

**Oconee County Farmland Preservation Committee  
Public Meeting Agenda  
July 21, 2022 – 6:30 pm  
J Phil Campbell UGA Research and Education Center  
1420 Experiment Station Road  
Watkinsville, GA 30677**

**WELCOME**

**Carsen Dean**

**Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service  
Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Thomas Verner**

**Oconee County Farmland Preservation Committee Chairman**

**OVERVIEW**

**2023 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**

**Local USDA-NRCS Contact**

**Gerald Grace**

**Soil Conservationist**

**Watkinsville USDA Service Center  
1291 Greensboro Highway**

**ACEP-ALE Program Administered By:**

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**