



Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board Meeting

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Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Community Room
6 Snake Road, Okatie, SC 29909

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FOIA – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](#) - December 12, 2019
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS (*Comments are limited to 3 minutes*)

PRESENTATIONS

6. Liberty Trail Presentation

ACTION ITEMS

7. Consideration of the RCLP Board 2020 Meeting Schedule
8. RCLPB Annual Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Beach City Road Parcels Update
10. 2020 RCLPB Retreat Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for acquisition of Project 2020A
12. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2019

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Community Room
6 Snake Road, Okatie, South Carolina 29909

The electronic and print media duly notified in
accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Committee Chairman Michael Mathews, Committee Vice-Chairman Beek Webb, Art Baer, Bob Bender, Terry Hill, Walter Mack, Gail O’Kane, Ryan Stefonick

Absent: Doug Koop, Dorothy Scanlin

County
Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

Staff: Eric Greenway, Community Development Director; Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner; Ashley Jacobs, County Administrator; Thomas J. Keaveny II, County Attorney; Barbara Holmes, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

Visitors: Juliana Smith, Coastal Conservation League

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mathews called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Bender to approve the agenda as presented. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 10, 2019

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Webb, seconded by Mr. Baer to approve the minutes from October 10, 2019. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Financial report update.

Chairman Michael Mathews presented the financial report from November 2019. Before the meeting he had sent an email with some questions/clarifications about the report. Ms. Amanda Flake provided the answers and Chairman Mathews then forwarded those comments to all the board members. Chairman Mathews respectfully requested the possibility of getting quarterly financial reports in 2020.

B. Greenprint update.

Mr. Eric Greenway discussed how the Beaufort County Community Development Department staff had been working with the Beaufort County Open Land Trust staff to develop an updated Greenprint for 2020. Both parties agreed that it would be in the best interest of the County to take over this project and bid it out through the County system. Community Development staff will be meeting next week to discuss if the Greenprint process could be rolled into the Comprehensive Plan update since they are closely related.

C. Revised 2020 RCLP meeting dates and locations.

Chairman Mathews discussed the 2020 meeting dates and locations. Back in October the board was notified by Ms. Flake that the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Community Room would not be available as a meeting space after 2020. Since then Ms. Flake had been searching for a new location and found one at Palmetto Electric. The other option would be to meet at the Crystal Lake Park building on Lady's Island. The board decided to meet at the Crystal Lake building and Mr. Greenway said that staff would make sure that would work and report back at the January meeting.

D. 2020 RCLP Retreat discussion.

Chairman Mathews discussed the idea of doing a retreat in early 2020. He would like to see the retreat focus on the updates and changes to the RCLP Ordinances, the Greenprint process, and a passive park update. After some discussion it was decided to have the retreat on February 15, 2020 at Crystal Lake Park from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of proposed purchase of property and issues incident thereto (property 2019J, 2019K, and 2019L) – *Barbara G. Holmes, Beaufort County Open Land Trust*

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Mack, seconded by Mr. Baer to approve to go into Executive Session. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O'Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Hill to amend the agenda to add matters arising out of executive session. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve Project 2019J and send it to the Natural Resources Committee for approval of due diligence expenditures. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Stefonick. NAYS – Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Mack, and Ms. O’Kane. The motion passed 5 - 3.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. O’Kane, seconded by Mr. Baer to approve Project 2019K and send it to the Natural Resources Committee for approval of due diligence expenditures. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Webb, seconded by Mr. Baer, to approve Project 2019L and send it to the Natural Resources Committee for approval of due diligence expenditures. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Mack to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Kane and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.