

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 November 10, 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
Mr. York Glover
Mr. George Johnston
Mr. Steve Riley
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Ray Tudor

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Patty Kennedy, Mr. Garrett Budds, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Mr. Paul Sommerville, County Councilman

GUEST PRESENT:

Mr. Joe Croley
Mr. Reed Armstrong, Coastal Conservation League

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malcolm Goodridge called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and Vice-Chairman Ed Pappas suggested that we add an agenda item addressing the speaker who will be coming to talk about bond referendums nationwide.

Chairman Goodridge asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from October 27, 2011 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Vercellotti made a motion and Ms. Brown seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the October 27, 2011 Board meeting.
Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Patty Kennedy reported that the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board recommendation for the 2012 Bond Referendum had moved forward to County Council with the first reading having an almost unanimous approval (County Councilman Gerald Dawson voted against the Referendum). County Councilman Paul Sommerville stated that Councilman Dawson's vote was not in opposition of the program, but was in relation to something else he had voted on recently.

Ms. Kennedy announced that Beaufort County Open Land Trust had lined up a speaker, Will Abberger, to come and address the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board about national polling and trends with bond referendums for land conservation. Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Garrett Budds heard Mr. Abberger speak recently at a conference and he said that overall people are still voting for land conservation even in this economy. Mr. Abberger will hopefully be here for the December Board meeting.

Mr. Budds said that Open Land Trust staff and County staff were still working on the property classification update to put into the Comprehensive Plan and were hoping to take this amendment to the Natural Resources Committee sometime in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:11 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 a 4:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Goodridge entertained a motion at 4:07 p.m. from Mr. Johnston, 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: _____