

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 March 11, 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. Malcolm Goodridge
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Ms. Billie Lindsay, Beaufort County Planning Department
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Riley called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 February 11, 2010 Board meeting. It was suggested to state that Mr. Dawson was opposed to vote number three. With this amendment, Mr. Goodridge made a motion and Mr. Vercellotti seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the February 11, 2010 Board meeting.

Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Glenn Stanford sent out a letter requesting a new bond referendum and the County attorney has been asked to look into a timeline for this process. Chairman Riley said that the deadline to get the bond on the ballot would be mid-July 2010. There were two articles in the papers today (The Beaufort Gazette and The Bluffton Today) supporting a new bond referendum. Mr. Stanford stated that we need to wait for instructions from County Council on moving forward with a new Greenprint. Mr. Ed Pappas still thinks the Greenprint is important, especially since things have changed since 2006 such as the Northern Regional Plan, Southern Regional Plan, and the new Stormwater Plan.

Mr. Stanford said that as far as the ranking sheets go, he and Amanda Flake have some questions. The Board agreed that the ranking sheets are key components to the process and that everyone needed to take a look at them and make some suggestions for changes. Mr. Stanford suggested that a subcommittee be formed to take on the task of revising the ranking sheets. The Board agreed and the committee will be picked at the next meeting.

Chairman Steve Riley made a comment that the Board needs to schedule an election of officers during the next meeting.

Mr. Pete Dawson asked about the RFQ for the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program Consultant and where it was in the process. Mr. Stanford stated that he was not sure. Mr. Pappas then said if picking the consultant is going to take a while, the Board should consider pushing education for the new bond and Greenprint.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Riley entertained a motion by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Pappas, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:25 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 4:05p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Riley entertained a motion at 4:05 p.m. from Mr. Goodridge seconded by Mr. Vercellotti, 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: _____