



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, May 8, 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
William H. Ladson, District 1
Ernest Marchetti, 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 APRIL 10, 2014 MEETING ([backup](#))

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. Vote on Proposed Resolution to Beaufort County Council Regarding the 2014 Referendum Question (Pappas)
- B. Greenprint Update (Kennedy)
- C. Financial Update (Flake)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Contractual Matters Relating to Land Acquisition:
Review of Specific Parcels (Kennedy)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Next Meeting: June 12, 2014, at 3:00 P.M. at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA), Office Conference Room, 6 Snake Road, Okatie, SC 29909

7. 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 April 10, 2014, at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority 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
Mr. Steve Riley
Ms. Denise Sullivan
Ms. Norma Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Council Chairman
Ms. Cynthia Bensch, County Councilman
Mr. Brian Flewelling, County Council Chairman
Mr. Joe Croley, Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Mr. Bill Ladson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chairman Pappas asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were one. Approval of the minutes from February 13, 2014 was added to the agenda.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Pappas asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the February 13, 2013 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Stewart made a motion and Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the February 13, 2013 Board meeting. **The motion was**

carried unanimously to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2014 Board meeting (FOR: Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Pappas, Preston, Riley, Sullivan, Stewart).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Ed Pappas introduced Mr. Bill Ladson who has been nominated as a new Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board member and will be officially appointed at the next County Council meeting.

Ms. Patty Kennedy gave an update on the Greenprint process. At this time she has not started the Bluffton and Okatie areas. However, she is in the final stages of refining Hilton Head Island and St. Helena Island. She is also putting together maps for Port Royal Island so that she can meet with stakeholders in this area soon. So far the stakeholder meetings have gone very well and have received a lot of great feedback. The final timeline and Board Retreat may need to be moved to June 2014.

Mr. Alan Eisenman gave a financial update for the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. As of February 28, 2014, the Program has \$14.5 million dollars in the bank. \$13.2 million dollars is unrestricted while \$1.3 million dollars is restricted. The restricted funds are monies that we obtained from the Trust for Public Land (TPL) that were gift monies received from purchased properties. Mr. Eisenman has a call into TPL to get a more refined breakdown of these restricted funds. He is also working with Ms. Amanda Flake and the Beaufort County GIS Department to break out funds per County Council Districts.

Chairman Ed Pappas stated that the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board has been asked to weigh in on a proposed bond referendum question for 2014 that will be explained by County Councilman Jerry Stewart. Councilman Stewart said that this recommendation came out of the Beaufort County Governmental Committee. The proposed bond referendum question will expand the role of the Board with the allowance of limited development on purchased properties as well as active parks. Mr. Reed Armstrong read a collective statement from the Coastal Conservation League that they have always supported this Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. But if the proposed bond referendum language is brought forward, the Coastal Conservation League will no longer support this Program. However, they do support some type of bond referendum for the Program. County Councilman Brian Flewelling stated that there are three questions the Board needs to consider at this time:

1. Does the Board want to pursue a bond referendum for 2014?

Mr. Bob Bender moved and Ms. Denise Sullivan seconded that the Board pursue a bond referendum for 2014. **The motion was carried that the Board pursue a bond referendum for 2014** (For: Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Pappas, Preston, Riley, Sullivan. Abstain: Stewart)

2. Does the Board want the language from the proposed bond referendum or does the Board want different language?

Ms. Sullivan moved and Vice-Chairman Selena Brown seconded that the Board use the language from the prior bond referendum (2012). Mr. Steve Riley moved to amend the

prior language to allow for active parks. There was no second. **The motion was carried that the Board use the language from the prior bond referendum (2012)** (For: Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Pappas, Preston, Sullivan. Against: Riley. Abstain: Stewart)

3. If the Board wants to pursue a 2014 bond referendum, what will be the amount?

Ms. Sullivan made a motion and Vice-Chairman Brown seconded to amend the prior motion to send to County Council the original recommendation for a bond referendum of one mil with up to 20% going towards park improvements. **The motion was carried to amend the prior motion to send to County Council the original recommendation for a bond referendum of one mil with up to 20% going towards park improvements.**

(For: Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Pappas, Preston, Riley, Sullivan. Abstain: Stewart)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Pappas entertained a motion at 4:29 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, Riley, Sullivan, Stewart).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____