



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

Amy Schwarzer

Vice-Chair

Kristen Young

Secretary

BJ Bukata

Bruce A. Blackwell

Dewayne Baines

Edward Hunter

Jennifer Rocca, Dr.

Paul Lyrene, Dr.

Russ Weber

Vacant

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2024 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, Kristen Young, BJ Bukata, Bruce Blackwell, Paul Lyrene, Catherine Lee, Russ Weber, Edward Hunter, Jennifer Rocca*

Staff attendees: *Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Andy Natwick, Mike Nelson (virtual), Michael Bird, Cory Gillis, Ryan Kennelly (virtual)*

Public attendees: *Carol Goodwin (property owner), Dan Pearson (Florida State Parks) (virtual)*

1) **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Brian Block at 5:34PM

2) **Agenda**

a) Approval of Agenda

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

Action: Agenda for the January 25th, 2024 meeting of the LCB was approved by a vote of 9-0

3) **Approval of Minutes from December 07th, 2023**

Action: Minutes for the December 7th, 2023 meeting were approved with a modification to remove errors by acclamation of the board

4) **Welcome new and returning members**

5) **Election of Officers for 2024**

Motion was made by BJ Bukata to re-elect Kristen Young as secretary. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Kristen Young was re-elected as secretary to the LCB by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by BJ Bukata to re-elect Brian Block as chair. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Brian Bock was re-elected as chair of the LCB by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to table the election of a vice-chair until the next meeting. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

Action: Election of a vice-chair of the LCB was tabled until the next LCB meeting by a vote of 9-0.

6) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

a) **Mill Creek – Kahle** *presented by Cory Gillis*

Property was nominated by the owner as a fee-simple acquisition.

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to place the Mill Creek- Kahle property into the eligibility pool. Russ Weber seconded the motion.

Action: The Mill Creek – Kahle property was placed in the eligibility pool by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Paul Lyrene to place the Mill Creek- Kahle property into the priority pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: The Mill Creek – Kahle property was placed in the priority pool by a vote of 9-0

a) **Paynes Prairie Additions – Goodwin** *property presented by Andy Natwick*

Property nominated by owner as a fee-simple acquisition.

Owner Carol Goodwin spoke about the property and her desire to conserve the land. She pointed out access easements and on-site buildings.

Dan Pearson, Lead Biologist for the Florida Park Service in District 2, answered questions about the unavailability of immediate state funding for a cost-share acquisition.

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to place the property into the eligibility pool. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Paynes Prairie Additions- Goodwin property was placed into the edibility pool with a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Kristen Young to place the property into the priority pool. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

Action: Paynes Prairie Additions- Goodwin property was placed into the priority pool with a vote of 9-0.

2) Old Business

a) **Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed Addition (Desktop)** *presented by Emily Uhlmann*

Property was nominated by owner as a fee-simple acquisition.

Motion was made by Russ Weber to place the property into the eligibility pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion

Action: Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed Addition property was placed into the eligibility pool with a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by BJ Bukata to place the property into the priority pool. Kate Lee

seconded the motion.

Action: Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed Addition property was placed into the priority pool with a vote of 9-0.

3) New Business

No new business.

4) Staff Updates

a) *Acquisition Updates presented by Michael Bird*

Mill Creek - Rembert conservation easement closed last week

Watermelon Pond- Sheffield on track to close in early February

Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Sherouse & Flowers under contract and in due diligence period

Lochloosa Forest - Rimes property is under contract and in due diligence.

Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods - Jackson Heirs recently under contract and due diligence started

Lake Santa Fe – Winchester LOI accepted by seller

Watermelon Pond – Elliott LOI accepted by seller, working through contract and deed

Santa Fe River Block Family Partnership appraisal complete and in negotiation phase

Paynes Prairie Additions - Koppaka Family Foundation appraisal complete and in negotiation phase

Lake Santa Fe -Blankenship in appraisal process

Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed – appraisal to begin soon

b) *Stewardship Update - presented by Andi Christman*

Land Management Data

Public Lands Hunting Business Plan

Potential WMA in Lochloosa

Rezoning of Four Creeks Preserve

5) Public Comment

No public comment

6) Other Business

a) *Next meeting date – February 22nd, 2024*

7) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Brian Block at 7:36PM

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.