



RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Thursday, June 14, 2018

3:00 pm

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority

Conference Room

6 Snake Road, Beaufort, SC 29909

Phone: (843) 255-2140

Members:

Michael Mathews, District 9 (Chair)
Mark Baker, District 8 (Vice-Chair)
Bob Bender, District 4
Susie Fripp-Gordon, District 1
Terry Hill, District 6
Walter Mack, District 3
Gail O' Kane, District 11
Dorothy Scanlin, District 10
Denise Sullivan, District 2
Richard Walls, District 7
Vacant, District 5

Staff:

Eric Greenway, Planning Director
Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
2. REVIEW OF AGENDA
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2018 ([backup](#))
4. GENERAL DISCUSSION
 - A. 2018 Bond Referendum Discussion (Mathews/Holmes)
 - B. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Discussion (Greenway)
 - C. SC Conservation Bank Discussion (Holmes)
 - D. Passive Parks Comprehensive Plan/Passive Parks Ordinance Discussion (Nagid)
 - E. RCLP Program Policies and Guidelines Resolution Revisions (Nagid/Holmes)
5. OTHER
 - A. Next Meeting: July 12, 2018, 3:00 P.M. at Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) Conference Room, 6 Snake Road, Okatie, SC 29909
6. ADJOURNMENT

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 May 10, 2018, at the Port Royal Sound Foundation Classroom at 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Mathews (Chairman)

Mr. Mark Baker (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. Bob Bender

Mr. Terry Hill

Ms. Gail O’Kane

Ms. Dorothy Scanlin

Ms. Denise Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Susie Fripp-Gordon

Mr. Walter Mack

Mr. Richard Walls

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Beaufort County Community Development Director

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

Ms. Barbara Holmes, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ms. Alice Howard, Beaufort County Councilwoman

Mr. Rob Merchant, Beaufort County Assistant Community Development Director

Ms. Heather Spade, Beaufort County Community Development Department

Mr. Dean Moss, Port Royal Sound Foundation

Mr. Chris Kehrer, Port Royal Sound Foundation

Ms. Cindy Baysden, Beaufort County Open Land Trust

Ms. Kim Fleming, MCAS Beaufort Community Liasion

Ms. Rikki Parker, Coastal Conservation League

Ms. Carol Weir, Hilton Head Monthly

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Mathews called the meeting to order at 2:39 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 April 12, 2018 Board meeting. Hearing none, Vice-Chairman Baker made a motion and Ms. O’Kane seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as written from the April 12, 2018 Board meeting. **The motion was carried unanimously to accept the minutes as written from the April 12, 2018, Board meeting** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Hill, O’Kane, Scanlin, Sullivan).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Financial Update

Ms. Amanda Flake stated that as of 4/13/18 there was a balance of \$13,462,379.00 in the referendum bond with \$5,882,128 to be spent on property purchases. Currently \$1,291,276 was left in the restricted funds.

Bond Referendum Update

Ms. Barbara Holmes stated that the Board recommendation for the 2018 Bond Referendum, 50 million dollars with an amount not to exceed 15% going towards park infrastructure, was presented at the Natural Resources Committee on April 16, 2018. Councilman Paul Sommerville expressed concern with the Bond Referendum being on the November ballot with the Transportation Referendum and was worried that too many items on the ballot would cause the Transportation Referendum to fail. During the discussion Councilwoman Alice Howard modified the Board’s recommendation and increased the amount for park infrastructure from 15% to 20%. With this modification the Natural Resources Committee voted in favor 3-2 to send it to County Council. On April 23, 2018 County Council heard the recommendation and had a lot of discussion about the issue of too many items on the ballot with risk of failure. However, in the end County Council voted in favor 5-4. On May 14, 2014 County Council will hear the recommendation for second reading. At the April County Council meeting Ms. Holmes explained to County Council members why the Rural and Critical Board had requested that particular amount of money. She and Will Abberger (TPL Representative) met with County Council members to explain the results of the public opinion poll and why it was so important to fund the Program. Other agencies and groups also talked at County Council in support of the Program. Ms. Holmes said that she also had information on future projects to show County Council and why more money would be needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mathews entertained a motion by Ms. O’Kane, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn the Open Session at 3:13 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, Baker, Bender, Hill, O’Kane, Scanlin, Sullivan).

Chairman Mathews adjourned Executive Session and convened Open Session at 3:47 p.m.

Ms. O’Kane made a motion; seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel 2018C under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session. **The motion was carried unanimously to recommend to the Natural Resources Committee of County Council to pursue Parcel 2018C under the terms and conditions as recommended by Beaufort County Open Land Trust, as discussed in Executive Session.** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Hill, O’Kane, Scanlin, Sullivan).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Mathews entertained a motion at 3:50 from Ms. Scanlin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Baker, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously** (FOR: Mathews, Baker, Bender, Hill, O’Kane, Scanlin, Sullivan).

Submitted by: Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Approved:

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

Date: _____