



# 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

### Aubrey Heupel Greene

Vice-Chair

### Kristen Young

Secretary

### Amy Schwarzer

### BJ Bukata

### Bruce A. Blackwell

### Dewayne Baines

### Jason Teisinger

### Mark Hostetler

### Paul Lyrene, Dr.

### Russ Weber

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

## Meeting Agenda

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Kate Lee, Amy Schwarzer

Staff attendees: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Ryan Kennelly, Mike Nelson, Michael Bird, Cory Gillis

Public attendees: Matthew Mullings, Adrian Santiago, Emily Ellingsen, Michael Grant, Sarah Henry

### 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. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

**Action:** The agenda for the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the LCB was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### 3) Approval of Minutes from August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Motion** was made by Paul Lyrene to approve the minutes. Catherine Lee seconded the motion.

**Action:** The minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 LCB meeting was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### 4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

#### a) Santa Fe River – Shireman presented by Ryan Kennelly

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

**Motion** was made by Dewayne Baines to place the property in the eligibility pool. Catherine Lee seconded the motion.

**Action:** The Santa Fe River – Shireman property was placed in the eligibility pool as a fee-simple acquisition with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

**Motion** was made by Dewayne Baines to place the property in the priority pool. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion.

**Action:** The Santa Fe River – Shireman property was placed in the priority pool as a fee-simple acquisition with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

#### b) Watermelon Pond – Biro presented by Mike Nelson

*Property was nominated by the owner as a conservation easement.  
Motion was made by Paul Lyrene to place the property in the eligibility pool. Aubrey Heupel Greene seconded the motion.  
Action: The Watermelon Pond– Biro property was placed in the eligibility pool as a conservation easement with a unanimous vote of 9-0.  
Motion was made by Kristen Young to place the property in the priority pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.  
Action: The Watermelon Pond– Biro property was placed in the priority pool as a conservation easement with a unanimous vote of 9-0.*

**5) Old Business**

*None*

**6) New Business**

*None*

**7) Staff Updates**

a) Acquisition Updates *presented by Michael Bird*

- *Lake Sante Fe - Dinh property is under contract, due diligence period closing with an expected closing date at the end of October*
- *Mill Creek - Rembert in due diligence period with an expected December closing date*
- *Watermelon Pond - Sheffield property option to purchase approved by BOCC and inspection period beginning*
- *Lochloosa Creek - Sherouse and Flowers owners accepted the LOI and property now in contract drafting phase*
- *Lochloosa Forest Connection - Rimes owners accepted LOI and purchase now in contract drafting phase*
- *Lochloosa Slough - Jackson Heirs accepted LOI and property now in contract review phase*
- *Watermelon Pond - Elliott appraised for conservation easement*
- *Winchester - appraisal expected in October*

b) Stewardship Update

- i) **FY 2023 LCB Accomplishment Report** *presented by Andi Christman*  
*Amy Schwarzer will present the LCB Accomplishment Report to the Board of County Commissioners*

**8) Public Comment**

- *Questions were answered from university students in attendance about how the board functions, the make-up of the board, and relationships with state agencies*
- *Aubrey Heupel Green is moving and will be stepping down from the LCB next month*
- *Four LCB positions are opening for application in December*
- *The Board of County Commissioners finalized their policy to use escheated property for affordable housing. All properties will be reviewed by county departments before development or sale, including for purposes of land conservation*

**9) Other Business**

- a) Next meeting date – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**10) Adjourn**

*Meeting was adjourned by Chair Brian Block at 7:02PM*

*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.*