



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

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Paul Lyrene, Dr.

Russ Weber

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

July 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, Aubrey Heupel Greene, Kristen Young, BJ Bukata, Bruce Blackwell, Dewayne Baines, Paul Lyrene, Russ Weber, Kate Lee, Amy Schwarzer

Staff attendees: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Andy Natiwck, Ryan Kennelly, Michael Bird

Public attendees: Tom Kay (virtual), Jim Konish

1) **Call to Order** by Chair Brian Block at 5:37 P.M.

2) **Agenda**

a) Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Russ Weber to approve the agenda. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: Agenda for the July 27th, 2023 meeting of the LCB was approved by a vote of 10-0.

3) **Approval of Minutes from June 22nd, 2023**

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the minutes from the June 22nd, 2023 LCB meeting. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion.

Action: Meeting minutes from the June 27th, 2023 LCB meeting were approved by a vote of 10-0.

4) **Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations**

a) Buck Bay Flatwoods - JWC Farms presented by Emily Uhlmann

Property was nominated for the property owner

Public Comment: None

Motion was made by BJ Bukata to place Buck Bay Flatwoods – JWC Farms in the eligibility pool as a conservation easement. Dewayne Baines seconded the motion.

Action: Buck Bay Flatwoods – JWC Farms was added to the eligibility pool as a conservation easement with a vote of 10-0.

Motion was made by Aubrey Heupel Greene to place Buck Bay Flatwoods – JWC Farms in the priority pool as a conservation easement. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Buck Bay Flatwoods – JWC Farms was added to the priority pool as a conservation easement with a vote of 10-0.

b) Barr Hammock/ Levy Lake – Sheffield presented by Mike Nelson

Property was nominated by the owner.

Public Comment: Tom Kay from Alachua Conservation Trust provided answers to questions about the property.

***Motion** was made by Paul Lyrene to place Barr Hammock/ Levy Lake – Sheffield in the eligibility pool. Kate Lee seconded the motion.*

***Action:** Barr Hammock/ Levy Lake – Sheffield was added to the eligibility pool with a vote of 9-1, with BJ Bukata in dissent.*

***Request for information:** LCB requested staff to inquire with the state parks division about possible state acquisition of the parcel, availability of partnership funds, and future management as the parcel is adjacent to Payne’s Prairie State Park*

c) **Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed** – *presented by Ryan Kennelly*

Property was nominated by the owner.

Public comment: None

***Motion** was made by BJ Bukata to place Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed in the eligibility pool. Kristen Young seconded the motion.*

***Action:** Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed was added to the eligibility pool with a vote of 10-0*

***Motion** was made by Paul Lyrene to place Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed in the priority pool. Russ Weber seconded the motion.*

***Action:** Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed was added to the priority pool with a vote of 10-0*

5) Old Business

a) **LCB Workshop update**

i) Location: Alachua County Senior Recreation Center - Multipurpose Room, 5701 NW 34th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32653

ii) Time: 9:00am- 12:00pm

Workshop agenda will be sent by email.

6) New Business

7) Staff Updates

a) **Acquisition Updates** *presented by Michael Bird*

*Lochloosa Slough - Colasante property was closed on
Lake Santa Fe - Dinh property is in the inspection period and is
scheduled to close in September*

*Mill Creek - Rembert conservation easement: option was approved and
is in inspection period*

Lochloosa Slough- Jackson Heirs: future offer anticipated

Lochloosa Creek - Sherouse & Flowers: was appraised and in review

Lochloosa Forest Connection - Rimes: was appraised and in review

Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods - Foust: appraisal tour starting soon

Watermelon Pond - Sheffield: Conversations with owners are ongoing

8) Public Comment

No public comment

9) Other Business

- a) Next meeting date – August 24th, 2023

10) Adjourn *Meeting was adjourned by Chair Brian Block at 7:07 P.M.*

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