

## **BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board (hereafter known as the Board) was held on Thursday, February 14, 2008 in the Conference Room at Clemson University Extension Office at 3:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)  
Ms. Selena Brown  
Ms. Gloria Cartwright (Vice-Chair)  
Mr. Pete Dawson  
Ms. Dorothy Giddens  
Mr. York Glover  
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge  
Mr. Ed Pappas  
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Jacob Preston  
Mr. Ray Tudor

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Saleem Khattak, Public Services Director  
Mr. John Miller, PALS Director  
Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director  
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner  
Ms. Charlotte Hiles, Planning Assistant  
Mr. Frederick Lewis, Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Slade Gleaton - Trust for Public Land (TPL)

### **GUEST PRESENT:**

Colonel James T. and Mrs. Pearce  
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were two additional items so added. Visitors Col. & Mrs. Pearce are present and will speak during Open Discussion. Mr. Goodridge asked that the Lady's Island Walmart be added as well during Open Discussion.

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the December 13, 2007 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Goodridge made a motion and Ms. Cartwright seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the December 13, 2007 Board meeting.  
**Motion carried.**

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Colonel Pearce was introduced by Fred Lewis, TPL, and Mr. Pearce presented to the Board his proposal of sale of his property to the Rural & Critical Lands Preservation program. This would be discussed by the Board in Executive Session.

Tony Criscitiello introduced Mr. Saleem Khattak, the new Beaufort County Public Services Director, to the Board and welcomed him to the meeting.

Discussion was held on the Workshop Review and Glen Stanford updated the Board on items: TDR; Friends of Parks; Resale of acquisitions; as well as Protection of lands. TPL continues to work with Planning staff and will continue to provide the Board updated info.

On the matter of Funds, Tony Criscitiello reported to the Board that, thanks to Councilman 'Skeet' Von Harten, the County Council had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Monday, February 11, 2008 and expect 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on Monday, February 25, 2008, resulting in the County being authorized to issue bond on \$15-20 million as discussed.

Mr. Chairman asked for a motion to urge the County to borrow an additional \$20 million and Mr. Peter Dawson made the motion with Mr. Joe Vercellotti seconding the motion.  
**Motion carried.**

The Next Referendum and issues surrounding that was discussed and resulted in the Board being made aware of November 2008 being too soon and November 2010 would be date for the next referendum. Timing becomes an issue with pacing ourselves but not missing opportunities, and not running out of funds too soon.

Mr. Malcolm Goodridge commented on the proposed Walmart project and asked if the Board should make a statement or take a stand. The Board discussed and agreed this was a political item at the moment but there could be a possible opportunity in the future.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Riley entertained a motion by Mr. Goodridge, seconded by Mr. Ed Pappas, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:48 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters associated with property acquisitions. **The vote was unanimous to enter into Executive Session.**

**The Board re-entered Open Session at 4:15 p.m.**

The following to be presented to Land Management Committee:

Mr. Goodridge made a motion; seconded by Mrs. Cartwright, to recommend to the Land Management Committee of County Council to pursue **Parcel P** under the terms and conditions as recommended by TPL, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Vercellotti made a motion; seconded by Mrs. Giddens, to recommend to the Land Management Committee of County Council to pursue **Parcel C** under the terms and conditions as recommended by TPL, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairman Riley entertained a motion at 4:25 p.m. from Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Vercellotti, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Submitted by:** Charlotte Hiles, Planning Assistant

**Approved:**

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Steve Riley, Chairman, Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land  
Preservation Board

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