

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 September 11, 2008 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Building at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Dorothy Giddens
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Raleigh West - Trust for Public Land (TPL)
Mrs. Lynn Hancock, Planning Assistant

GUEST PRESENT:

Mr. Reid Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Riley called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

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

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the August 12, 2008 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Vercellotti made a motion and Mr. Dawson seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the August 12, 2008 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Stanford introduced Ms. Lynne Hancock the new Planning Assistant who replaced Charlotte Hiles.

Mr. Riley gave an update on an orientation meeting to be held in January, hosted by the Air Station, in trying to cooperate with other local governments and bring them together to spread the word about what the RCLPB is doing. It was suggested to invite all the County Council members, Mayors, Town Managers, and members of the Open Land Trust to this meeting. Mr. Goodridge and Mr. Pappas stated that they would help coordinate this meeting.

Mr. Riley was contacted by Paul Sommerville, County Council member, and told that the Council is going through the process of reviewing charters for all Boards, including the RCLPB charter, to see if any changes or updates need to be made.

Mr. Pappas brought up the issue of maintenance of public parks and property purchased by RCLPB. Mr. Stanford stated that Public Works does not have the resources to maintain all of the parks. He also said that there is a fee associated with conservation easement purchases and that the Open Land Trust has stewardship of inspecting those properties at least once a year.

Mr. Pappas said that Okatie Village was brought up in the recent County Council meeting. He asked if this property was brought through the RCLPB process?? Mr. Riley and Mr. Criscitiello replied that it was brought through in its earlier phase and at the time the price was beyond the scope of the RCLPB.

Mr. Stanford stated that the Altamaha Town Preserve will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in October and that invitations will be sent to all members of the RCLP Board. However, the ceremony will not be open to the public due to lack of parking space.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Riley entertained a motion by Mr. Goodridge, seconded by Mr. Glover, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:22 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 4:16 p.m.

No discussions were brought to motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Riley entertained a motion at 4:17 p.m. from Ms. Cartwright, seconded by Ms. Brown, 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: _____