

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 13, 2011 in the Conference Room at Clemson Extension Office at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Malcolm Goodridge (Chairman)
Mr. Ed Pappas (Vice-Chairman)
Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Mr. George Johnston
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Steve Riley
Mr. Ray Tudor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. York Glover
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Ann Bluntzer, Mr. Garrett Budds, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Mr. Ken Driggers, Attorney for BCOLT
Ms. Billie Lindsay, Beaufort County Planning Department
Mr. David Starkey, Beaufort County Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Councilman
Mr. Paul Sommerville, County Councilman

GUEST PRESENT:

Mr. Joe Croley
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League
Mrs. Alice Howard, Marine Corps Air Station
Mr. Russell Byrd, Marine Corps Air Station

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malcolm Goodridge called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

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

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the December 9, 2010 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Vercellotti made a motion and Mr. Tudor seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the December 9, 2010 Board meeting.

Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. David Starkey stated that Mr. Gary Kubic tasked the Finance Department to attend all County Board meetings and report financial statements as they pertain to each Board. Therefore, Mr. Starkey will be coming quarterly to the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board meeting. Mr. Starkey will also be sending these financial statements to the Board members by email and they will also be listed on the County website. As of December 12, 2010, the Rural and Critical Land Preservation program has \$4.9 million left from the \$80 million that has been borrowed. The program also has \$1.6 million that was donated back to the program for development of acquired properties, some of which is restricted to certain properties.

Ms. Ann Bluntzer reported that the Henry Farms conservation easement closed in early December 2010. This property contained 300 acres on Hwy 21 on St. Helena Island. Also the Broad Marsh piece (fee simple) that contained 13 acres in Port Royal closed in December 2010.

Chairman Malcolm Goodridge and Ms. Bluntzer discussed ideas for the upcoming Board Retreat. The Retreat will be held in March at Palmetto Bluff and will include lunch. The meeting will be a full day. Chairman Goodridge and Ms. Bluntzer asked the Board members to think of topics to discuss and who to invite (public officials?) to the Retreat. These ideas will be discussed at the next Board meeting in February.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, 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 4:20 p.m.

The following to be presented to Natural Resources Committee:

Mr. Riley made a motion; seconded by Mr. Tudor, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel P under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried with an addition to allow local food production to be a part of the agreement.**

Mr. Riley made a motion; seconded by Mr. Tudor, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel T under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried with an addition that all development rights are subject to all County Zoning regulations.**

Mr. Dawson made a motion; seconded by Mr. Tudor, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel A under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried.**

Mr. Vercellotti made a motion; seconded by Ms. Brown, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel 2 under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, seconded by Ms. Brown, to adjourn the Open Session at 4:25 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 4:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion at 4:45 p.m. from Mr. Pappas, seconded by Mr. Tudor, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

Malcolm Goodridge, Chairman, Beaufort County Rural and
Critical Land Preservation Board

Date: _____