



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD RETREAT

Thursday, August 11, 2016

3:00 pm

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA)

Conference Room

6 Snake Rd., Okatie, SC 29909

Phone: (843) 255-2140

Members:

Michael Mathews, District 9 (Chair)
Mark Baker, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
Bob Bender, District 4
Susie Fripp-Gordon, District 1
York L. Glover, District 3
Gail O'Kane, District 11
Edward Riley, District 5
Dorothy Scanlin, District 10
Norma G. Stewart, District 6
Denise Sullivan, District 2
Richard Walls, District 7

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 JULY 14, 2016 ([backup](#))
4. GENERAL DISCUSSION
 - A. Financial Update (Holland)
 - B. Passive Park Update (Criscitiello)
 - C. Public Opinion Survey Presentation (London)
 - D. Marine Corps Air Station REPI Funding Opportunity (Lord/Criscitiello)
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Contractual Matters Relating to Land Acquisition:
Review of Parcel H, and Parcel M (Lord)
6. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Next Meeting: September 8, 2016, 3:00 P.M. at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) 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 meeting (hereafter known as the Board) was held on July 14, 2016, at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Board Room a 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Mathews (Chairman)
Mr. Mark Baker (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Bob Bender
Ms. Susie Fripp-Gordon
Mr. York Glover
Ms. Gail O’Kane

Mr. Ed Riley
Ms. Dorothy Scanlin
Mr. Richard Walls

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Denise Sullivan
Ms. Norma Stewart

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ms. Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Alice Howard, County Councilwoman
Mr. Eric Larson, Beaufort County Director of Environmental Engineering
Mr. Josh Gruber, Beaufort County Deputy County Administrator
Ms. Cindy Baysden, Beaufort County Open Land Trust Executive Director
Ms. Nancy Moss, Beaufort County Planning Department
Ms. Heather Spade, Beaufort County Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Mathews called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Mathews asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the May 12, 2016 Board meeting. Hearing none, Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion and Ms. O’Kane seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the May 12, 2016 Board meeting. **The motion**

was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the May 12, 2016, Board meeting (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, Glover, O’Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Walls).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Financial Update

Ms. Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Chief Financial Officer, gave an update of the R&C Program finances. Ms. Holland and her staff have developed a new and different financial report for the Board. This report includes numbers from the inception of the program through June 30, 2016. Currently the R&C Program has a total amount of \$5,053,583.00 in funds. Of this amount \$3,716,550.00 is unrestricted and \$1,337,033.00 is restricted. The restricted funds have donor specific restrictions on how these funds can be used. The Finance Department intends to issue the \$20 million referendum (approved in November 2014) by December 2016. Ms. Holland demonstrated to the Board how to access the financial report through the Beaufort County website. At this time a project ledger breakdown is being worked on between the Finance Department and the Planning Department with more details to come in the next few months.

Passive Park Update

Mr. Tony Criscitiello stated that work had begun on Crystal Lake and that the rent from the tenants inhabiting the building will come back into the R&C Program. Fort Fremont is in the last stages of the archeological investigation and Mr. Criscitiello hopes that a bid will be sent out for this project by September. Okatie Preserve is in the process of finishing the manure management plan and will then engage in meetings with the Town of Bluffton to obtain permits for approval.

BCOLT Annual Report

Ms. Lisa Lord gave out copies of the Beaufort County Open Land Trust Annual Report to the Board members. A link will be put on the R&C website to access the report online.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mathews entertained a motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Riley, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:43 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: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, Glover, O’Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Walls).

Chairman Mathews adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 4:21 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion; seconded by Mr. Riley, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel H under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried unanimously to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel H under the terms and conditions as recommended by**

Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, Glover, O’Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Walls).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Mathews entertained a motion at 4:22 p.m. from Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Bender, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, Glover, O’Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Walls).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

Mike Mathews, Chairman,
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board

Date: _____