

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 12, 2011 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. York Glover

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Ann Bluntzer, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Ms. Billie Lindsay, Mr. Brian Hermann, Beaufort County Planning Department
Mr. David Starkey, Beaufort County Financial Department

GUEST PRESENT:

Mr. Joe Croley
Mr. Richard Brooks, Bluffton Today

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malcolm Goodridge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there was one addition; add Rural and Critical Land Preservation program quarterly financial statement by David Starkey (Beaufort County Financial Department).

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the April 14, 2011 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Brown made a motion and Mr. Tudor seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the April 14, 2011 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

For the 2012 bond referendum language update, Ms. Ann Bluntzer stated that some more time was needed to get ideas out on the table. Therefore, this item will be discussed at future meetings.

Ms. Bluntzer congratulated Mr. Garrett Budds and his wife who had a baby boy.

Ms. Bluntzer reminded the Board that Beaufort County Open Land Trust (BCOLT) staff and County staff were given a deadline of July to have the Rural and Critical Land Preservation (RCLP) properties classified. This information will be presented at the July RCLP Board meeting. She also said that asking County Council for the last \$10 million of the bond referendum to be drawn down was a matter of timing and the general consensus was that County Council supported the idea.

Ms. Bluntzer stated that no properties had closed since the last meeting. Orange Grove, Penn Center, and Tree Hope Enterprises were being finalized. Coosaw Plantation received final approval from County Council.

Mr. David Starkey reported that of the original \$80 million the RCLP program has \$4.9 million left in the bank as well as the additional \$1.6 million in gift money. From July 2010 to July 2011 there were five major transactions. Until County Council approves the last \$10 million, the program has \$4.9 million to use. Mr. Steve Riley asked if this number included Orange Grove, Penn Center, and Tree Hope Enterprises. Ms. Bluntzer replied no and said that if all projects that the Board had approved were finalized, there would be \$1.3 million left in the bank.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Pappas, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:18 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 4:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion at 4:18 p.m. from Mr. Vercellotti, seconded by Mr. Pappas, 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: _____