

**MINUTES
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD RETREAT**

June 11, 2020

WEBEX

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ATTENDANCE

Present: Committee Chairman Michael Mathews, Committee Vice-Chairman Walter Mack, Art Baer, Terry Hill, John Maffei, Ryan Stefonick. Beek Webb

Absent: Doug Koop, Gail O’Kane

County
Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

Staff: Eric Greenway, Community Development Director; Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner; Barbara Holmes, BCOLT

Visitors: Kristin Williams, BCOLT Executive Director; Caylor Romines, BCOLT; Tom Keaveny, Beaufort County Assistant Attorney; Hayes Williams, Beaufort County Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Mack to approve the agenda as presented. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Mack, and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 12, 2020

Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Mack, seconded by Mr. Stefonick to approve the minutes from March 12, 2020. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Mack, Mr. Baer, Mr. Hill, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Stefonick, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Mathews introduced Mr. John Maffei as a new board member and welcomed him to the group. He also announced that Mr. Bob Bender had to resign from the board and that a proclamation about Mr. Bender was being presented tonight at County Council. Chairman Mathews also reminded the board that the meetings from here forward will be located at Crystal Lake Park on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm. He polled the board and it was decided to cancel the July 9, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Mathews introduced Hayes Williams, Beaufort County Finance Director, and thanked him for his help on producing the recent financial reports to the board. Mr. Williams thanked Chairman Mathews for the kind words and also reported to the board that the bond money should be available in July or August.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Greenprint Update

Mr. Greenway stated that Design Workshop had been hired by the Community Development Department to assist with the Comprehensive Plan update. He recently requested that Design Workshop add an amendment to their contract to perform the Greenprint update. This amendment is expected to be signed today by the Beaufort County Administrator, Ashley Jacobs. Mr. Greenway stated that the Community Development Department and Design Workshop will begin holding stakeholder meetings as soon as things reopen and in-person meetings are allowed. He will keep the board informed of the status of these meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

RCLP Application

Mr. Greenway presented the updated application. He stated that the application had been updated to include a detailed instructions page and an explanation about Fee Simple and PDR (Purchase of Development Rights). The board also wanted the ordinance to be referenced on the instructions page. This application will eventually be available online. Once a quarter staff and Beaufort County Open Land Trust will rank and submit these applications to the Rural and Critical Board for a decision on which projects to move forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of proposed purchase of property and issues incident thereto for Project 2019G and an update on all current projects – *Barbara G. Holmes, Beaufort County Open Land Trust*

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Stefonick to approve to go into Executive Session. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Mack, Mr. Baer, Mr. Hill, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Stefonick, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Baer to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Webb, Mr. Baer, Mr. Bender, Mr. Mack, and Mr. Stefonick. The motion passed.

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Beaufort County Community Development
Natural Resources Planner

Approved: _____
Mike Mathews, Chairman
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board

Date: _____