

**MINUTES
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

February 8, 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Art Baer, Vice-Chairman Mac Bennett, Walter Mack, Stodd McEwan,
Beek Webb

Absent: Ford Bartholow, Lucia O’Farrell

County
Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

Staff: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Visitors: Kate Schaefer, BCOLT Director of Land Protection; Rob Merchant, Beaufort
County Planning Director; Stefanie Nagid, Passive Parks Director, Bradley
Harriott, Public Works

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Art Baer called the meeting to order at 2:32 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. Mack, seconded by Mr. McEwan to approve the agenda. The
vote: YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. Mack, Mr. McEwan, and Mr. Webb.
The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 11, 2024

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Beach City Road Driveway Sale

Ms. Stefanie Nagid explained that the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board purchased this property on Beach City Road in 2013 that encompassed 1.52 acres. It was a 70/30 split with the Town of Hilton Head. At the time of purchase a driveway was installed on the property, by the owner of the neighboring property, but not shown on the plat. The driveway is a total of 0.11 acres that encroached onto this parcel. To fix the issue there has been a negotiation by the Legal Department to buy back the driveway and pay Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head \$30,250.00 to be split 70/30 County/Town.

It was moved by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mr. McEwan to approve the purchase of the Beach City Road driveway. YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. Mack, Mr. McEwan, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed

Wallace Creek Fee Discussion

Ms. Stefanie Nagid stated the Wallace Creek Boat Landing located at 245 Sam Doyle Drive on St. Helena Island is for sale. Included in the sale is a 27-acre island. The landing is privately owned but the public is still allowed to use it. The Beaufort County Public Works Department would like it to remain open to the public. Public Works would like to know if the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board would be interested in purchasing the island if Public Works purchased the boat landing. The property is currently for sale at \$2.1 million dollars. The Board agreed to look further into this project.

Monthly Project Update

Ms. Kate Schaefer shared that Project Windland has been removed from the R&C Program and \$1 million dollars has been put back into the R&C Program funds. There were still some due diligence items to be completed for Project Station Creek, Project Davis Road, Project Rawstrom Road, and Project Seaside Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by Chairman Baer seconded by Mr. McEwan to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Baer, Vice-Chairman Bennett, Mr. Mack, Mr. McEwan, 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: _____