



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

Vacant

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 Minutes

December 7th, 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, Kristen Young, BJ Bukata, Bruce Blackwell, Jason Teisinger, Kate Lee, Amy Schwarzer*

Staff attendees: *Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Andy Natwick, Ryan Kennelly, Michael Bird, Kevin Ratkus*

Public attendees: *Jarred Hamilton, Daniel Peterson, P.E., Leela Robinson (virtual)*

1) Call to Order

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

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Jason Teisinger to approve the agenda. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

Action: Agenda for the December 7th, 2023 meeting of the LCB was approved by a vote of 7-0.

3) Approval of Minutes from September 28th, 2023

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to approve the minutes from the September 28th, 2023 LCB meeting. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

Action: Agenda for the December 7th, 2023 meeting of the LCB was approved by a vote of 7-0.

4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

Lake Forest Creek – Olster *presented by Andy Natwick*

Public comment: a retired engineer from the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection and current member of the FL Trails Association spoke in support of acquisition of the nominated parcel and others within the Eastside Activity Center wildlife corridor.

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Lake Forest Creek – Olster property in the eligibility pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: The Lake Forest Creek – Olster property was placed in the eligibility pool by a vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by BJ Bukata to place the Lake Forest Creek – Olster property in the priority pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: The Lake Forest Creek – Olster property was placed in the priority pool by a vote of 7-0.

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place Lake Forest Creek - Friedman parcel in the priority pool. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: The Lake Forest Creek – Friedman property was placed in the priority pool by a vote of 7-0.

5) Old Business

a) FY 2023 LCB Accomplishment Report

Motion was made by Kristen Young to approve the FY 2023 LCB Accomplishment Report. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion.

Action: The FY 2023 LCB Accomplishment Report was approved with a vote of 7-0.

6) New Business

Election of new Vice Chair: Kristen Young nominated Amy Schwarzer as vice-chair of the LCB. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

Action: Amy Schwarzer was confirmed as vice-president of the LCB with a vote of 7-0.

7) Staff Updates

a) Acquisition Updates presented by Michael Bird

Lake Santa Fe Dinh: County closed on property

Mill Creek - Rembert CE: conducting due diligence, closing in mid -January likely

Watermelon Pond - Sheffield: conducting due diligence

Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Sherouse & Flowers: in inspection period, working through due diligence

Lochloosa Forest - Rimes: owner- signed contract going to BOCC

Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods - Jackson Heirs: owner- signed contract going to BOCC

Watermelon Pond - Elliot: Letter of intent was signed by the owner, CE contract being written

Lake Santa Fe - Winchester: appraisals received, negotiations starting

Santa Fe River - Block: appraisals received, negotiations starting

Paynes Prairie Additions- Koppaka: appraisals received, negotiations starting

b) Staff Updates

Four seats on the LCB will be appointed by the BOCC in December

8) Public Comment

9) Other Business

- a) Next meeting date – January 25th, 2024

10) Adjourn

Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting at 6:33PM.

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.