



**Beaufort County  
Rural and Critical Land  
Preservation Board  
Meeting**

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**Vice Chairman**  
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# Rural and Critical Land Preservation Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FOIA – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, POSTED, AND DISTRIBUTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](#) – January 14, 2021
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS (*Citizens may email comments to [aflake@bcgov.net](mailto:aflake@bcgov.net) by Wednesday, February 10, 2021 to be read during the meeting*)

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

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6. Financial Update

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## ACTION ITEMS

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7. Greenprint Draft

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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8. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements for acquisition of 2019 Dale PDR
9. Current Project Updates
10. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
11. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES  
RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

**January 14, 2021**

Webex/Crystal Lake Park Building

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Chairman Michael Mathews, Vice-Chairman Walter Mack, Art Baer, John Maffei, Chris Marsh, Gail O’Kane, Ryan Stefonick, Beek Webb

Absent: Terry Hill

County  
Council: Alice Howard, York Glover

Staff: Rob Merchant, Interim Planning Director; Amanda Flake, Natural Resources Planner

Visitors: Kate Schaefer, BCOLT Director of Land Protection;

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mathews called the meeting to order at 2:33 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. Maffei, seconded by Ms. O’Kane to approve the agenda as presented. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Mack, Mr. Baer, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, Ms. O’Kane, Mr. Stefonick, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**December 10, 2020**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Webb to approve the minutes with corrections from December 10, 2020. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Mack, Mr. Baer, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, Ms. O’Kane, Mr. Stefonick, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Greenprint Update**

Chairman Mathews said that the subcommittee received the draft Greenprint from Design Workshop, reviewed it, and sent comments back at the end of December. Mr. Merchant thanked the subcommittee for all the hard work. Based off of the recommendations of the subcommittee, Mr. Merchant had conversations with members of Design Workshop to clean up the maps and make the language clearer. The goal was to have the draft ready by the February Board meeting for review and adoption at the March Board meeting.

### **Application Process**

Ms. Flake provided a report that detailed applications for the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program that were received by the Community Development Department but not recommended for review by the Board. This was because these projects did not meet the intent or focus of the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program. Ms. Schafer stated that the application process was still new and that modifications to the application would occur as staff becomes more experienced with this process.

### **2020 RCLP Annual Report**

Ms. Schaefer presented the 2020 Rural and Critical Land Preservation Annual Report. Three main projects closed in 2020; Pineview (fee simple, 108 acres), Longwood (purchase of development rights, conservation easement, 227 acres), and Port Royal Island Battlefield (fee simple, purchase of development rights, conservation easement, restrictive easement with Department of Defense, 14 acres). Both the Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program Ordinance and Board Ordinance had changes and updates during 2020. Also, the application process was added to the Program. The 2018 Bond Referendum was issued, the Greenprint was being updated, and a new Request for Proposal was sent out to select a new consultant for the Program. Ms. Schaefer stated that the Program goals for 2021 were to fine tune the Greenprint, streamline the application process, get members out on site, and increase community partnerships.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Ms. O’Kane to approve to the 2020 Rural and Critical Land Preservation Program Annual Report as presented. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Mack, Mr. Baer, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, Ms. O’Kane, Mr. Stefonick, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Maffei to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm. The vote: YAYS – Chairman Mathews, Vice-Chairman Mack, Mr. Baer, Mr. Maffei, Mr. Marsh, Ms. O’Kane, Mr. Stefonick, and Mr. Webb. The motion passed.

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

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Mathews, Chairman  
Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_