

**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 September 13, 2012 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ed Pappas (Chairman)
Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Ms. Janice Johnson
Mr. George Johnston
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. York Glover
Mr. Steve Riley
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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Ed Pappas called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Pappas asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were none.

Vice-Chairman Pappas asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from July 12, 2012 Board meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Dawson made a motion and Mr. Vercellotti seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the July 12, 2012 Board meeting.

Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Ed Pappas stated that Chairman Malcolm Goodridge had resigned from the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board as Chairman and as a member. Therefore, a new Chairman and new Vice-Chairman need to be elected. Mr. Joe Vercellotti made a motion to nominate Mr. Ed Pappas as Chairman and Ms. Selena Brown as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. The Board voted and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Garrett Budds discussed the origin of the comprehensive protected lands baseline mapping project. He stated that this idea came about during the May 2012 meeting where the Board discussed how the Greenprint map could be used to show what has been conserved and where we need to conserve in the future. The map presented today is a baseline of what has been conserved to date. It includes properties conserved through the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program, Beaufort County Open Land Trust, Lowcountry Open Land Trust, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, ACE Basin Project, United States Fish and Wildlife, City of Beaufort, Town of Port Royal, Town of Bluffton, Town of Hilton Head, Marine Corps Air Station, Parris Island, Beaufort County, Jasper County, and Colleton County. This map will eventually be available on the web and will be a living document.

Mr. Budds stated that Beaufort County Open Land Trust is going to run an educational program about the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program and its accomplishments over the last 12 years. Mr. Budds will give a presentation of the material at next month's Board meeting. The campaign group is still active and will be promoting the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program in October.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pappas entertained a motion by Mr. Vercellotti, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:49 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 4:44 p.m.

The following to be presented to Natural Resources Committee:

Mr. Vercellotti made a motion; seconded by Ms. Johnson, 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. Johnston made a motion; seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown, 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.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved: _____
Ed Pappas, Chairman, Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land
Preservation Board

Date: _____