

**MINUTES
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

September 10, 2020

WEBEX

The electronic and print media duly notified in
accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Michael Mathews, Art Baer, Terry Hill, Doug Koop, John Maffei, Chris Marsh, Beek Webb

Absent: Vice-Chairman Walter Mack, Gail O’Kane, Ryan Stefonick

County Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

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

Visitors: Ashley Jacobs, Beaufort County Administrator; Tom Keaveny, Beaufort County Assistant Attorney, Rob Merchant, Beaufort County Assistant Planning Director; Kim Fleming, MCAS; Glenn Walters, Design Workshop (DW); Kurt Culbertson, DW; Emily McCoy, DW; Lindsey Naylor, DW

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mathews called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Mr. Hill to approve the agenda as presented. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Mr. Baer, Mr. Hill, Mr. Koop, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 11, 2020

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Koop, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the minutes from June 11, 2020. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Mr. Baer, Mr. Hill, Mr. Koop, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Mathews introduced Mr. Chris Marsh as a new board member and welcomed him to the group. He also announced that until further notice all Rural and Critical Board meetings will be held virtually by Webex.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Greenprint Update

Chairman Mathews introduced members of Design Workshop which is the consultant that was hired by Beaufort County to help develop the Comprehensive Plan and the Greenprint. Members included Mr. Glenn Walters, Mr. Kurt Culbertson, Ms. Emily McCoy, and Ms. Lindsey Naylor. Mr. Walters stated that Design Workshop recently held two virtual stakeholder meetings with the public to gather input. During the meetings they asked the public to weigh in on items important to the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program by participating in a live survey. Design Workshop then made the survey available online until September 14, 2020. Mr. Walters stated they are currently compiling the data and will have a report to the R&C Board for review by October 30, 2020 and hopefully a final Greenprint document by December 17, 2020.

Update on Longwood Conservation Easement and 2020A Port Royal Island Battlefield

Mr. Greenway stated that the County has finished all of the due diligence for the Longwood Conservation Easement to be purchased. The County was waiting on the seller to provide that last documentation needed to close the project.

Mr. Greenway also stated the County had finished all due diligence for project 2020A Port Royal Island Battlefield but were waiting on a fence encroachment to be removed off of the property. Once that was accomplished, the property would be closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Baer to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Mr. Baer, Mr. Hill, Mr. Koop, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Webb. 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: _____

