



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, August 14, 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 JUNE 26, 2014 MEETING ([backup](#))
4. GENERAL DISCUSSION
 - A. 2014 Referendum Update (Driggers)
 - B. Greenprint Update (Driggers)
 - C. Financial Update (Eisenman)
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Contractual Matters Relating to Land Acquisition:
Review of Specific Parcels (Driggers)
6. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Next Meeting: September 11, 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 June 26, 2014, at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Training Room at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Ernest Marchetti
Mr. Steve Riley
Mr. Norma Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bill Ladson
Mr. Jacob Preston
Ms. Denise Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Patty Kennedy, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Ms. Lisa Lord, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Flewelling, County Council Chairman
Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Councilman
Ms. Cynthia Bensch, County Councilwoman
Mr. Josh Gruber, Beaufort County Attorney
Ms. Allison Coppage, Beaufort County Assistant Attorney
Mr. Alan Eisenman, Beaufort County Finance Department
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Ms. Eleanor O'Kay, Lowcountry Inside Track

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 May 8, 2014 Board meeting. Hearing none, Vice-Chairman Brown made a motion and Mr. Riley seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the May 8, 2014 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the May 8, 2014, Board meeting** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Marchetti, Riley, Stewart).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Alan Eisenman gave a financial update regarding the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program (RCLP Program) through May 31, 2014. Mr. Eisenman also produced a breakout sheet of the restricted and unrestricted gift money that was given back to the program to be used towards improving properties purchased by the RCLP Program.

Chairman Ed Pappas gave an update on the proposed bond referendum for 2014. Per the County Channel, the bond referendum was approved on the first reading by County Council. The language was changed back to the original request from the RCLP Board for a bond referendum of one mil with up to 20% going towards park improvements. Also at that meeting County Council members were encouraged to attend this RCLP Board meeting to hear information on the Greenprint maps.

Chairman Pappas stated that there was a request from the RCLP Board to form a Passive Park Task Force in order to help organize the properties purchased through the RCLP Program slated to be passive parks. This request was approved at the Natural Resources Committee and County Council. Councilman Brian Flewelling said that as soon as the new Community Code is adopted, County Council will look back into establishing the Passive Park Task Force.

Ms. Patty Kennedy gave a general overview of the Greenprint. As of last summer, the RCLP Board was under the impression that there was not going to be a bond referendum request for the fall of 2014. However, a few things were realized about the RCLP Program. One was that the RCLP Program had done really well up to that point, and due to the economy, properties were at very good prices. So it was decided to regroup and take a fresh look at the RCLP Program, which kicked off the update of the Greenprint. Beaufort County Open Land Trust (BCOLT) staff had stakeholder meetings in each County Council district to determine what was still important to preserve through the RCLP Program. BCOLT staff found that there was still an overwhelming public support for the RCLP Program and that a majority of the stakeholders supported the County's efforts and ability to protect land in general. BCOLT staff took that feedback and translated it into updates of conservation action areas that were detailed on maps. These maps will be brought forward to the public soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pappas entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Glover, to adjourn the Open Session at 1:45 p.m. and convened Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters associated with property acquisitions. **The motion was carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Marchetti, Riley, Stewart).

Chairman Pappas adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Stewart made a motion; seconded by Mr. Glover, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel A under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel A under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Stewart; AGAINST: Marchetti).

Vice-Chairman Brown made a motion; seconded by Mr. Glover, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel B under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel B under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Marchetti; AGAINST: Stewart).

Ms. Stewart made a motion; seconded by Mr. Glover, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel C under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel C under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Stewart; AGAINST: Marchetti).

Vice-Chairman Brown made a motion; seconded by Mr. Glover, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel D under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel D under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover; AGAINST: Livingston, Marchetti, Stewart).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Pappas entertained a motion at 4:29 p.m. from Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Marchetti, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Livingston, Marchetti, Riley, Stewart).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____