



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

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Kristen Young

Secretary

BJ Bukata

Bruce A. Blackwell

Dewayne Baines

Edward Hunter

Jennifer Rocca, Dr.

Paul Lyrene, Dr.

Tom Mirti

Vacant

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

March 28th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor,

Alachua County Administration Building

In-Person Meeting

LCB attendance: *Dewayne Baines (arrived 5:48), Brian Block, Bruce Blackwell, Ed Hunter, Kate Lee (virtual), Paul Lyrene, Tom Mirti, Kristen Young*

County staff: *Andi Christman, Michael Bird, Ryan Kennelly, Emily Uhlmann*

Members of the public: *Nanette Holt, Ken Rembert*

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. Ed Hunter seconded the motion.

Action: Agenda for the February 22nd, 2024 meeting of the LCB approved by a vote of 6-0

Kate Lee (Alternate) requested to be allowed to participate remotely due to a health condition that is preventing her from traveling at this time. If allowed to participate, she will be a voting member due to the absence of three regular members.

Motion was made Kristen Young to allow Kate Lee to fully participate as a voting member of the LCB remotely. Paul Lyrene seconded the motion.

Action: The LCB approved Kate Lee's participation in the meeting as a remote voting member by a vote of 6-0.

3) **Approval of Minutes from March 28th, 2024**

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

Action: Agenda for the March 28th, 2024 meeting of the LCB was approved by a vote of 7-0.

4) Welcome new LCB member

Tom Mirti introduced himself as a new appointee to the LCB

5) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

- a) **UPDATE: Hasan Flatwoods – Holt Woitas Trustee** (*Originally under “Old Business”*)
– Presented by Andi Christman as a conservation easement acquisition.

LCB member Dewayne Baines arrived at 5:48, adding to the total voting members present

Owner Nanette Holt spoke about the property.

Land broker Ken Rembert spoke about the property.

***Motion** was made by Ed Hunter to place the Hasan Flatwoods - Holt-Woitas property into the priority pool as a bargain-share conservation easement. Dewayne Baines seconded the motion.*

***Action:** The Hasan Flatwoods – Holt-Woitas Trustee property was placed in the priority pool as a bargain-share conservation easement with a vote of 8-0.*

***LCB request to staff:** send the list of current FDACS properties to LCB members*

- b) **Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Samuel** – *Presented by Ryan Kennelly as a fee simple acquisition*

***Motion** was made by Kristen Young to place the Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Samuel property into the eligibility pool. Paul Lyrene seconded the motion.*

***Action:** The Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Samuel property was placed into the eligibility pool with a vote of 8-0.*

***Motion** was made by Dewayne Baines to place the Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Samuel property into the priority pool. Paul Lyrene seconded the motion.*

***Action:** The Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Samuel property was placed into the priority pool with a vote of 7-1, Tom Mirti in dissent.*

6) New Business

No new business

7) Old Business

- a) **Hasan Flatwoods – Holt Woitas Trustee** (*Moved ahead of property evaluations because landowner was present and could not stay for the entire meeting; see above*)

8) Staff Updates

- a) **Acquisition Process and Active Acquisition List Discussion** - *presented by Andi Christman*
- b) **Limerock Mine Update** - *presented by Andi Christman*
- c) **Acquisition Updates** - *presented by Michael Bird*
Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Sherouse & Flowers - County closed on property

Lochloosa Forest Connector - Rimes under contract, in due diligence period
Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods - Jackson Heirs under contract, in due diligence period
Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Winchester is now under contract
Watermelon Pond - Elliot CE - seller signed contract, going to the BOCC
Santa Fe River - Block - sellers accepted LOI
Watermelon Pond - Howell CE - appraisal received
Buck Bay Flatwoods - Burnsed -going to appraisals

9) Public Comment

No public comment

10) Other Business

a) Next meeting date – April 25th, 2024

11) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chair Bryan Block at 7:39PM

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