



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

February 22nd, 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, Amy Schwarzer, BJ Bukata, Dwayne Baines, Bruce Blackwell, Paul Lyrene, Edward Hunter, Jennifer Rocca

Staff attendees: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Michael Bird

Public attendees: Jason Teisinger

1) **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Brian Block at 5:30PM

2) **Agenda**

a) Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the agenda. Ed Hunter seconded the motion

Action: Agenda for the February 22nd, 2024 meeting of the LCB approved by a vote of 9-0

3) **Approval of Minutes from January 25th, 2024**

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the minutes. BJ Bukata seconded the motion

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

4) **Confirmation or Election of Vice Chair for 2024**

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to re-elect Amy Schwarzer as vice-chair of the LCB. BJ Bukata seconded the motion.

Action: Amy Schwarzer was re-elected as vice-chair of the LCB with a vote of 9-0

5) **Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations**

a) Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Cobble (Conservation Easement)

No public comments

**Dewayne Baines had to step out briefly and was not present for the vote*

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Cobble in eligibility pool as a conservation easement. Ed Hunter seconded the motion.

Action: Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Cobble in eligibility pool as a conservation easement with a vote of 8-0

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to place the Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Cobble in priority pool as a conservation easement. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Cobble in eligibility pool as a conservation easement with a vote of 8-0

6) Old Business

None

7) New Business

None

8) Staff Updates

a) Acquisition Updates

Watermelon Pond – Sheffield property closed

Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Sherouse and Flowers property moving close to closing before next LCB meeting

Lochloosa Forest - Rimes property in due diligence period

Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods - Jackson Heirs property under contract and working through due diligence

Lake Sante Fe – Winchester property under contract and going to the BOCC to exercise option

Watermelon Pond - Elliot property offer accepted and moving toward contract

Sante Fe River - Block Family Partnership property in negotiations

Paynes Prairie Additions - Koppaka Family Foundation property in negotiations

Lake Sante Fe- Blankenship property appraised last month, moving toward negotiations

Watermelon Pond - Howell property moving toward appraisals

Buck Bay Flatwoods - Burnsed property moving toward appraisals

9) Public Comment

No public comments

10) Other Business

a) Next meeting date – ~~March 21st, 2024~~ *March 28th, 2024*

11) Adjourn

Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting at 6:08PM

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