

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

**July 14, 2022**

Crystal Lake Park/Zoom

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chairman Walter Mack, Vice-Chairman Art Baer, Ford Bartholow, Mac Bennett,  
Gail O’Kane, Beek Webb

Absent: John Maffei, Kenneth Frazier, Tom Murray

County  
Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

Staff: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Visitors: Kate Schaefer, BCOLT Director of Land Protection; Tommy Logan, citizen;  
Shawn Colin, Town of Hilton Head Assistant Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Walter Mack called the meeting to order at 2:33 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. Webb, seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the agenda. The vote:  
YAYS – Chairman Mack, Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bartholow, Mr. Bennett, Ms. O’Kane, and  
Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 19, 2022**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Bennett seconded by Mr. Webb to approve the minutes as presented.  
The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mack, Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bartholow, Mr. Bennett, Ms.  
O’Kane, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Tommy Logan asked if you are required live within the county council district to be on the R&C Board or can you just own property within the district? Ms. Amanda Flake stated that she would find out the answer and provide it to the Board next month.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Board Retreat Update**

At the retreat Ms. Schaefer provided the Board members with the current Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program Application for review. The Board made suggestions for improvements and those recommendations were added. The new updated application will be available for Quarter 3 submittals. The 100 acre map was a great review to see what was already protected and what was left over. Focus areas included the ACE Basin, Okatie corridor, Bluffton edges, MCAS Air Station encroachment areas, working farms, water access points, and scenic vistas. Links to the Beaufort County Greenprint Map and South Carolina Conservation Map will be added online. The Greenspace Sales Tax was recently voted on by County Council to be added to the ballot in November. This is a program proposed by Senator Tom Davis that will use sales tax to purchase green space within Beaufort County. It will be administered by an advisory body that will bring projects to County Council for approval. This bill will be brought forward to County Council for a third reading in August.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Bennett seconded by Mr. Webb to approve to go into Executive Session. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mack, Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bartholow, Mr. Bennett, Ms. O’Kane, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

### **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: Motion:** It was moved by Ms. O’Kane, seconded by Mr. Webb to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mack, Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bartholow, Mr. Bennett, Ms. O’Kane, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

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

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter Mack, Chairman  
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_