

**MINUTES
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

January 11, 2024

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accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Art Baer, Vice-Chairman Mac Bennett, Ford Bartholow, Walter Mack,
Stodd McEwan, Lucia O’Farrell, Beek Webb

Absent: None

County
Council: Alice Howard

Staff: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Visitors: Kate Schaefer, BCOLT Director of Land Protection; Rob Merchant, Beaufort
County Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Art Baer 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. Webb, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bennett to approve the agenda. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. Bartholow, Mr. Mack, Mr. McEwan, Ms. O’Farrell, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 9, 2023

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Project Boundary Street Logan

Ms. Kate Schaefer stated that this project was part of an upper Boundary Street corridor similar to Lower Boundary Street that consisted of shallow lots with marsh views that would enhance the entrance to Beaufort and solve some traffic issues. This application had been held until neighboring properties showed movement. The OLT had a right of first refusal on a few of these properties. The City of Beaufort just closed on the Sherbert property in December which would be the other bookend for this project. Boundary Street Logan is 0.81 acres and is appraised at \$335,000.00. The Board suggested that Ms. Schaefer and Ms. Flake rank the property and bring it back for a vote in February.

Monthly Project Update

Ms. Kate Schaefer shared that if all projects in the que move forward, the R&C Program would have \$251,000.00 left in the budget. Currently one project may not happen which would put \$1,000,000 back into the Program. Project Barrell Landing Orr will go to County Council for approval to purchase on January 22, 2024. There were still some due diligence items to be completed for Project Beach City Road, Project Station Creek, Project Davis Road, Project Rawstrom Road, and Project Seaside Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Ms. O’Farrell, seconded by Mr. McEwan to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. Bartholow, Mr. Mack, Mr. McEwan, Ms. O’Farrell, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

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

Approved: _____
Art Baer, Chairman
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board

Date: _____