

BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

The Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board meeting (hereafter known as the Board) was held on February 9, 2017, at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Board Room a 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Mathews (Chairman)
Mr. Mark Baker (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. Bob Bender
Ms. Susie Fripp-Gordon
Ms. Gail O'Kane

Mr. Ed Riley
Ms. Dorothy Scanlin
Ms. Denise Sullivan
Ms. Norma Stewart
Mr. Richard Walls

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Beaufort County Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Beaufort County Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Lisa Lord, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ms. Alice Howard, Beaufort County Councilwoman
Ms. Allison Coppage, Beaufort County Assistant Attorney
Mr. Tabor Vaux, Beaufort County Councilman
Ms. Lisa Sulka, Town of Bluffton Mayor
Mr. Mark Orlando, Town of Bluffton Manager
Mr. Scott Marshall, Town of Bluffton Deputy Manager
Mr. Dan Wood, Town of Bluffton Councilman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Mathews called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chairman Mathews asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there was one; remove Parcel 2017C from Executive Session.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Mathews asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the January 12, 2017 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Stewart made a motion and Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the January 12, 2017 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the January 12, 2017, Board meeting** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Sullivan, Stewart, Walls).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Financial Report

Ms. Lisa Lord stated that the report from January still reflected the current amount in the R&C Program and that the Board will receive financial reports on a quarterly basis.

Passive Park Update

Mr. Tony Criscitiello stated that Crystal Lake was approximately 99% finished. The pierhead was currently being rebuilt and hopefully Beaufort County Open Land Trust (BCOLT) and Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation Service would be in the building by March. Both Fort Fremont and Okatie Preserve plans were being finalized, permits were being obtained, and hopefully both projects will go to bid in the spring.

Retreat Agenda

Chairman Mike Mathews stated that the Board went over the draft retreat agenda last month. He asked that the Board members do their homework (review Comprehensive plan and the Greenprint) and talk to their respective County Councilmen/women before the retreat.

Board Elections

Mr. Ed Riley nominated Mr. Mike Mathews for Chairman and Ms. Dorothy Scanlin seconded the nomination. **The vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Mike Mathews for Chairman** ((FOR: Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Sullivan, Stewart, Walls).

Ms. Gail O'Kane nominated Mr. Mark Baker for Vice-Chairman and Ms. Dorothy Scanlin seconded the nomination. **The vote was unanimous to elect Mr. Mark Baker for Vice-Chairman** ((FOR: Mathews, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Sullivan, Stewart, Walls).

TPL Study

Ms. Lisa Lord stated that she had organized a kickoff meeting for the TPL Economic Benefits Analysis Study to be held on Wednesday, February 22, 107 at 10:00 am at the Lady's Island Airport Conference Room. Ms. Lord and members from TPL will give a presentation about the study to key stakeholders in the community. She had also developed a core committee made up of Chairman Mike Mathews, previous Chairman Ed Pappas, and Mr. Rob Merchant with the Beaufort County Planning Department. This group will make decisions on important issues within the study. This project should take about 9 months to complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mathews entertained a motion by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Walls, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:21 p.m. and convened Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters associated with property acquisitions. **The motion was carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Sullivan, Stewart, Walls).

Chairman Mathews adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 4:44 p.m.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion; seconded by Ms. Stewart, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel 2017A under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried unanimously to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue 2017A under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Sullivan, Stewart, Walls).


Ms. Sullivan made a motion; seconded by Ms. Stewart, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel 2017B under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue 2017B under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Mathews, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Sullivan, Stewart. AGAINST: Riley, Scanlin, Walls. ABSTAIN: Baker).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Mathews entertained a motion at 4:47 p.m. from Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Stewart, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Fripp-Gordon, O'Kane, Riley, Scanlin, Sullivan, Stewart, Walls).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:


Mike Mathews, Chairman,
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board

Date: 8/10/17