

**Oconee County Farmland Preservation Committee
Public Meeting Agenda
July 27, 2021 – 6:30 pm
J Phil Campbell UGA Research and Education Center
1420 Experiment Station Road
Watkinsville, GA 30677**

WELCOME

**Monte Stephens
Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service Coordinator**

INTRODUCTION

**Thomas Verner
Oconee County Farmland Preservation Committee Chairman**

**OVERVIEW
2022 ACEP-ALE PROGRAM
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
Agricultural Land Easement (ALE)**

**Justin Merrifield
Director of Conservation – Athens Land Trust**

**Dyan Holt
Conservation Program Manager - Athens Land Trust**

**Mallory O'Steen
Farmland Protection and Outreach Manager - Athens Land Trust**

**ACEP-ALE Program Administered By:
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

**Local USDA-NRCS Contact:
Soil Conservationist - Gerald Grace
Watkinsville USDA Service Center
1291 Greensboro Highway**

**2021 Oconee County Farmland Preservation Committee Members
Adam Hammond - Carole Ludwig –Thad Padgett – Michael Ransom – Thomas Verner**