



**Beaufort County  
Rural and Critical Land  
Preservation Board  
Meeting**

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# Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 2:30 PM**

Crystal Lake Building/124 Lady's Island Drive

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](#) – September 14, 2023
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

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6. Project Rostrum Drive
7. Project Seaside Road
8. Project Barrell Landing Orr
9. Monthly Update
10. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES**  
**RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD RETREAT**

**September 14, 2023**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chairman Art Baer, Vice-Chairman Mac Bennett, Stodd McEwan, Walter Mack,  
Lucia O'Farrell, Beek Webb

Absent: Ford Bartholow

County  
Council: Alice Howard

Staff: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Visitors: Kate Schaefer, BCOLT Director of Land Protection; Stefanie Nagid, Passive  
Parks Manager; Destiney Rains, Passive Parks Naturalist; Grant McClure,  
Coastal Conservation League; Ernie Wiggers and Cathy Isbell, Heritage  
Community Farms; Quinnette Fairfield, Armada Development; Peggy Reider,  
League of Women Voters

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Art Baer called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance  
with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Bennett, seconded by Mr. Mack to approve the agenda.  
The vote: YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. McEwan, Mr. Mack, Ms.  
O'Farrell, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**June 8, 2023**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Bennett, seconded by Mr. McEwan to approve the  
minutes as amended. YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. McEwan, Mr. Mack,  
Ms. O'Farrell, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Project Ulmer Road**

Ms. Stefanie Nagid presented this project since it came about through the Beaufort County Legal Department and then to staff. An application was submitted by the seller and due diligence has already been performed. This property is located at 34 Ulmer Road in Bluffton and is approximately 41 acres. The property is immediately adjacent to Bailey Memorial Park and includes part of the wetland system that runs through Bailey Memorial Park. It has a pond on the property as well as a cell tower. The property price is \$3.15 million.

It was moved by Mr. Webb and seconded by Ms. O’Farrell to deny the application. YAYS – Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Farrell, Mr. Webb. NAYS - Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. McEwan. The motion failed.

### **Community Heritage Farms**

Mr. Ernie Wiggers and Ms. Cathy Isbell represented the Community Heritage Farms that was created in 2020. According to Mr. Wiggers there was a need for community farms in northern Beaufort County so this group started one at Whale Branch Elementary and Middle Schools. They are now a 501. They have a greenhouse, raised garden beds, are assigned to specific classes in the schools, and get many students involved. The farm produces collards, broccoli, sweet corn, and promotes pollinator gardens. Check them out on Facebook.

### **Monthly Project Update**

Ms. Kate Schaefer shared that Project Cotton Hall was approved in July and will close sometime in September. Project Cherry Hill Oak was also recently approved and will close in September. There are still some due diligence items to be completed for Project Beach City Road, Project Barrell Landin Orr, and Project Boundary Street. Currently the remaining funds in the program are \$2.6 million.

**DJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Bennett, seconded by Mr. McEwan to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 pm. YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. McEwan, Mr. Mack, Ms. O’Farrell, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed

**Submitted by:** Amanda Flake, Beaufort County Community Development  
Natural Resources Planner

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Baer, Chairman  
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_