

**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 October 27, 2011 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Malcolm Goodridge (Chairman)
Mr. Ed Pappas (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. York Glover
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. George Johnston
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Mr. Steve Riley
Mr. Ray Tudor

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Patty Kennedy, Mr. Garrett Budds, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Mr. Ken Driggers, Attorney for BCOLT
Ms. Billie Lindsay, Beaufort County Planning Department

GUEST PRESENT:

Mr. Joe Croley

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malcolm Goodridge called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 September 15, 2011 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Vercellotti made a motion and Mr. Pappas seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the September 15, 2011 Board meeting.
Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Garrett Budds took the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board recommendation for the 2012 Bond Referendum to the Natural Resources Committee and Finance Committee and it was approved unanimously by both Committees. The recommendation went forward to County Council and it was approved 10 to 1 (County Councilman Dawson voted against) for the first reading. Mr. Ed Pappas had some concerns that two of the County Council members had reservations about the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. Ms. Patty Kennedy said that she did not think their reservations were about the validity of the program but more of an economic issue and the idea of more taxes. On a positive note, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Budds just got back from a conference in Wisconsin where they heard a speaker report that even in these bad economic times people throughout the country are still voting for referendums to support local land conservation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Pappas seconded by Mr. Vercellotti, to adjourn the Open Session at 10:40 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 11:20 p.m.

The following to be presented to Natural Resources Committee:

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

Mr. Glover made a motion; seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion at 11:35 p.m. from Mr. Preston, 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: _____