

BEAUFORT COUNTY RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

The Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board (hereafter known as the Board) was held on August 9, 2018, at the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Conference Room at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Mathews (Chairman)
Ms. Susie Fripp-Gordon
Mr. Walter Mack

Ms. Gail O'Kane
Ms. Dorothy Scanlin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bob Bender
Mr. Terry Hill
Mr. Richard Walls

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Eric Greenway, Beaufort County Community Development Deputy Director
Ms. Amanda Flake, Beaufort County Natural Resources Planner
Ms. Stefanie Nagid, Beaufort County Passive Park Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ms. Alice Howard, Beaufort County Councilwoman
Ms. Kate Schaeffer, Coastal Conservation League
Mr. Chris Inglese, Beaufort County Assistant Attorney
Ms. Melissa Peagler, Beaufort County Community Development Department
Mr. Joe Lee, Lowcountry Inside Track
Mr. Bob Semmler, Beaufort County Planning Commission
Mr. Paul Butare, Friends of Whitehall
Mr. Tom Gardo, Denarius Group
Ms. Kristin Williams, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Ms. Barbara Holmes, Beaufort County Open Land Trust
Ms. Kim Fleming, MCAS Beaufort Community Liaison
Mr. Sam Connor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Mathews called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Mathews asked if there were any changes to the Minutes from the May 10, 2018 Board meeting. Hearing none, Ms. O'Kane made a motion and Mr. Mack seconded the motion

to accept the Minutes as written from the May 10, 2018 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the May 10, 2018, Board meeting** (FOR: Mathews, Fripp-Gordon, Mack, O’Kane, Scanlin).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Miscellaneous

Chairman Mike Mathews stated that there are currently three board vacancies. Recently Vice-Chairman Mark Baker and Ms. Denise Sullivan resigned from the board.

2018 Bond Referendum Campaign Discussion

Mr. Tom Gardo with The Denarius Group gave an update on the campaign for the 2018 Bond Referendum that will be voted on this November.

TDR (Transfer of Development Rights)

Mr. Eric Greenway stated that the only sending area for the TDR is within the AICUZ (Air Installation Compatibility Use Zone). However a receiving area has yet to be identified. Mr. Greenway felt that this program would not be useful to the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program.

South Carolina Conservation Bank

Ms. Barbara Holmes stated that the South Carolina Conservation Bank has been around since 2002 as an alternative funding source. It was decommissioned for a while but came up for reauthorization this year. A new feature is the ability for counties and municipalities to request funding from the bank.

Passive Parks Comprehensive Plan/Ordinance

Ms. Stefanie Nagid presented her passive parks comprehensive plan and ordinance to the board members. She requested any comments or feedback to be sent to her email account. She presented these plans to the Planning Commission and will be sending it to the Natural Resources Committee and County Council for approval.

RCLP Program Policies and Guidelines Resolution Revisions

Ms. Nagid and Ms. Holmes met and reviewed the 2006 RCLP Program Policies and Guidelines Resolution for board members and decided that it needed to be updated. The board requested to have more time to review the revisions. This item will be on next month’s agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mathews entertained a motion by Mr. Mack, seconded by Ms. Fripp-Gordon, to adjourn the Open Session at 4:11 p.m. and convened Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters associated with property acquisitions. **The motion was carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session** (FOR: Mathews, Fripp-Gordon, Mack, O’Kane, Scanlin).

Chairman Mathews adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to a board member leaving the meeting early which made for an insufficient quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

Michael Mathews
Mike Mathews, Chairman,
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board

Date: 2/14/19