



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, March 13, 2014

3:00 pm

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA)

Conference Room

6 Snake Rd., Okatie, SC 29909

Phone: (843) 255-2140

Members:

Bob Bender, District 4
Selena Brown, District 10
York L. Glover, District 3
James Livingston, District 7
Ed Pappas, District 5 (Chair)
Jacob W. Preston, District 9
Stephen G. Riley, District 8
Norma G. Stewart, District 6
Denise Sullivan, District 2
Vacant, District 1
Vacant, District 11

Staff:

Anthony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Amanda Flake, Natural Resource Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. REVIEW OF AGENDA
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2013 MEETING ([backup](#))
4. GENERAL DISCUSSION
 - A. Passive Park Task Force Update (Flewelling)
 - B. Status of Beaufort County Open Land Trust District Interviews and Greenprint Development (Kennedy)
5. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Next Meeting: April 10, 2014, at 3:00 P.M. at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA), Office Conference Room, 6 Snake Road, Okatie, SC 29909
6. ADJOURNMENT

Note: If you have any questions, please contact the County Planning Office at (843) 255-2140

BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

The Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board (hereafter known as the Board) was held on February 13, 2014, at the Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services Library Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ed Pappas (Chairman)
Ms. Selena Brown (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Bob Bender
Mr. York Glover

Mr. Jim Livingston
Mr. Jacob Preston
Ms. Denise Sullivan
Ms. Norma Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Steve Riley

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Patty Kennedy, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Mr. Josh Bell, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Alan Eisenman, Beaufort County Finance Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chairman Pappas asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were none.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Pappas asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the December 12, 2013 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Stewart made a motion and Mr. Livingston seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the December 12, 2013 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2013, Board meeting (FOR: Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Pappas, Preston, Sullivan, Stewart).**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Patty Kennedy introduced the newest members of the Beaufort County Open Land Trust, Josh Bell and Lisa Lord.

Chairman Ed Pappas sent a letter to Councilman Brian Flewelling requesting that a Passive Park Task Force be created per a request from the RCLP Board members. Councilman Flewelling presented this letter to the Natural Resources Committee where it was approved and sent forward to County Council for adoption. This letter will also be discussed at the County Council Retreat scheduled for today. Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Amanda Flake submitted information to Councilman Flewelling so that he could update the other County Council members on the progress of the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program.

Ms. Kennedy gave an update on the Greenprint map. The first stakeholder meetings held were for the Daufuskie Island area of which a draft map has been created. In December meetings were held for the St. Helena Island area and a draft map is almost finished. The last few weeks have been dedicated to working on the Hilton Head Island area. In early March Ms. Kennedy plans to move forward with the Bluffton area as well as Burton/Sheldon/Dale area finishing in April with Port Royal Island and Lady's Island areas. By May she plans to have a final product. At this time, the RCLP Board member and County Council members need to determine what the end product will be.

Ms. Kennedy showed a power point presentation about the 2013 Year in Review for the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. This included a total of eight approved projects, six fee simple and two conservation easements, for a total of about 380 acres.

Mr. Alan Eisenman with the Beaufort County Finance Department gave an update on the finances of the RCLP Program. At this point the Program has between five and seven million dollars left to purchase properties.

Chairman Pappas said that County Council stated there will not be another bond referendum this year. However, there might be a once cent sales tax that the RCLP Program could possibly tag onto for a small amount of money. Otherwise this Program will have to wait until 2016 to ask for another bond referendum.

Chairman Pappas recommends at this time that a Board Retreat occur in May. This could be a working Retreat where the Board members work through the final Greenprint maps and decide how the information will be presented to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Pappas entertained a motion at 4:19 p.m. from Ms. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Pappas, Preston, Sullivan, Stewart).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

Ed Pappas, Chairman,
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board

Date: _____