



ALACHUA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION BOARD

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Mission Statement

To acquire, improve,
and manage
environmentally
significant lands that
protect water
resources, wildlife
habitats and natural
areas suitable for
resource-based
recreation.

Brian Block

Chair

Melissa Hill

Vice-Chair

Kristen Young

Secretary

Aubrey Heupel Greene

BJ Bukata

Bruce A. Blackwell

Dewayne Baines

Jason Teisinger

Mark Hostetler

Paul Lyrene, Dr.

Russ Weber

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

April 27th, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor,

Alachua County Administration Building

In-Person Meeting

LCB attendees: *Brian Block, Melissa Hill, Kristen Young, Aubrey Heupel Greene, Bruce A. Blackwell, Dewayne Baines, Jason Teisinger, Mark Hostetler, Dr. Paul Lyrene, Russ Weber, Catherine Lee*

Staff attendees: *Andi Christman (virtual), Emily Uhlmann, Mike Nelson, Kevin Ratkus; Scott Crosby, Andy Natwick (virtual); Cory Gillis (virtual); Ryan Kennelly (virtual)*

Public attendees: *Virgina Foust (virtual); Tom Kay (virtual)*

1) **Call to Order** - *Meeting called to order by Chair Brian Block at 5:34 PM*

2) Agenda

a) Approval of Agenda - *Bruce Blackwell moved to approve the meeting agenda; Catherine Lee seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0*

3) **Approval of Minutes from February 23rd, 2023** - *Melissa Hill moved to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2023 LCB meeting; Russ Weber seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0*

4) Staff Presentations - Property Evaluations

a) Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods – Foust – *Presented by Mike Nelson*
Owner and nominator of the property, Ms. Foust, commented
Jason Teisinger moved to place the property in the eligibility pool
Paul Lyrene seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0

Jason Teisinger moved to place the property in the priority pool;
Paul Lyrene seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0

b) Lochloosa Connector – Richardson – *Presented by Emily Uhlmann*
Russ Weber moved to place the property in the eligibility pool; Melissa Hill
seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0

Paul Lyrene moved to place the property in the priority pool; Catherine Lee
seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0

c) Lochloosa Connector – Perry – *Presented by Andi Christman*



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Bruce Blackwell moved that the Land Conservation Board send a letter in support of the acquisition of the Marion County portion of the property; Motion failed for lack of a second

Paul Lyrene moved to place the property in the eligibility pool; Mark Hostetler seconded the motion; Motion passed 8-3 with Brian Block, Dewayne Baines, and Bruce Blackwell in dissent

Paul Lyrene moved to place the property in the priority pool; Mark Hostetler seconded the motion; Motion failed 2-9 with Paul Lyrene and Mark Hostetler in support

5) Old Business

- a) Renominated property – Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods – Odom *This presentation was moved to the beginning of the meeting before 4) Staff Presentations - Property Evaluations due to presenter needing to leave early*

Presentation on property renominated by owner: Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods – Odom by Kevin Ratkus; No action taken by the LCB

- b) LCB Workshop discussion

Land Conservation Board workshop is postponed to June or July, Staff will email a poll to board members to determine availability for workshop

6) New Business

- a) Pithlachocco Management Plan Discussion

Pithlachocco Management Plan provided to the LCB board by email and presented at the virtual March 23, 2023 LCB workshop

- b) Orange Lake Management Plan Discussion

Orange Lake Management Plan provided to the LCB board by email and presented at the virtual March 23, 2023 LCB workshop

Lake Management Plan as presented with the addition of specifying the status of hunting on both properties; Dewayne Baines seconded the motion; Motion passed 11-0

7) Staff Updates

- a) Acquisition Update – Presented by Kevin Ratkus - *This presentation was moved to the beginning of the meeting before 4) Staff Presentations - Property Evaluations due to presenter needing to leave early*

(1) Alachua County closed on Santa Fe River - Waldo Tree Farm on March 17th, 2023

(2) Lake Santa Fe - Dinh in due diligence period



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- (3) Lochloosa Slough - Colasante in due diligence period*
- (4) Mill Creek - Rembert CE – final appraisal completed April 27, 2023*
- (5) Appraisal and re-appraisal tours (for NAWCA Grant) occurring for 8 properties*

8) Other Business

Jason Teisinger asked the LCB about their interest in the acquisition of properties within municipal boundaries

Melissa Hill is resigning from the LCB due to moving out of the county

- a) Next meeting date – May 25th, 2023

9) Public Comment - *None*

10) Adjourn - *Meeting adjourned by Chair Bryan Block at 8:13pm*

A public speaker who meets the definition of “lobbyist” per Alachua County Code Section 68.02 shall disclose that he or she is a registered lobbyist when addressing the Board.