

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 October 09, 2008 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Building at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Gloria Cartwright (Vice-Chair)
Mr. York Glover
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)
Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Ms. Dorothy Giddens

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Skeet Von Harten, Vice-Chair, County Council

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Mrs. Billie Lindsay, Planning Department
Mr. John Miller, PALS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Glenn Stanford added two items: to discuss some proposed rules and procedures for the RCLPB Board, and to review the statistics of the RCLPB program.

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the September 11, 2008 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Goodridge made a motion and Mr. Vercellotti seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the September 11, 2008 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

During the last meeting, it was discussed that the orientation meeting (designed to inform other local governments about the RCLPB program) was going to be held in January, possibly at the Marine Corps Air Station. Mr. Pappas and Mr. Goodridge stated that they would help coordinate this meeting and will bring forward some information next month.

Mrs. Billie Lindsay, with the Beaufort County Planning Department, gave an update on the Rails to Trails program involving the Port Royal Railroad line. The County developed an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for a railway conversion feasibility study. Ten firms responded and a selection committee rated the applications and will begin discussion on the scope of work with the top ranked firm soon. Mr. Glover asked if the public would be involved. Mrs. Lindsay confirmed this question and said that there would be public workshops held throughout the process.

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright read an email from Chairman Riley about his meeting with Councilman Paul Summerville to discuss the RCLPB Charter. The email stated that there were a few typos to fix and that Mr. Summerville had a question about the limitation of active park land. The Board discussed the question of what defines an active or passive park and decided that at some point, definitions of both types of parks should be determined and should be included in the RCLPB language.

Mr. Glenn Stanford said that during this meeting between Chairman Riley and Councilman Summerville, there was a set of RCLPB Rules and Procedures that was found that had no relationship on how this Board is now conducted. Therefore, Mr. Stanford distributed some new proposed rules and procedures for the Board to review and consider for the next meeting. Mr. Stanford also showed a history of the RCLPB program and what it has accomplished to date. Some of the totals so far are as follows:
Total acres saved: 16,751.8 Worth: \$106,598,250
We paid: \$63,849,015 which is 60% of fair market value and these purchases saved 6,465 units from being developed. Everyone involved should be proud of these accomplishments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright entertained a motion by Mr. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Glover, to adjourn the Open Session at 4:01 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 4:33p.m.

No discussions were brought to motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright entertained a motion at 4:34 p.m. from Mr. Vercellotti, seconded by Mr. Pappas, 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: _____