

**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 May 14, 2009 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Building at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Gloria Cartwright (Vice-Chair)
Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Mr. York Glover
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Ray Tudor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Raleigh West of Conservation Consulting Co.

GUEST PRESENT:

Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Mr. Richard Brooks, Bluffton Today

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Cartwright asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were none.

Vice-Chairman Cartwright asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the April 9, 2009 Board meeting. It was mentioned that the minutes should be changed to reflect that Mr. Criscitiello was not present at the April meeting. With this change, Mr. Pappas made a motion and Mr. Glover seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the April 9, 2009 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Pappas noted that the Land Management Committee was recently replaced by the Natural Resources Committee. Mr. Pappas wondered if there were any new faces that needed to be educated about the Rural and Critical Land Program? Mr. Stanford and Mrs. Flake both said that the board members of the Natural Resources Committee are the same as the Land Management Committee. The only thing that changed was the name of the committee. Mr. Goodridge asked if we should have another training soon? Mr. Stanford stated that maybe we should just let them know that all the members of the Natural Resources Committee are invited to any of our meetings. The board decided to have Chairman Riley write a letter to Chairman Sommerville to have a board member from the Natural Resources Committee attend the Rural and Critical Land Program meetings when Chairman Sommerville himself is not available.

Mr. Armstrong asked for an update of the current consultant for the Rural and Critical Land Program. Mr. Stanford said that Conservation Consulting Company has been on the job since April 1, 2009 so there was no break in services. A 90 day contract with the County was just signed, through the end of June 2009, with a strong indication the contract will extend into the future. Mr. Pappas asked if this is a trial run and would it be appropriate to go to the Natural Resources Committee to determine what is going to happen for the future? Mr. Stanford stated he did not think it was inappropriate to go to the committee, but he did not want it to look like the request was coming from Conservation Consulting Company. Mr. Pappas made a motion that the board write a letter to Mr. Kubic and the Natural Resources Committee to get this issue finalized so the Board can move forward. Ms. Cartwright did not see the urgency of this issue and she believes that things will work out on their own. Mr. Glover said that he understood what Mr. Pappas is saying, but he does not see the urgency either. Mr. Glover thinks that the Natural Resources Committee is dealing with a lot and this may not be on top of their list right now, but it sounds like they are trying to work things out. Mr. Pappas withdrew his motion but asked that Chairman Riley talk to the Natural Resources Committee to express the Board's concern of getting someone full time with a full contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Cartwright entertained a motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Goodridge, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:30 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 4:26 p.m.

No discussions were brought to motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Cartwright entertained a motion at 4:28 p.m. from Mr. Goodridge, seconded by Mr. Tudor, 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: _____