

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 January 14, 2010 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Building at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Glenn Stanford, Ms. Michaela Twomey Conservation Consulting Co.

GUEST PRESENT:

Ms. Ann Bluntzer, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Ms. Billie Lindsay, Beaufort County Planning Department
Ms. Marty Covington, Beaufort Gazette
Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Councilman
Mr. Paul Sommerville, County Councilman
Mr. Joe Croley
Mr. Robert Sample

CALL TO ORDER

Since there was no quorum, the meeting was not called to order. However, there was an informal discussion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Riley announced the unfortunate passing of the Vice-Chairman, Gloria Cartwright, over the Christmas holiday. Ms. Amanda Flake passed around a condolence card for the Board members to sign and send to Ms. Cartwright's family. Ms. Cartwright was a very active member of the Board and will be greatly missed.

Ms. Ann Bluntzer, from the Beaufort County Open Land Trust, gave a powerpoint presentation about their Conservation Easement Program. Currently the Open Land Trust holds 18 easements donated by the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. For these easements, members of the Open Land Trust visit the sites once a year. They meet with the landowners, take pictures, and write a report. In 2009 there were no violations. During this presentation, Ms. Bluntzer and Mr. Glenn Stanford decided to have the Open Land Trust give an update of these properties on a yearly basis.

Mr. Stanford announced that Beaufort County has decided to put the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Consultant job out for bid. There is an RFP out that is due by February 11, 2010 and the Conservation Consulting Company (CCC) intends to bid. Mr. Stanford is hopeful that he will be able to continue as the consultant. Mr. Pete Dawson asked if the Board has any input on the County's selection and Chairman Riley said that the Board could express their concern in a letter.

Mr. Stanford gave an update that CCC is working on a grant to help finance the new Greenprint. He also stated that the bond referendum is being debated and discussed at the County. Mr. Reed Armstrong suggested that the Board check out other areas that have developed Greenprints and see how they compare with our Greenprint.

Mr. Tony Criscitiello announced that the Planning Department is working on a Parks and Recreation Plan and discussing the idea of what active and passive mean and should there be any modifications to this program.

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____