

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 November 12, 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)
Mr. Pete Dawson
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)
Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. York Glover
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Russ Marane, Conservation Consulting Co.

GUEST PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Councilman
Mr. Paul Sommerville, County Councilman
Mr. Richard Brooks, Bluffton Today
Mr. Joe Croley

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Gloria Cartwright called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Cartwright asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were two additions; a tour of Fort Freemont and the Beaufort County Canopy Roads Brochure.

Vice-Chairman Cartwright asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the October 8, 2009 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Dawson made a motion and Mr. Pappas seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the October 8, 2009 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Glenn Stanford made an announcement congratulating Ms. Amanda Flake for receiving a grant from the South Carolina Forestry Commission to do a Beaufort County Canopy Roads Brochure for the community.

Ms. Cartwright has been in touch with the Master Naturalist group that is working to enhance the Fort Freemont Park. This group has issued invitations for the Board to take a tour of Fort Freemont on November 16th at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Cartwright thinks that the Board should attend the tour since all of the members were instrumental in obtaining the Fort property. Ms. Billie Lindsay, with the Beaufort County Planning Department, mentioned that the County recently found a new underground room on a private road (Triangle Road) that was a part of Fort Freemont. Ms. Lindsay went with Ian Hill, Beaufort County Historic Preservationist, to investigate the room and they think it could be an old water tower or water well. Mr. Marane said that it might have been a steam generator that lowered and raised the cannons at the Fort.

Mr. Stanford gave a presentation to the County Council on how the Board will spend the rest of the 19 million dollars remaining in the bond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Cartwright entertained a motion by Mr. Pappas, seconded by Mr. Tudor, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:19 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 4:50 p.m.

The following to be presented to Natural Resources Committee:

Mr. Preston made a motion; seconded by Mr. Pappas, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel P under the terms and conditions as recommended by CCC, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Dawson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Pappas, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel S under the terms and conditions as recommended by CCC, as discussed in Executive Session. **5 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 No.**

Mr. Pappas made a motion; seconded by Mr. Preston, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel N under the terms and conditions as recommended by CCC, as discussed in Executive Session. **6 Yes, 1 No.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Cartwright entertained a motion at 4:56 p.m. from Mr. Tudor, 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: _____