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Application Citizen Advisory Board

Please Read This Important Notice Before Filling Out Application:
The Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates your interest. After review of the applications the Board will consider appointments at its Regular Meeting, which is normally the first Tuesday of the month. After the appointments have been approved at the Regular Meeting, each applicant will be contacted regarding his/her appointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 706-769-5120 or email Kathy Hayes, County Clerk, at khayes@oconee.ga.us or Tracye Bailey, Deputy Clerk, tbailey@oconee.ga.us.

Name	Adam Hammond
Address	1020 Stonebridge Cr.
City	Watkinsville
State	GA
Zip Code	30677
Occupation	Non-profit development
Home Phone Number	706-254-6742
Work Phone Number	Field not completed.
Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
I would like to apply for the following committee:	Farmland Preservation Ranking Committee
Do you live within a city/municipality?	No
Briefly explain your educational background	I am a product of Oconee County Schools. I graduated with honors from OCHS, and I also graduated with honors from Georgia College with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a minor in Journalism. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the, Oconee County Schools Alumni Association,

because my roots are a great source of pride for me and I believe in giving back to the community that has given so much to me.

Are you the owner or officer in any business or corporation?

No

Is your spouse/immediate family member an owner or officer in a business or corporation?

No

Please explain any previous experience with State or Local Government

I have vast experience working with local and state government. As a television journalist for 15 years I covered virtually every growth, crime, education, and tax topic a community could face. It's always been my passion to learn what's going on in the community, teach others about it, and highlight ways community stakeholders can make a difference. I've also always been an engaged citizen, talking with community members and leaders and analyzing issues and policy decisions.

Briefly explain why you seek this appointment

I believe the preservation of our finite Oconee County farmland is of vital importance as our community continues developing, and I am professionally and personally vested in the safeguarding of our farms. Our county's farms not only have an important economic impact on our community, but they are tied to the rich historical and cultural context of Oconee.

I work in agriculture education, and I believe ranking farms submitted for preservation funds while assisting families through the process is a noble cause. By doing this we're protecting livelihood and lineage. Our county's farmland is limited and once it's gone there's no going back. Preservation of Oconee's farmland has a critical impact on global ag-tech innovation, and is highly important to our local economy.

I spent my formidable years studying agriculture and local environmental issues as a 4-Her. Dedication to our state's number one industry also brought me to the Georgia 4-H Foundation where I work as a development officer raising money and awareness for agriculture, STEM, environmental and leadership education. I believe it's very important to engage the next generation for agriculture involvement and preservation.

I am a good candidate for the Farmland Preservation Ranking Committee because I would come to the position with the

background and knowledge to do an effective and efficient job. As a native Oconee Countian I am already familiar with many of the families and farms that would be involved. Words on their applications would come to life for me as I could visualize the people and places involved and know the background of each. I also have vast experience on a range of board of directors where I've balanced budgets, prioritized needs, innovated in the face of challenges, and stayed on task with process and procedure.

Oconee's agriculture industry and preservation of these farms isn't just a business or bureaucratic process. I know first-hand that these farms are tied to family and community pride. I'm proud that our community has a Farmland Preservation Ranking Committee, and I think it's important for members to serve as a conduit between local government and viable preservation resources. As Oconee's land becomes more valuable every year it's crucial that we cultivate an environment of support for our community's farm families.

If appointed, I agree to serve.	D. Adam Hammond
Today's Date	8/25/2020
Would you be willing to serve on a committee for which you did NOT apply?	Yes
If yes:	I would prefer to serve on (list committee below), I would like the opportunity to serve on any committee
List committee	Farmland Preservation Ranking Committee -or- Library Advisory Board

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