

BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board (hereafter known as the Board) was held on August 12, 2008 in the Conference Room at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Building at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Riley (Chair)
Ms. Gloria Cartwright (Vice-Chair)
Ms. Selena Brown
Mr. Pete Dawson
Ms. Dorothy Giddens
Mr. York Glover
Mr. Malcolm Goodridge
Mr. Ed Pappas
Mr. Jacob Preston
Mr. Joseph Vercellotti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Ray Tudor

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Skeet Von Harten, Vice-Chair, County Council

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner
Mr. Glenn Stanford, Mr. Raleigh West - Trust for Public Land (TPL)

GUEST PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Riley called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Agenda and there were none.

Chairman Riley asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the July 10, 2008 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Carwright made a motion and Mr. Vercellotti seconded the motion to accept the Minutes from the July 10, 2008 Board meeting.

Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Glenn Stanford gave an update on the Friends of Beaufort County Parks. He said that we are in the process of finalizing plans between the County and the Low Country Institute and have found a possible coordinator to help facilitate this program. The next step is to try and find some funding for this person since the County does not have the man power to coordinate this program.

Mr. Steve Riley mentioned that the 4th Ulmer Tract was approved and was wondering about the question raised in the last meeting about the definition of “farming”. Mr. Stanford stated that we had specifically discussed the issues of hog farms, chemicals, and noise associated with farming practices. Mr. Stanford said that he tried to raise these issues with Mr. Ulmer and was not successful. Mr. Stanford said that Mr. Ulmer conveyed that State Farming Regulations were very strict and he did not plan on doing any hog farming. Mr. Skeet VonHarten stated that he was still concerned that the State Legislature could always change their minds and decided not to regulate hog farms in the future. However, Mr. York Glover said that he was doubtful that any hog farm would be permitted in Beaufort County due to the fact that there are severe restrictions on these farms (i.e., the farm must be 1,000 feet from any property lines and cannot be near any waterways, etc.).

Mr. Malcolm Goodridge mentioned the idea we had a few meetings ago about getting the new County Councilmen together to educate them on the Rural and Critical Lands Program. The Board decided to work on proposing a meeting for all the members of Council sometime after the New Year. It was also decided to invite key constituents from other cities and counties to the meeting. Mr. Goodridge and Mr. Pappas said that they would like to help coordinate this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Riley entertained a motion by Mr. Goodridge, seconded by Ms. Giddens, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:16 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters associated with property acquisitions. **The vote was unanimous to enter into Executive Session.**

The Board re-entered Open Session at 3:54 p.m.

No discussions were brought to motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Riley entertained a motion at 3:54 p.m. from Mr. Preston, seconded by Ms. Cartwright, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved: _____
Steve Riley, Chairman, Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land
Preservation Board

Date: _____