



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
RETREAT

Thursday, February 19, 2015

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA)

Board 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
Michael Mathews, District 9
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

Staff:

Anthony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Amanda Flake, Natural Resource Planner

1. 9:30 AM : CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A. Review of Agenda

B. Review of Minutes from January 8, 2015 Meeting ([backup](#))

2. 9:45 AM – 11:30 PM : GENERAL DISCUSSION

A. Review of Greenprint (Driggers/Lord)

B. 2015 Financial Update (Eisenman)

C. Passive Park Update (Criscitiello)

D. Beaufort County Water Quality (Karin Skipper, SCDHEC
Bureau of Water)

3. 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM : LUNCH (Staff only)

4. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM : EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting: March 12, 2015, 3:00 PM at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer
Authority (BJWSA) 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 January 8, 2015, at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ed Pappas (Chairman)
Ms. Bob Bender
Mr. Bill Ladson
Mr. Jim Livingston
Mr. Michael Mathews

Mr. Steve Riley
Ms. Denise Sullivan
Ms. Norma Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Selena Brown (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. York Glover

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Ken Driggers, Beaufort County Open Land Trust Attorney
Ms. Lisa Lord, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Ms. Allison Coppage, Beaufort County Assistant Attorney

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ms. Alice Howard, County Council
Ms. Cynthia Bensch, County Council
Ms. Kate Schaefer, Coastal Conservation league
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Mr. Joe Croley, Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Billy Keyserling, Mayor of Beaufort
Ms. Libby Anderson, City of Beaufort Planning Director
Mr. Alan Eisenman, Beaufort County Finance Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 3:06 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 November 13, 2014 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Ladson made a motion and Ms. Stewart seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the November 13, 2014 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the November 13, 2014, Board meeting** (FOR: Pappas, Bender, Ladson, Livingston, Mathews, Riley, Sullivan, Stewart).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Lisa Lord, Beaufort County Open Land Trust (BCOLT) presented a Rural and Critical Land Preservation (RCLP) Program 2014 end of year report. During 2014 over 12,000 acres of conservation easements and 11,000 acres of fee simple properties were purchased through the program. In November the public voted 71.8% in favor of the bond referendum.

Mr. Alan Eisenman, Beaufort County Finance Department, presented a financial update of the RCLP program. The total amount available to the program at the end of November was \$12,750,277.00. Of that amount, \$11.38 million was unrestricted and \$1.37 million was restricted. This total did not include a December land purchase or the \$20 million dollar bond referendum.

Ms. Lord has been working with Ms. Amanda Flake, Beaufort County Planning Department, and two board members, Mr. Ed Pappas and Ms. Norma Stewart, to create a New Member Orientation Package. She is hoping to have a draft of the package by the next meeting.

Ms. Lord stated that the meeting next month will be a board retreat. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Board Room. BCOLT staff and Beaufort County staff are still working on an agenda. There will be a guest speaker from South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) Bureau of Water to discuss water quality trends within Beaufort County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pappas entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Ladson, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:31 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, Bender, Ladson, Livingston, Riley, Sullivan, Stewart).

Chairman Pappas adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 4:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Pappas entertained a motion at 4:43 p.m. from Mr. Ladson, seconded by Ms. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Pappas, Bender, Ladson, Livingston, Riley, Sullivan, Stewart).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____