of NRCS. He reported that the NRCS is working on EQIP 2021. Ryan equally stated they've done all field visits to the counties to the landowners. They've done all the conservation planning and put them in the system where there are seven applications right now for Rockdale County and they're requesting a little over ninety-seven thousand dollars in conservation assistance. On those seven applications lands. There is a little bit of a technical issue going on with NRCS conservation assessment ranking tool that puts all the mapping type stuff in and ranks the application and puts the practices in. So, right now they're waiting on that to be fixed before they can kind of move on to the contracting phase for those contracts.

EQIP payments, it's been almost 27,000 dollars spent in Rockdale County. Ryan shared and displayed his report via the Zoom screen and the details are in the transcript. Ryan closed with a last announcement from the jobs that he talked about last time. There was a soil conservationist technician position advertised in Lawrenceville with him and his office and a selection had been made. The gentleman's name is Jesse Landers, and he was scheduled to start March the 15th.

David Shipp: [00:25:57:00] LIA reports The City of Conyers LIA report was read by Scott Gaither. Scott reported that the City has two personnel that are level 2-unit C, planner reviewers. The City issued one last service permit application total sites acres per month so far in January of twenty-seven acres total disturb was two point six five acres. Total active permitted sites including building site building construction is 10 for January. Site inspections performed per month were 15. The City issued 3 notices of violation issues. They have two inspectors. Both of those inspectors are level 1 B certified in the month of January. They did have to issue one stop work order that has been resolved and work resumed because the E&S has been cleaned up and the BMPs put in place as per the plan to maintain desperate plans. Scott closed with if, "you guys have any questions of what we have going on. I'm happy to answer what I can provide".

David Shipp: [00:27:11:02] Rockdale County LIA report was read by Orlando Robinson. Robinson reported that phase 1 and phase 2 for 300 homes were being built off of Flat Shoals Road over by Old Highland Golf Course. Robinson also indicated that Rockdale Tech Warehouse off of Dogwood was still being built. Robinson equally stated that a follow-up with all the information needed i.e. site plans and all will be forwarded. Treasury report. Chairman Johnson reported a balance of \$13, 499.92 and \$2,500.00 was received from Rockdale County. RSWCD State Board is waiting on \$4,000.00 from the City of Conyers. The City of Conyers has acknowledged that they will pay.

David Shipp: [00:28:04:10] Supervisor report. Kelecheck reported that there have been some changes at the state level for 2021 in the legislature regarding soil and water items. He further stated that in Rockdale County the land disturbance permits, and the dollars will be collected by the Storm Water Department in Rockdale County as of last month. Shipp reported that he is keeping an eye out on the big roundabout that the Pittman is building for the county at McDaniel Mill and Klondike. With all this rain that has been some issues, but they do have a number of silt screens and rock.

David Shipp: [00:28:41:07] Extension reports. No report was provided. Erosion sediment control plans no report was provided. Community report no report was provided. Adjourned Chairman Johnson adjourned at 9:28. Next meeting is set to take place on March 26 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Submitted by Chairman Kenny A. Johnson.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:29:04:02] I motion that we approve the minutes.

David Shipp: [00:29:07:20] I second.

George Kelecheck: [00:29:08:10] I second. This is George Kelecheck.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:29:10:02] Motion for the minutes to be approved has passed.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:29:17:15] Ryan NRCS

Ryan Burgess: [00:29:23:10] Morning, everybody.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:29:24:12] USDA.

Ryan Burgess: [00:29:26:22] Yes, sir. So, life it in NRCS right now. We have....they have fixed the ranking issue in our conservation planning software. So, we have reranked all of our applications and got them all submitted in the deadline to have that done was actually today or the close of business today. We're hoping once it closes today somewhere around the first of April been...be when we start seeing contracts selected for pre-approvals and we can move on with our contracting. Still doing field visits to certify conservation practices on EQIP contracts and meeting with producers to talk with about technical assistance on whatever they may have. Throughout Rockdale, we went out and checked our certified 8 Project Wing sites. Those arethat that stands for wildlife incentives for non-game and game species, they're actually on power lines and we go out and kind of check to make sure that they've bushed hogged put in food plots done early successional habitat, things like that. So, they're just kind of managing that that power line for the transmission company. Whether it's Georgia Power, the transmission company whichever one happens to be...uh..some news that y'all probably really want to know about is the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop. I got some information from the Gwinnett district meeting when Robert sat in on that one. He said the workshop this year for NRCW will be held June 27th through July 2nd at ABAC. Registration will open April the 1st through May 1st. And, this year, due to COVID restrictions and all that they're only allowing 80 seats at ABAC. And, how they're going to open it up is that each county is only going to get two spots kind of for the first go-round and then if counties don't use their spots, then they'll come back and say hey we've got this many seats available. So, counties like Rockdale that usually sends a good many students could possibly send more than two, but they're opening it up to 2 per county. And, tuition for this workshop has went up. It's going to be two hundred and seventy-five dollars per student this year. And,....let's see Urban Conservation Tool Box Grant. I know I've mentioned this a few times throughout my reports, but there is one high tunnel remaining and I know I've asked y'all before if there was any sites and Rockdale, but I really would like to get one.

So, I got one on the list. So, if you know any community gardens, churches, food banks that have established gardens existing programs or whatever. Please let me know because I said would like to get at least one one of these kits and in Rockdale to kind of help out with the programming and education and agriculture. And then last thing is is that the new employee Jesse Landers he did start on March the 15th and he's going to be a great asset to the team here. So look forward to working with him and then also partnering with y'all as well. So that's the end of my report.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:33:04:00] Um..about ABAC. Is that in person only?

Ryan Burgess: [00:33:13:00] What. So, what I was told or whatever because I know Katie Sponberger and GACD folks. They thought it was going to be a virtual meeting. But as of last week, Robert Amos said that they're running the show or whatever. They said this would be an in-person workshop 80 people. I think usually they have like three hundred or three hundred and twenty seats available. They reduced it down to 80 people for their socially distant stuff in person.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:33:38:12] Oh, I've got funds for it, but I'm not going to take on that responsibility. We're still in the middle of a pandemic.

Ryan Burgess: [00:33:48:15] Yeah.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:33:49:22] I'm just not going to do that. Not with... not with kids from this neighborhood because that doesn't make any sense. That's funds in my grant to cover that. So, I think they need to rethink that and probably just see how it works during the fall. Really?

Ryan Burgess : [00:34:14:05] Yeah, and yes, I mean, it's that's all I was just kind of delivering that message. That's all the Commission and GACD working on that. So, I....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:34:23:12] And you're just going to be able to send two kids.

Ryan Burgess : [00:34:26:20] So, basically...

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:34:28:07] That's not us. We spend the most kids in the whole state.

Ryan Burgess : [00:34:31:02] Yeah, when I when I heard two kids I was the same way. I was like, yeah, usually.... usually Rockdale and Dekalb send 15 to 20 a piece. Yeah.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:34:41:05] Yeah. So, uh....

Ryan Burgess : [00:34:43:05] Hey don't shoot the messenger. I'm just delivering the news.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:34:59:00] Yeah, you know I'm just sending my kids to get scholarship money too. So...no, they need to rethink that. What else I wanted to talk to you about is the Marshland do y'all monitor that here and we have some in Rockdale. Do y'all monitor that?

Ryan Burgess : [00:35:09:17] When you say monitor, what do you what do you mean?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:35:14:05] Do y'all work with on Army Corps Engineer because I know I've been talking them and they are pretty strong on the marshland and as far as the runoffs.

Ryan Burgess : [00:35:23:05] Yeah, the only time NRCS.....so as of Marshland, I think NRSC looks at it as like Wetland type stuff. So, the only way NRCS ME or the state office folks that deal with the the wetlands would have anything to do with that would be if those people applied for wetland programs like to restore the habitat like it was a degraded condition, but if it's.... if it's just a wetland area, that's not us.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:35:48:15] Okay. We probably going to be talking to you about that. About the high tunnel.

Ryan Burgess : [00:35:56:17] Okay.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:35:57:05] You know I've been talking about a high tunnel in Rockdale County. So, we gonna have to work on something. I mean, we got to work with some church or somebody to get that in here...I mean the community should be able to have vegetables year around.

Ryan Burgess : [00:36:15:22] Yeah. I'm holding one out for you. I know we've been trying. I've tried with James and everybody. We've kind of thrown it out there and it's kind of like we just hadn't got one taker. I got one left and I'm holding it tight, but I just don't know how long I got to get this grant done. So, if we can find something...

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:36:31:20] How long we got? How long do we have ? We gotta find somebody?

Ryan Burgess : [00:36:36:22] Um....the grant expires at the end of the year, but by the time you order those things and then give somebody three months or four months to put that thing up. So, ASAP within the next two months, I would say maximum. Let me know somebody.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:36:52:12] Alright, we're going to put a call out. You're gonna help me with that Dave?

David Shipp: [00:36:55:10] Yeah.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:36:55:10] We're gonna put a call out to somebody. We'll get some church...somebody...some community going to help us.

Ryan Burgess : [00:37:02:15] Yeah, and...and I really would and that's kind of what I was saying. I mean, I would really like it to be an established garden like they've establish.... a kind of like not not throwing James out over there, but we kind of like extension what they have. They've got to establish group and establish garden because I really don't want to put one of these structures out somewhere where it's like, yeah, we think we might have a program that ends up fizzling out. I'd really like it to be something established.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:37:26:22] Well, Jamie is the only one I've seen that out there besides the Monastery.

James Murphy: [00:37:31:10] I know a couple others well and one of those you mentioned on our call the other day is Global Growers. I don't know if they'd be interested.

Ryan Burgess : [00:37:38:12] Yeah, so this is actually is kind of like a bridge program so that EQIP program that we always talk about. If it's an individual like a farmer they have to go through the EQIP program.

James Murphy: [00:37:49:12] Okay.

Ryan Burgess : [00:37:49:20] This is for folks that can apply for EQIP. That's more like the churches or something like a county organization that make too much money to qualify for EQIP. This was kind of something instead of saying hey, we don't have anything for y'all.

James Murphy: [00:38:01:12] Yeah.

Ryan Burgess : [00:38:01:20] This is kind of that. So...

James Murphy: [00:38:04:07] Yeah, the only other folks I would think of is maybe the folks out at the Art Farm. I don't know if they're doing any vegetable stuff, but they got all their raised bed garden stuff.

Ryan Burgess : [00:38:14:10] Yeah.

James Murphy: [00:38:15:05] But that's like a community garden space, but I don't know if they're doing any typical stuff that would be kind of conventional in ground stuff. That would be applicable for that. But yeah, I mean as far as the established gardens, you know, I've got I always get contacted about folks that are like, I think I want to do this or I want to do that. I get, you know, a dozen schools every single year that I try and work with them on stuff, but it's so dependent on teacher priorities and administrative support that you know oftentimes that fizzles out before really gets anywhere. So, I know you wouldn't want to commit that much of materials and effort into a project like that.

Ryan Burgess : [00:38:48:20] Yeah.

James Murphy: [00:38:50:02] Yeah, it's hard. I don't know that I would say and I know you've been working with her to Kenny over at Memorial Middle. Like I know she's real passionate about stuff and I don't know where they are with their garden.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:39:02:12] Oh well, they are underneath my grant.

James Murphy: [00:39:04:00] Right? Yeah.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:39:05:07] They're going to have a greenhouse already.

James Murphy: [00:39:07:12] Okay. Yeah. I mean at that point like I don't know. It's hard to say that the folks that I would originally think. Yeah, I don't think they would really qualify. And yeah, it's kind of.....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:39:18:05] Are there farmers that you know of?

James Murphy: [00:39:20:02] I mean I do but again like I don't think they fit into the program. Right Ryan?

Ryan Burgess : [00:39:24:22] Yeah.

James Murphy: [00:39:24:22] Like cuz I mean,

Ryan Burgess : [00:39:26:07] I would really need....

James Murphy: [00:39:26:22] You know, Jeff Anthony out at his farm, you know, he's already got a couple high tunnels out there, but you know. I'm sure he wouldn't turn down another one, but I guess he wouldn't really qualify for this type of program.

Ryan Burgess : [00:39:36:22] Yeah. He's already under EQIP.

James Murphy: [00:39:38:12] Yeah.

Ryan Burgess : [00:39:38:20] And all that kind of stuff. So this would be like if there was a good school or whatever that had a good program established and they were like they've been running with it. And there's a lot of progress or whatever a school, a church, a food bank a community garden. That's really like who I'm trying to grab with these because like I said the farmers an individual on their own piece of land they can go through EQIP.

James Murphy: [00:40:00:15] Okay. Well, I'll tell you what Ryan. I'll pitch it again to our our master gardeners. What we're doing right now is we're pivoting to like no-till low till in the garden anyway, because for too many years now, we basically every single year have to spend a bunch of money on getting top soil brought in and it just washes away over the course of the year because it gets tilled in but it's you know, there's just hard clay underneath it. So, we're moving towards low till no-till probably doing some cover cropping this fall and you know, if we could sell this is another potential practice. The thing is, you know, like we discussed earlier. It's got to be you know, we got to bring the labor to the table which I think to a certain extent we can, but COVID is not been kind to our volunteer numbers. We've had a lot of folks that have stepped away from the program who have not felt safe or have not felt engaged. So, bringing those folks back and getting enough people here. And again, most of them are retirees. It's not all of them are retirees. So, you know, I could certainly, you know, bring bring some "pair of hands" to work on it but as far as maintenance and you know, making sure we have that continuity. That's what I'm concerned about. I want to see your investment, you know, bear literal fruit down the road and I know that takes more, you know your hand in it off. I can't expect you to you know maintain this project that's unfair. So, making sure that we have that continuity to hand it off effectively. That's all I would want to check out but I'll pitch it again to the group we've got to make the....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:41:28:20] I think the only thing I'm looking at is probably that was high school across the street from.....

James Murphy: [00:41:37:07] Oh, yeah. Yeah, you talking about the Career Center?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:41:41:15] Yeah, I don't know the gentleman that is over the agriculture over there, but if we could have them....have their students coming over there and participating and.....that would be a great idea.

James Murphy: [00:41:57:00] Yeah, I know they've got a greenhouse out there. But yeah, I don't know how active their garden is. You know, we've never.... I think....they've done a lot more stuff with maybe like, you know FFA rather than like 4-H stuff. I think maybe they have a little bit more relationship there because I have.....the only direct work we've done with them as we've hosted some events over at their facilities, but you know, I haven't really done any direct work on their garden. But yeah, you know,I....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:42:23:00] Yeah, I'll talk to them. We'll talk to them. We'll talk around and see who in the community we can get involved in that.

Ryan Burgess : [00:42:32:00] Hey Mr. Kenny that guy's name's is Kevin Serat.

James Murphy: [00:42:35:17] Right. Yeah, yeah.

Ryan Burgess : [00:42:36:12] He's the head guy over there. No, not the head guy. He's the one that kind of deals with that side of it.

James Murphy: [00:42:36:12] The ag teacher.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:42:41:07] Okay, alright. I'm gonna get in touch with him.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:42:48:12] LIA Conyers

Joe McKinnon: [00:42:52:22] Good morning, everybody while we're still on that subject about the.....the tunnel. Mr. Chairman, there's a church going down, Georgia 20 right past where that I know...it's past the Target or somewhere, right? But there's like I think it's a Catholic Church. They always have a big garden stuff going on with their almost.....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:43:14:20] I think that's Saint Pius. I think that's what that is..

George Kelecheck: [00:43:21:12] Saint Pius on Georgia 20.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:43:22:00] Yeah, I'll try to get in touch with them too. I know who you should talk to my dead very into their garden also.

Joe McKinnon: [00:43:29:00] Yep. The total projects we have going on has only increased by one from last month....uh... This last Wednesday we issued the land disturbance for the Salem Gate Market development. I know everybody's been kind of waiting on that. TD Farrell is going to be the construction. They've disturbed about... They're going to disturb about 22 acres and we're kind of looking forward to that getting online getting that that moving forward. The only other major project we have on the kind of in the hopper. It hadn't is still in the planning is the Bond Barnes, but is still out...uh...They're still working on that. We did get to attend the GACD Zoom meeting last week two days of pretty good training.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:44:14:07] Yeah. I was there. Yeah, it was pretty good.

Joe McKinnon: [00:44:21:00] Yeah. That was pretty good via Zoom. Today, we're just going to be watching the rain. Being on some sites and making sure everything is buttoned up.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:44:27:12] So, what's going on with that East View project over there?

Joe McKinnon: [00:44:34:07] Uh...Brookstone?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:44:34:17] Yep.

Joe McKinnon: [00:44:36:07] Uh..they were...you....and we kind of were waiting. We knew that the... I know they're doing the decel lane as of two days ago. They were working hot and heavy on getting that at the entrance that's going to bring some major stabilization to that whole look there. The water line is going in as of last week's of that was one that was one of the things why we weren't seeing a lot of grading going on. So, the grading companies back out there on site. So, it's a hopefully...it's going to start moving a lot quicker than what it has to get that infrastructure. I know...I'm fairly sure we've had multiple people wanting to say they want a bid...bid get in there and build homes. So, first phase is....of Brookstone is near getting near completion.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:45:20:05] Okay, when is that Eastmore project going to start?

Joe McKinnon: [00:45:25:15] We have....uh...we've got a pre-construction with that coming up. Mr. Chairman, I think it's going to be a couple weeks away. So,...uh....they're....they're getting it there. I'm not sure whether you guys have seen any plans or not or approved any plans, but um...I know that.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:45:43:10] Not yet.

Joe McKinnon: [00:45:44:20] I know they are coming online within the next 30 days.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:45:48:02] Okay. You got any questions Dave? Do you got any questions for him Dave ? Okay. All right James extension.

James Murphy: [00:46:16:12] Alrighty, morning y'all. I'm sure if you're anything like me, you know springtime is a busy time for ya anything ag related or natural resource related. You know, as the world starts to wake up, things get busy and that's certainly the case over here at extension. Sort of within extension proper within the office we've been busy with programming largely rolling out a homeowner series to kind of address homeowner interest. So, for thisin this homeowner series, you know, we've addressed a lot of stuff as far as a lawn care topics. We've addressed just this month alone...let's see we did one just this past week on house plant care, which was kind of an interesting topic doing some stuff on home gardening. So, we've already done some seed starting and taking that into garden design and we got another talk coming up next week on blueberry care and selection. So, we're just kind of taking sort of a smattering of things here and there that folks have expressed interest in and try to address some of those topics, but we do have some good quality talks for bringing in specialists from you know, the Griffin campus as well as fellow agents to kind of speak to some of these topics. So, I've been pleased with attendance and I'm grateful that we've been getting folks interested in that kind of stuff. As far as direct sort of diagnostics and things that were around the county, right now major concerns have largely been issues that I think are manifesting during this green upstage that likely were caused probably late last year or in to fall. But again, now that things are green and up and folks are paying attention to their garden, we're seeing a lot of sort of delayed manifestation and either environmental or pathological issues coming to light in particular. I've seen quite a few turf issues and by and large these are issues that like I said probably happened late last year, but in Zoysia, St. Augustine and Bermuda, we're seeing some the remnants of some fungal issues as well as some environmental stress. So, just something to keep on the lookout for whether it's in your own lawns or if you've got some other issues, you know, maybe some neighbors got some issues or for seeing them even in some industrial or commercial spaces. We processed this year; I think more or this month. I'll say more soil tests than we've ever have in my entire time here.

So, I think that's a combination of again folks being a lot of pent-up demand from this past winter. But you know, maybe it's a lot of new folks getting into gardening or getting into the DIY aspect. So, we're glad to see that. A few other things, we ran our pre-sale for plants. We had a bit of a pre-sale plant sale. So we're going to have pickups for that this weekend and then I will also personally be running a booth at the Cherry Blossom Festival Saturday and maybe Sunday depending on how things go. We're going to be selling some Yoshino cherry trees. It's looking like the weather is going to clear out is going to hold out for us on Saturday. So I'm going to knock on wood and hope we have a nice day and everybody comes out and has a good time and stay safe. As far as things kind of outside the office, but things that I've been part of lately. I've helped advise the county on a rejuvenation project for the rain garden that's over there in front of Parker Road, the Maxell building, the restoration storehouse area that was you know, undertaken largely by storm water and Parks and Rec but it is in the process of getting rejuvenated as far as I understand. It's part of the county's green certification. So they were doing a bit of work on that to try and get that done by a certain deadline. I also went over with one of our master gardener extension volunteers to the Rockdale County Jail this past Tuesday, and we tilled up their garden over there and got it prepped for planting. So, hopefully they'll be getting going pretty soon with that. I...you know, I've advised them as far as vegetable and ornamental plantings. I think they're really trying to emulate Gwinnett County's program as far as having a jail garden that can... is not only visually appealing and provides a therapeutic outlet for inmates and for staff, but ideally should hopefully be feeding folks because that's you know, if you're planting an edible garden and folks aren't eating it then, you know, what's the real point there? So, hopefully that's...that's the major end goal but a lot of that I think is tied up in you know, kind of the brass so to speak at the jail level. So, that's kind of beyond me but I do hope we can see that garden flourish because it's pretty nice space and they've got soil you'd be jealous of in those beds. It's a really nice spot. But other than that, you know, we're looking forward to other programming. You know, I've got another talk coming up on April 7th. We're going to be doing a bit of a good bug bad bug talk for folks getting into, you know, maybe doing some home DIY Pest Control.

So, we're going to do a talk on organic gardening with one of our UGA specialists. Elizabeth Little is going to be given a talk and she's you know real great and organics are always hugely popular here in Rockdale County there. They always get a lot of interest. So I'm expecting big attendance on that and will be advertising that soon. Other than that, I'm keeping a lot of my calendar fairly open because I've been getting a lot of demand for site visits coming up see folks identify plants identify those aforementioned disease issues so we'll probably not have a ton more programming in April and then probably pick back up in May and June as we starting to get into the some of that Soil Conservation cover crop in programming that I mentioned earlier, but with that that's basically my report and I'll take any other questions.

George Kelecheck: [00:52:07:15] This is George Kelecheck.

James Murphy: [00:52:07:20] Hi there George.

George Kelecheck: [00:52:07:20] You mentioned you've got several talks coming up ?

James Murphy: [00:52:07:20] Yes, sir,

George Kelecheck: [00:52:14:15] Is there anyway we can.....uh...do have to go through the extension office to get on the email list?

James Murphy: [00:52:14:22] So, I can I can add you into it. So we advertise them on our Facebook page. They'll also be on the UGA extension a master calendar the event calendar as far as advertisement there. But yeah, I mean, I've got your email George I can toss you in our our mailing list and just say here's what's coming up for April because I've been harvesting those basically when folks fill out my survey and they indicate they want to be, you know, made aware of things. Then I'll plug them into that. So I'd be happy to do that for anybody who's interested or if you want to drop your email in the chat here I could....I could take those and toss them in there as well.

George Kelecheck: [00:52:49:00] Let me ask you this. Do you have a listing of all the HOA emails across the county?

James Murphy: [00:52:58:20] No, but I sure wish I did.

George Kelecheck: [00:53:01:22] Okay. Well, I can I can work on that for you because we do have a list from Mr. Don Meyer.

James Murphy: [00:53:16:05] Okay.

George Kelecheck: [00:53:16:10] And, we could afford that over to you. So, it the more information that the extension can provide to the citizens probably the better off we are.

James Murphy: [00:53:26:07] Sure thing, you know, I'd love to provide some insight as far as you know, when we're talking landscape concerns, especially if we're talking low maintenance or you know proper turf maintenance, especially within subdivisions or plant selection whether it be I just did a consult for a neighborhood entrance like a subdivision sign as far as plant selection for kind of a low-maintenance perennial setup. So, if folks are looking for that kind of information, we can certainly provide it and I'd love to have that all in one kind of basket. But yeah, it just has to be, you know, obviously if the demand is there and I'd love to get folks either virtually in one room or you know, hopefully sometime in the near future physically in one room together so we can kind of knock out a lot rather than having to drive to 30 different subdivisions and over the course of a week or something like that, but we'll see how it pans out. But I do appreciate that George.

George Kelecheck: [00:54:19:12] Mr. Chairman. Is that okay with you, if I forward that information to Mr. Murphy?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:54:24:00] Yeah, that's fine.

George Kelecheck: [00:54:25:07] Okay. Thank you.

James Murphy: [00:54:27:00] Did you have something, Kenny ?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:54:28:20] Um..Yeah, we are going to be approving this Bee Nation.

James Murphy: [00:54:35:05] Okay, cool.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:54:36:17] We're going to have a board. I'm going to get further into it, but I just wanted to let you know so ...because we are going to probably want you to be involved.

James Murphy: [00:54:45:12] Yeah.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:54:45:20] This is the school to educate the educators and students. They are very excited about this.

James Murphy: [00:54:57:00] I've been very impressed with Memorial Middle. You know, they're ag good program and where they've been kind of taken things with their STEM Program. I guess I'll say and having that ag background. I've been very impressed that you know, they really kind of taken the reigns because they were one of the first schools I started working with when I came here. They reached out to me and asked me to come out. So I'm excited. They've got a passionate person leading that program because I think when it comes to school gardens and it comes to bringing, you know, ag programs to bear you've got to have somebody like that that really is all about it and I think Barbara certainly is.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:55:29:12] Yep. So, they are under the grant in the cluster of schools: Honey Creek, Memorial, and the Magnet school.

James Murphy: [00:55:43:15] Mm..hm

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:55:44:05] So, uhm....so, oh! LIA Conyers. I need to speak to you. Are you still on here?

Joe McKinnon: [00:55:53:07] Yes, sir. Go ahead.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:55:56:07] Centennial subdivision.

Joe McKinnon: [00:55:58:00] Yes sir?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:56:00:07] I know the HOAs told me y'all were fixing the fence around the detention.

Joe McKinnon: [00:56:10:07] The city would not be.... I guess it would be the.... I'm not sure who that was....That was....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:56:16:07] I don't know who it was but the City was involved and then we.... because I sent an email of three things that I wanted to see get done. I don't know if you involved but the three things I wanted to get resolved were the grading of that ditch behind her that is flooding her property because I talked to the builder and he said no it is the developer and the developer is well known. Mr. James King and it ain't that good. So, I'm just checking with you making sure I put this on record that you guys are aware of it. I've sent emails that I want...there are three things I wanted to get done the HOA is called me and told me to seeing y'all repair the fence, but the grading of the ditch that need to be done and the \$3,100 which is tied to the detention pond because he didn't want to pay to the cleaning of the detention pond that was sitting there for 12 years.

He's going to get them that \$3,100 back. We have dealt with this guy before with dirt piles and everything. So, if you've got major contracts here in Rockdale and the City of Conyers, it's no need for you to treat people that way in those subdivisions ain't no way. And, he had a lot of problems y'all had to shut him down before in that subdivision. We just don't have the paperwork from you guys, but I just want to make sure that's on record.

Joe McKinnon: [00:57:51:10] Yeah. Sure. I think.... I think...the assistant director Gaither got that email. Mr. Chairman. So, I think he's aware of your request.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:58:00:20] Okay, I appreciate it. Appreciate it. Thank you. Alright supervisor report.

George Kelecheck: [00:58:17:12] This is George Kelecheck. Kenny, as you've touched basis on what's been happening...I do have the GSI...mapping information for Rockdale County. When we have the opportunity to get together over the next week or so. I'll be able to show you exactly where all that information is and you could go down to a two foot contour map on any section with in Rockdale County. So. that'll be very helpful to locate streams and other items that you'll be.....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:58:54:20] Yeah, that's going to be very helpful. Like I said, I'm working with the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA because I want to get this county back in line where it should be..... because we.... It's really a disaster.

George Kelecheck: [00:59:13:02] Understood. Well, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised that it is very very detailed. So, we'll be able to share that information.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:59:21:07] Thank you,

George Kelecheck: [00:59:23:02] Yes, sir. And, that came from...it's a.... the planning and development department. It's where I was able to secure part of the information.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:59:32:12] Okay, I really appreciate that because that's going to give me a very good view of what's going on with the erosion sediments and how it's affecting our wetlands and stuff.

George Kelecheck: [00:59:47:07] Correct, sir. Yes sir.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [00:59:50:20] Dave, you got anything?

David Shipp: [00:59:55:00] Uh...not much. I went ahead and put the high tunnel on the Facebook page for the district and....uh...don't have much else.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:00:12:20] Okay.

Shay Hansford: [01:00:15:05] Hi, this is Shay Hansford. I just made it in. I do apologize for my lateness.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:00:22:20] Okay, you got anything you have to say.

Shay Hansford: [01:00:28:00] The only thing I had to say was that I am working on trying to get some materials and marketing together for the future to do some festivals. We're not planning anything currently now due to the issues that are going on but hopefully later on in the summer when things improve we will be able to get some of those things together.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:00:53:00] Great. George. Can you work with....work with her on that?

George Kelecheck: [01:01:07:15] Certainly so....Shay just give me a little jungle....I'm really kind of tied up today, but over the weekend sometime just pick up the phone and give me a call. Okay ?

Shay Hansford: [01:01:07:22] Okay, no problems are definitely touch bases with you.

George Kelecheck: [01:01:11:07] Yes, ma'am. No problem.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:01:14:10] Okay, They're a couple of things that I want to go over on the agenda and get approved. First, I want to get approved.....is the \$2,300 that we.....the allotment that we get from the state that we are using for scholarship. And, we usually send it to Rockdale Public Schools to Ms. Cindy Boyd, Ball...excuse me Ms. Ball. So, I'd like to get that approved and then next month I'm going to come back with the other funds that we're going to put toward our scholarship because we're going to set up an application for the school so the kids can apply for the scholarship funds. But this one right here, the \$2300 we have to get that out of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission's hands because it takes time take about two weeks. And, I don't know why but I'm gonna find out....But, we need to get that approved so we can get that into the school's hand so we could.....just like we did last year so we can get scholarship. But this time, this year we're going to have them to apply for it.

George Kelecheck: [01:02:39:00] Excellent.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:02:39:02] So, motion to approve that.

David Shipp: [01:02:45:10] Second

George Kelecheck: [01:02:45:17] I motion to approve, George Kelecheck.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:02:45:17] Thank you, motion carried.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:02:48:17] The second thing that's on the agenda is Judged Aten. She has a program that I want to fund and I don't have the funds.....exact amount that I want to put in place, but her kids are studying the law. Ya'll have to see this program. It's awesome. And there will be..... we'll be....we'll be helping them with the environmental law. We need advocates. We need the kids to be wanting to be advocates for the environment to be lawyers, judges. We need that. We need to put that seed into them. So, I want to support them. And, I want to get that approved. Like I said, I don't know the exact amount.....will....I'm going to look it over and see what exact amount we can do for them, but I want to get it approved that we're going to support.

George Kelecheck: [01:04:01:07] I make a motion for the approval George Kelecheck.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:04:04:00] Can I get a second ?

David Shipp: [01:04:11:17] Um...we're not stating an amount yet ?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:04:15:07] Not yet. I'm....um....I'm not staying in the mouth yet because I don't know how much.....I haven't received my four thousand dollars from.....

David Shipp: [01:04:29:17] The City.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:04:30:22] The City and so I want to make sure that I know exactly what I'm putting in the school and an exact amount I'm going to give to them and right now we can table this until I get the amount and we can just approve it the next month. I just want to bring that up though.

Shay Hansford: [01:04:49:07] Yeah, that's a good idea.

David Shipp: [01:05:13:12] Yeah, I'm in favor of it. Just you know without an amount, I don't know what....outside of.... we agree that we do this.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:05:13:15] Yeah...Yeah, so like I said, until we get our last money from the City, I don't know exactly how much money I can give to them. I just want to make sure I take care of the schools first, but we can come back on next month and approved the amount, but I just want to support them.

George Kelecheck: [01:05:28:00] Sure.

Shay Hansford: [01:05:29:07] Yeah, that sounds good. I think we should go over it next month. That's a good idea.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:05:33:15] All right. Appreciate it. Thank you. The next thing is Bee nation. That will be covered under the grant but the two hundred dollars application. I want to get that approved here. Also under the be Nation. I need to set up a board. So, Dave and Shay I want y'all to run that board you'll be working with Dr. Lynette Clark and other schools....the schools that's in our cluster Memorial & Honey Creek. We will be paying....we....we have the money in the grant for the pollinate.....pollinators....that....also we need to go to planning and development for the County so we could know the areas that we can put it in. I know one area. I do want to put it in and it's the walkway over there by walk....trail over there by the new administration that's in between the school administration, the courthouse, tag office. So,...so like I said, we have the money for the pollinators. I just need to get approved the \$200 for the the application. So, I motion that we approve to pay for the application of \$200.

David Shipp: [01:07:26:17] I second the motion

Shay Hansford: [01:07:26:17] I second.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:07:26:17] The motion is carried and approved. Dave, I need your help on this one. I need you and Shay's help on this one because we...we going to be Bee Nation. This is going to be very major and we're going to promote these Honey Bees.... Bee Keepers. We want the kids involved. You are already on the campus already. So, you might want to.....I want might want to see if the young lady over there in Milstead might be interested in working with the kids, too.

David Shipp: [01:08:10:05] Yes.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:08:12:05] Alright, I appreciate it. Alright, that's the majority of the business now. Um.....the only thing I want to say about the MOA is that it's valid and it's legal. And, I talked to Mitch they're supposed to have training for the city and the county but right now they are under an audit. So, going forward I have talked to EPA and the Army Corps Engineers and EPD and they all on board with me. We have 30-year-old MOA and we can let them just built without doing any green space. We got erosion going on. We have.....we don't even have the proper paperwork. We don't even have monthly; we don't have quarterly paperwork and then EPD don't even have the paper work. So,.... so it's a disaster that we need to correct and that's what we elected for. We're not elected to do popular things. We are elected to do the right thing. So, that's where I'm at with the MOA. I know the Attorney General asked us to table this. We're not tabling anything. This is legal and I know the City and their lawyers and all that.....all mad but how you going to try to go to court and tell them? Yeah. We got a 30-year old MOA and we are under an audit. Ain't nobody going for that. So.....so the bottom line is that the citizen depend on us to enforce and making sure that it wetlands and their streams and their rivers are not polluted. So, that's where we stand with MOA. So, you're going to hear a lot of noise, but the bottom line is.....they have to get trained and we have they have to make sure that they're in line with the Clean Water Act and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. And, as of today, they're not. So, that's all my report is right now. Does anybody else have anything to say?

David Shipp: [01:11:09:00] Yeah, uh....are....has the City or the County....do we have an MOA to them for them to look at the sign? Is that one that Ms. Eckrote sent out on her email is that the one that they are supposed to be signing the City and the County.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:11:41:10] Well actually the sit in the county tried to create their own MOA and told us to sign it. So, I guess the fox is supposed to tell us what to do and that's not going to happen the ones that we created and sent to them. They don't want to sign it. As a matter of fact, I really going to make some more changes into it. So, until they want to come to the table and understand that things have changed and that they will....they....they need to come to the table and understand that we're not going to change anything in their favor. It's going to be about making sure that we take care of.....of the public.

David Shipp: [01:12:31:15] Okay.

Shay Hansford: [01:12:33:05] Sorry. I had a question. Did they say specifically what issues they had with the MOA that we gave to them?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:12:41:22] Nope, and let me clear something up too. It's nothing in the O.C.G.A. laws that we have to have an MOA with them. They know it. It's nothing in the law that said we have to have an MOA. My whole thing is they need to get training and we need to.....it's about the people and they've been living off of this 30 year old.....old MOA and right now their building is quick. If you guys are.....I mean the citizens are against a townhouse going up....they're worrying about some marchlands. Y'all already know those political donors that's on the planning and developing committee just approve it and then it goes straight to the commission and they approve it right quick. No, we're going to want some research.....going to know the impact of the environment. So, that is what supposed to be going along with permits. So I'm not just going to sign no MOA. I'm going to want know.....to make sure that it's benefiting Rockdale County Citizens. Like I said, in the O.C.G.A. law we don't have to have an MOA.

Some District don't have an MOA. What it's going to make them do.....it's going to take them longer to get it approved. They have to go to the Commission in Athens. Then, they got to come back to us. So, that's their problem. Then, that's why they are angry. They want to do fast-paced. You want to do fast-paced and you don't even have paperwork in place. That looks pretty bad. I was just talking to an EPA representative and Army Corps Engineer and they were like, they don't have paperwork? And, I said no. That makes this board look back. Real bad, if we don't enforce.

George Kelecheck: [01:15:25:00] Uh....Kenny, George Kelecheck. I uh....I've been in touch with Steve Weinstein who is the Chairman of the planning commission...they did....he did get approval from the commission to draft a letter to the City and the County regarding a moratorium on townhomes. So, uh....Steve said he would email that letter to me and I will contact him again today to ensure that he gets that email letter that he sent to the City and the County and then I'll email it to you with David and Shay. Okay.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:15:50:00] Okay. I appreciate it. I mean, it's just like on certain projects they have.....they have some violations going on and we don't have any paperwork on it to tell us hey....there....it's a shut down going on in the community in that building area.....because they have.....they haven't put in the proper silk fence. We don't have paperwork on that until I pull.....I got on them about Eastview. Nobody knew how much violation they had going on.

George Kelecheck: [01:16:22:17] WOW!

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:16:24:20] If you go look at Eastview right now, you'll say wow, that's a disaster over there. So, no, we're not doing an MOA. I mean the holler scream all they want to.....but they know what I'm following is the statute the O.C.G.A. laws and I'm following the Federal Statute and we don't have to have an MOA.

They have to prove that they are capable of being a LIA. That's what the 33 -uh.....I might be calling the wrong... 9... I might be 91-9. Yeah, that's what it says in there. You got the division, which is the EPD and you got the district, which is us. They got to prove that they are competent to lead as the LIA to enforce developers and builders to make sure they do it right and not be their buddies. We can't have that.

David Shipp: [01:17:33:17] Well, I'll agree with all that, but we do have to.....if we don't have a review of the plans that they submit as I understand it...it often gets automatically approved. If you don't do it within what is it 30 days or what is it?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:17:53:02] Thirty-five.

Shay Hansford: [01:17:54:10] 35.

David Shipp: [01:17:55:12] 35 days. So is....is the State able to review those plans within that time period ? I know in the past, whenever we had Mr. Amos with us, you know, they always seem to be behind.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:18:23:12] Well, even with an MOA there still going to be behind. So, that's.....

David Shipp: [01:18:30:02] Right.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:18:30:02] That's on Georgia Soil and Water Commission to get their stuff up to beat. What we doing is just holding.....in doing our part as enforcements.....That's on....that is just like they lost the paperwork, Georgia Soil and Water Commission. I'm like what y'all doing, but we should be in the loop at all times when that E&S plan going there. That's why I'm.....I'm.....uh... I've been on them for two and a half years about our training. If, we got the license, guess what ? We are right there saying you got to come see us. That's all we need is that level 2 license.

George Kelecheck: [01:19:22:05] Kenny, would the State of Georgia be providing a training to us ?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:19:22:17] Yeah! That's, Mitch and them.

George Kelecheck: [01:19:30:12] Ah! very good, thank you!

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:19:30:20] And, EPD got a part in this too. They have a major part in that.

George Kelecheck: [01:19:36:20] Okay,

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:19:36:22] Yeah. Like I said. Read those laws. They have a major part in there. But we won't let them wait till 30.....do that 35 days. That's us.....that's us having to be on top of Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. That's Mitch and them. That's Robert Amos. They have to do their job. That's why I was writing them and letting them know y'all not doing your job.

George Kelecheck: [01:20:12:20] Understood.

David Shipp: [01:20:13:02] If you would resend that MOA that you sent to the City and the County. I don't know that I've seen that or if I did I've lost it whatever.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:20:27:07] Uh....I have no problem. I'll send it to you.

David Shipp: [01:20:27:10] I appreciate it.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:20:30:22] No problem. And, we can talk about it too. It's no problem. Yep, it's just....like I said, I wanted to make sure I put in there also dealing with that planning and development commission. I mean we can't have political donors deciding what our environment look like when some of them don't give a care. They will put a recycling plant or hazardous plant or something in here like it's nothing.....like they're talking about truck stops. So, we have to stay on top of that.

David Shipp: [01:21:11:12] We all know that the planning and zoning board iswhatever they say doesn't really mean anything. It's the County Commission Chairman and the City Council that actually make the decision. The.....they don't have to go by whatever the planning and zoning board says. They don't have to even do that.....that's just to take political heat off of the City Council and the County Commission because that board has no final say so whatsoever. So,.....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:21:59:02] I understand what you're saying, but I haven't seen much.....not many laws that they recommend.....permits that they recommend that the City or the County did not pass.

David Shipp: [01:22:16:00] Yeah, well they like to pass them all. So,.....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:22:43:07] My whole point of this too.....is that on that permit and zoning board....they don't have anybody that's an environmental specialist that can say hey..hey...hey....you might want to think about.....you might not want to do this.....and I'm just looking like okay where is the specialist. None of them know what is a MSDS. I'm like, really? That doesn't make any sense. So, I'm like...none of them know anything about the pH in the water. Their just like oh, yeah, that's sounds good. We got people with a lot of wells on their property. We can pollute their water.

David Shipp: [01:23:10:22] Yep.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:23:11:02] But I'll send that to you.

David Shipp: [01:23:13:07] Good. Thank you.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:23:14:12] You're welcome.

George Kelecheck: [01:23:25:02] Kenny and David....George here. It is my understanding that planning commission.....those folks are appointed by the Chairman of Board of Commissioners. Correct?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:23:32:22] Yes.

David Shipp: [01:23:34:12] And the City.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:23:37:07] Yeah and the City.

George Kelecheck: [01:23:41:02] And the City...yeah. Alright, okay very good. Well completely understood maybe we will.....Maybe we need....Mr. Chairman, maybe we need to send....a send.....a letter to the Chairman and say here's some helpful information.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:24:02:07] Well, we..... we got their attention a whole lot right now.

George Kelecheck: [01:24:39:02] Oh yeah! Yes sir, yes sir. Yeah Uh....just for your information.....I was.....Mr. Nesbitt is basically turned the county operations over to Mr. Jamie Cabe, Chief of staff I believe until April 20th...I don't know where he is going or anything else, but ..Mr. Cabe is receiving....for the Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:24:41:07] Okay. Yeah, I met him before. Do we have a new Stormwater Director?

George Kelecheck: [01:25:18:07] Yeah. Terrence Simpkins. I will send you all a copy of his resume.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:18:22] Okay.

George Kelecheck: [01:25:18:22] That was requested via an open records request to look at his qualifications. He has....uh....come from many years of Dekalb County. So uh.....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:24:10] Okay.

George Kelecheck: [01:25:24:12] We will go from there.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:24:12] Yeah. They deal with a whole lot over there too.

George Kelecheck: [01:25:24:12] Yeah, Yes sir. I don't know whether he's jumping from the fire to the fire pit or from the fire pit for the fire. I'll send you his contact information his resume. Okay?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:37:12] Okay, I appreciate that.

George Kelecheck: [01:25:40:00] Yes, sir.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:49:05] All right.

David Shipp: [01:25:49:15] I'm gonna....

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:49:22] Go ahead.

David Shipp: [01:25:49:22] I'm going to need to run.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:49:22] Well we got into meeting right now.

Shay Hansford: [01:25:53:10] I just had a quick question for clarification on an MOA.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:25:57:02] Uhm....

Shay Hansford: [01:25:57:15] So, the issue is that if I'm clear there's not that we're not willing to do an MOA is that they're not willing to sign the Moa that we sent them, is that correct?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:26:10:00] Well, they had the opportunity but right now after all ofall the things I've seen that's going on. Now, I want to add some more things in there. So, I'm not signing anything. I'm the one who has the final signature. So, I'm not signing the final signature on anything until I get everything that this County deserves.

George Kelecheck: [01:26:33:20] Yeah, very good point. And the City.

Shay Hansford: [01:26:36:15] Okay. Good.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:26:36:22] So, that's that's the way it's gonna go. So, Mitch Attaway had already told them. He said that when they called him, he said I don't have to final signature. You got to deal with that Chairman.

George Kelecheck: [01:27:06:20] Well, Mr. Kenny....as Elenore Roosevelt eloquently said one time..."Damned if you do and damned if you don't". Listen....I guess....there is no guessing. Please carry on.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:27:08:17] I mean.....I mean, is it me.....but everywhere I go I'm seeing land disturbance. And, I'm like, where are the E&S plans? I don't understand. So that's what I'm talking about. But let's set up for the next meeting. I don't have a calendar in front of me. It's going to be April. When is the fourth Friday?

Ryan Burgess: [01:27:45:22] Mr. Kenney it's the 23rd.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:27:49:05] Alright. We're going to set up for April 23rd at 8:30. Is it okay for everybody?

George Kelecheck: [01:28:04:02] It's okay by George Kelecheck. Yes.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:28:04:12] Okay.

Ryan Burgess: [01:28:05:05] It works for me.

George Kelecheck: [01:28:14:15] I should have both my vaccines by then.

Shay Hansford: [01:28:14:17] I'm supposed to get mines the day before. So, if everything goes well, I should be okay.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:28:20:17] All right. Well, I think the fourth Friday is on the 30th. Is that right?

Ryan Burgess: [01:28:32:22] You got you've got April the second the 9th to 16th and the 23rd. So, the 23rd would be the fourth Friday, but the 30th would be the fifth Friday and April.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:28:45:07] Okay. Yeah, that's right. They do come in on a Friday. What's the first.....the first was on a Thursday?

Ryan Burgess: [01:28:55:20] Yeah, the first is it Thursday?

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:28:57:17] Yeah, okay. All right, April the 23rd. Alright if anybodyif we don't have.....if anybody don't have anything else. We will end this meeting. Thank everybody for coming.

Shay Hansford: [01:29:14:20] Thank you.

George Kelecheck: [01:29:16:00] Thank you, sir.

Roslyn Ridgeway: [01:29:16:10] Thank you.

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:29:17:05] You're welcome.

George Kelecheck: [01:29:17:20] Bye! Bye!

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson: [01:29:17:20] Bye!