



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, November 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)
Stephen G. Riley, District 8
Norma G. Stewart, District 6
Denise Sullivan, District 2
William H. Ladson, District 1
Vacant, District 11
Vacant, District 9

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 AUGUST 14, 2014 MEETING ([backup](#))

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. R&C Referendum Update (Driggers/Lord)
- B. Property Closings Update (Driggers/Lord)
- C. Property Classification System Update (Driggers/Lord)
- D. Financial Update (Eisenman)
- E. Orientation Training Package (Pappas/Driggers/Lord)
- F. 2015 Retreat Discussion (Pappas/Driggers/Lord)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Next Meeting: December 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 August 14, 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
Ms. Denise Sullivan
Ms. Norma Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bill Ladson
Mr. Jim Livingston
Mr. Jacob Preston

Mr. Ernest Marchetti
Mr. Steve Riley

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Ken Driggers, Beaufort County Open Land Trust Attorney

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Flewelling, County Council Chairman
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Mr. Alan Eisenman, Beaufort County Finance Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 3:03 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 June 26, 2014 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Sullivan made a motion and Vice-Chairman Brown seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the June 26, 2014 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the June 26, 2014, Board meeting** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Sullivan, Stewart).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Alan Eisenman gave a financial update of the Rural and Critical Land Preservation (RCLP) Program. As of June 30, 2014 the RCLP Program has \$14.5 million in funds. Of this total, \$13.1 million is unrestricted and \$1.4 million is restricted.

Chairman Ed Pappas introduced Mr. Ken Driggers, Beaufort County Open Land Trust Attorney, who is one of the new liaisons for the RCLP Program along with Lisa Lord. Mr. Driggers background is exclusively land conservation and he has represented nine different land trusts over the years. Before that he ran a non-profit organization for twenty years.

Mr. Driggers stated that the 2014 November bond referendum request passed all three readings at County Council. The referendum will include up to 20% of the bond reserved for improvements to properties.

Mr. Driggers said that Beaufort County Open Land Trust is working on an educational promotion of the RCLP Program. BCOLT will be updating the RCLP Facebook page and website and will try and do some public speaking arrangements.

Mr. Driggers said that the Greenprint process was finished and a final map had been produced and adopted by County Council. The map does not detail specific properties rather it has bubbles around areas of interest. Mr. Driggers stated that the program is not looking to purchase all the undeveloped properties that fall in these bubbles these are just areas that were a product of all the stakeholder meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pappas entertained a motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:44 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, Sullivan, Stewart).

Chairman Pappas adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 4:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Pappas entertained a motion at 4:12 p.m. from Ms. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Pappas, Brown, Bender, Glover, Sullivan, Stewart).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____