

## **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 February 10, 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)  
Mr. Pete Dawson  
Mr. York Glover  
Ms. Janice Johnson  
Mr. George Johnston  
Mr. Jacob Preston  
Mr. Ray Tudor  
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Selena Brown  
Mr. Steve Riley

### **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 Beaufort County Open Land Trust  
Mr. Jerry Stewart, County Councilman

### **GUEST PRESENT:**

Mr. Joe Croley  
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League  
Mr. Gordy Bowers  
Fire Chief Bruce Kline  
Mr. Steve Andrews, Andrews and Burgess, Inc.  
Mr. Ryan Lyle, Andrew and Burgess, Inc.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Malcolm Goodridge called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were two items: add discussion on site visits by the Board members and if these site visits have a quorum of members is the public invited.

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the January 13, 2011 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Vercellotti made a motion and Mr. Preston seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the January 13, 2011 Board meeting.

**Motion carried.**

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chairman Goodridge and the Board wanted to recognize Ms. Ann Bluntzer, Mr. Garrett Budds, and Mr. Ken Driggers for doing an excellent job as consultants for the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation program.

Ms. Bluntzer discussed during the last meeting about moving forward the proposal to ask for the remaining \$10 million of the 2006 bond to be allotted to the R& C program. Ms. Bluntzer and Mr. Budds had submitted a draft request for this proposal to Councilman Paul Sommerville. Now they needed a formal request from the Board to the Natural Resource Committee for approval. Mr. York Glover made a motion and Vice-Chairman Ed Pappas seconded the motion to move this request forward.

Vice-Chairman Pappas stated that the Board retreat will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy office from 10am to 4pm. At the retreat the Board will discuss strategic planning of the remaining bond money and properties, property development and maintenance, and future funding. Mr. Reed Armstrong added that the Board should also discuss the Form Based Code and the Transfer of Development Rights programs at the retreat.

Vice-Chairman Pappas discussed with Board members the issue of doing site visits to potential properties for purchase. He brought to the Board's attention that if there was a quorum, the meeting would have to be a public meeting. This is in direct conflict with the idea of executive session, which is to keep properties under option confidential. One idea was to keep each site visit to three or less Board members, including the person whose district the property is located. After some discussion by all the Board members it was decided that if any Board member wants to go on site visit, that person should email Ms. Bluntzer or Mr. Budds and organize a visit.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Preston, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:46 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 4:09 p.m.**

The following to be presented to Natural Resources Committee:

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

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Preston, to adjourn the Open Session at 4:11 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.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion at 4:51 p.m. from Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Tudor, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Submitted by:** Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

**Approved:**

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_