

MINUTES
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2022

Crystal Lake Park/Zoom

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ATTENDANCE

Present: Vice-Chairman Art Baer, Mac Bennett, Kenneth Frazier, John Maffei, Tom Murray, Beek Webb

Absent: Chairman Walter Mack, Ford Bartholow, Gail O’Kane

County
Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

Staff: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Visitors: Kate Schaefer, BCOLT Director of Land Protection; Brittany Ward, Beaufort County Attorney; Stefanie Nagid, Passive Parks Director; Stodd McEwan, new R&C Board member

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Art Baer called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Maffei to approve the agenda. The vote: YAYS – Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2022

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Bennett seconded by Mr. Webb to approve the minutes as presented. YAYS – Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

Ms. Kate Schaefer introduced Mr. Stodd McEwan who is a new Rural and Critical Board member that will be joining the meetings next month. Mr. McEwan is from Newport News, VA and is representing District 7.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

November Field Trip

To continue educating the R&C Board members about the properties that have been purchased through the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program, Ms. Schaefer stated that the group will be conducting a field trip to Okatie Regional Preserve property next month. This property preserves the headwaters of the Okatie River and consists of almost 200 acres. The field trip will be on Thursday, November 17th at 2pm and will take the place of the monthly board meeting.

Monthly Update

Ms. Schaefer stated that the deadline for Quarter 4 application submittals is December 31, 2022. She stated that one application was received in Quarter 3 and will be brought forward soon. She said that the Greenspace sales tax referendum passed third and final reading at County Council and will be put on the ballot in November. For current projects the Natural Resource Committee approved due diligence for Lucy Creek PDR, Davis Road Fee, and Blocker Field Extension Fee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Webb seconded by Mr. Maffei to approve to go into Executive Session. YAYS – Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Webb to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee the purchase of Project Lobeco Farms PDR conditional upon the option that staff negotiate a right of first refusal and option to purchase. YAYS – Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Maffei to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee due diligence of Project Tarver Tract PDR. YAYS – Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion: It was moved by Vice-Chairman Baer, seconded by Mr. Webb to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 pm. The vote: YAYS – Vice-Chairman Baer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Murray, 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: _____