



## **League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area Candidate Voter Guide for Oconee County Council District 1**

**Jack Collins  
Democratic Party Candidate**

***1. Do you believe that Oconee County should increase the number of council members to have greater representation of its citizens? If yes, how would you accomplish it? If no, why?***

Redraw the district lines or wait on the census count.

***2. How do you feel about the development of the Golden Corners Industrial Park?***

It is a bomber, forget about it, move on to more important things.

***3. Do you believe that zoning protects people's property or infringes on their rights? Elaborate.***

Infringes, it will affect everyone from the logger to the chicken farmer, homeowner to the cattle farmer, truck farmer, pallet maker. How does it make you feel when you pay taxes and improve it every year to have someone else tell you what you can and cannot do, not on my farm.

***4. Do you support the council/administrator form of government or the council/supervisor form of government? Please explain.***

Council/supervisor...The administrator form has not worked. An elected supervisor will serve four years, good job, another four years. A lazy one, four years, gone. No back pay and no benefits. Save money.

## **Paul Corbeil**

### **Republican Party Candidate**

#### **Biography**

The Corbeils have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. Paul graduated from Hartwick College. His 38 years with large financial institutions provided extensive management, planning and budget experience. He's been extensively involved in community/county planning activities for the past 15 years, and recognized for his leadership/consensus building skills.

#### ***1. Do you believe that Oconee County should increase the number of council members to have greater representation of its citizens? If yes, how would you accomplish it?***

County government can function well with either five or seven districts. There are pros and cons of both. Council should take the initiative now to establish the decision criteria for defining a district (similar population centers), and then apply it to the 2010 census results for the final answer.

#### ***2. How do you feel about the development of the Golden Corners Industrial (Commerce) Park (GCCP)?***

We must move forward with a total economic development program, become more competitive with neighboring areas, create quality jobs and improve our tax base. This includes the funded Engineering Phase of GCCP to get the facts, and use this asset to best achieve the total plan, while costs are low.

#### ***3. Do you believe that zoning protects people's property or infringes on their rights? Elaborate.***

Zoning, as enacted in OC, does not infringe on property rights. It protects those rights. We must have rules, and our ZEO allows neighbors to apply for what, if any rules, they want for their community. It then gives community members the right to apply for any reasonable variance.

#### ***4. Do you support the council/administrator form of government or the council/supervisor form of government? Please explain.***

Council/Administrator. The Council is elected to lead, set policy and measure results. A qualified County Administrator is charged with carrying out that policy and achieving agreed to results. Our current form works elsewhere and in business, and will work well in Oconee County. Let's give it a chance!

## **Robbie Lee**

### **Republican Party Candidate**

#### **Biography**

Native of Oconee County, served in the Army Reserves. Raised in the Cleveland Precinct and currently reside in the Camp Oak Precinct. A Christian and member of Madison Baptist Church. Married to Kristi with two children, SammyJo and Kolten. Owner of Lee's Landscaping & Grading. Concerned citizen.

#### ***1. Do you believe Oconee County should increase the number of council members to have a greater representation of its citizens? If yes, how; if no, why?***

I prefer smaller government. However, District 1 is so diverse it could be better served with lines redrawn or the increase from a five to a seven-man council. I would support a seven-district county but am against a five-district county with two council members at large.

#### ***2. How do you feel about the development of the Golden Corner's Industrial Park?***

Due to the lay of the land, the flood plains, the cost of treating runoff, the lack of infrastructure, and the current economy, I feel that this land is better suited in its current use as a site for county fairgrounds. However, I would support any opportunity bringing jobs to this county.

#### ***3. Do you believe that zoning protects people's priority or infringes on their rights? Elaborate.***

Infringes: anyone who works to purchase their property will be concerned enough not to devalue it. I prefer a comprehensive land management plan. I am in favor of zoning only if it is initiated/approved by those living in an area affected but not imposed on those who are not.

#### ***4. Do you support Council / Administrator form of government or Council / Supervisor form of government? Explain.***

I support Council/Administrator because that is what we currently have. We can continue to explore the Council/Supervisor option; however, at this time there are many issues that we need to take care of and we must have an administrator in place to move forward.