

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, June 12, 2008 in the Conference Room at Beaufort County Finance Building at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)
Ms. Gloria Cartwright (Vice-Chair)
Mr. Pete Dawson
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Ray Tudor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Selena Brown
Ms. Dorothy Giddens
Mr. York Glover
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Skeet Von Harten, Vice-Chair, County Council

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Slade Gleaton, Mr. Raleigh West - Trust for Public Land (TPL)

GUEST PRESENT:

Jay Hogan, Beaufort County Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Riley called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Stanford suggested that we add a discussion about the Crystal Lake Master Plan under general discussion.

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the May 8, 2008 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Tudor made a motion and Mr. Pappas seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the May 8, 2008 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Amanda Flake introduced Jay Hogan, who was recently hired as a planner in the Planning Department. Mr. Hogan is a native of Florida and will be the Current Planner for the Department.

Mr. Stanford discussed that TPL is looking to add some acreage to the Crystal Lake Master Plan to finish a trail around the lake. Some of this property is owned by St. Peter's Catholic Church and by the Beaufort High School. Both parties are willing to negotiate and Mr. Stanford will be working on these acquisitions. Mr. Dawson mentioned that we need to address the depth of the lake for safety issues before the park is opened to the public. Mr. Stanford agreed that security needed to be addressed as part of the plan. Mr. Pappas asked who would be implementing this plan. Mr. Stanford said it is a county project but he is not sure who will be responsible. Mr. VonHarten stated that he did not remember there being an ownership issue around the lake and to make sure that the whole idea is considered before moving forward.

Mr. VonHarten commented that the five newest members of Council should be educated again on the purpose of Rural and Critical Lands Program. He suggested that the RCLPB board members for these five districts be paired up with the corresponding Councilmen and educate them one-on-one. Mr. Goodridge recommended that this be done at a luncheon before our next meeting on October 9th. Then we should invite the Councilmen to attend the meeting. Mr. Goodridge asked that Mrs. Flake reserve a place to have lunch and the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Riley entertained a motion by Mr. Goodridge, seconded by Ms. Cartwright, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:23 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 4:29 p.m.

No discussions were brought to motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Riley entertained a motion at 4:30p.m. from Mr. Tudor, seconded by Ms. Cartwright, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____