

## **BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

The Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board (hereafter known as the Board) was held on October 12, 2017, at the Crystal Lake Park Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Mike Mathews (Chairman)  
Mr. Mark Baker (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. Terry Hill  
Mr. Walter Mack

Ms. Gail O’Kane  
Ms. Dorothy Scanlin

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Bob Bender  
Ms. Susie Fripp-Gordon  
Mr. Ed Riley  
Ms. Denise Sullivan  
Mr. Richard Walls

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

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

### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mr. York Glover, Beaufort County Councilman  
Ms. Kate Schaeffer, Coastal Conservation League  
Ms. Cindy Baysden, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Mathews called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

### **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chairman Mathews asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were none.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Chairman Mathews asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the August 10, 2017 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. O’Kane made a motion and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the August 10, 2017 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the August 10, 2017, Board meeting (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Hill, Mack, O’Kane, Scanlin).**

**Bond Referendum Discussion**

Ms. Holmes distributed information to the Board members about the feasibility study and poll that was performed by TPL and BCOLT in 2012. Last month Mr. Josh Gruber suggested the Board consider polling the public to see if there is still support for the R&C Program. The poll and feasibility study must be performed by a non-profit organization like the Beaufort County Open Land Trust. Mr. Baker made a motion and Ms. Scanlin seconded the motion to support Beaufort County Open Land Trust to move forward with funding for a feasibility study to bring forward a bond referendum request for the 2018 ballot. **The motion was carried unanimously to support Beaufort County Open Land Trust to move forward with funding for a feasibility study to bring forward a bond referendum request for the 2018 ballot.** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Hill, Mack, O'Kane, Scanlin).

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairman Mathews entertained a motion at 4:53 p.m. from Ms. Scanlin, seconded by Ms. O'Kane, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Hill, Mack, O'Kane, Scanlin).

**Submitted by:** Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

**Approved:**

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

Date: 12/14/17