

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 6, 2010 in the Conference Room at Clemson Extension Office at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Mr. York Glover
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)

STAFF PRESENT:

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. Joe Croley
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Ms. Kylie Calvart, Beaufort Gazette
Mr. Richard Brooks, Bluffton Today
Ms. Ann Bluntzer, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Councilman
Mr. Paul Sommerville, County Councilman

CALL TO ORDER

Since Chairman Steve Riley was absent, Malcolm Goodridge was appointed interim Vice-Chairman and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

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

Interim Vice-Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the March 11, 2010 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr Dawson made a motion and Mr. Tudor seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the March 11, 2010 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Glenn Stanford discussed the consultant selection process. He stated that Conservation Consulting Company submitted a proposal and was told there were five other consultants that submitted proposals. Three of those consultants were called back for interviews, including Conservation Consulting Company, Beaufort County Open Land Trust, and Nexen/Pruitt Law Firm out of Hilton Head. The selection committee consisted of Mr. Lad Howell, Mr. Ed Hughes, Mr. Dan Morgan, and Mr. David Starkey. At this point, Mr. Stanford has not heard if a decision has been made. Mr. Ed Pappas asked what this process was once a consultant is chosen. Mr. Stanford said that the selection committee will choose a consultant, send the recommended consultant to the Natural Resources Committee, and then on to County Council. Until then, Conservation Consulting Company is still serving as the consultant until told otherwise.

Mr. Stanford said that at the recent Finance meeting, Mr. David Starkey gave a presentation of all outstanding bonds within Beaufort County including the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. The RCLP Program cash balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$13,454,016. The program still has \$10,000,000 left to pull from the bond.

Mr. Russ Marane gave a presentation at the last meeting on how to do a Greenprint. Mr. Marane does not think going through a Greenprint process would be done in time if the program is going to ask for another bond this fall. Instead, he thought the Board could use the existing Greenprint and see what we have and have not accomplished. This would show information on what has been preserved, how much has been spent, and what still needs to be looked at. Then the Board could use this information to reevaluate the program. Mr. Jacob Preston asked why the Greenprint process was so difficult. Mr. Marane responded that to have a good Greenprint you need a consultant. The consultant will gather all the base data, have public meetings, work with stakeholders and landowners, and ultimately get the Greenprint approved by County Council. It is mainly a time constraint. Mr. Preston asked who did the Greenprint in 2006. Mr. Stanford said that a foundation did the Greenprint through a grant, but they did it based on the fact that the County was getting a bond referendum approved. That has not happened yet and this

foundation will not move forward without a decision on the bond. So for the next meeting, Mr. Marane and Mr. Stanford will show what has been accomplished in each focus area of the Greenprint, objects that have been achieved, and what needs to be focused on in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Interim Vice-Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Glover, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:48 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 4:35 p.m.

The following to be presented to Natural Resources Committee:

Mr. Glover made a motion; seconded by Mr. Tudor, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel I under the terms and conditions as recommended by CCC, as discussed in Executive Session. **8 yes, 1 abstain (Janice Johnson)**

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

There was positive support from the Board on Parcel O to move it forward but no official vote was required. The Board agreed to have a Land Use Study performed and to await the results of the study to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pete Dawson reminded the Board that in the minutes from the last meeting, the Vice-Chairman position was to be discussed. The Board needs to make sure it gets discussed in the next meeting.

With no further business, Interim Vice-Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion at 4:43 p.m. from Mr. Vercellotti, seconded by Mr. Glover, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

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Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

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

Date: _____