



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.

Lee Cook

Paul Lyrene, Dr.

Tom Mirti

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 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 at 5:54), Bruce Blackwell, Brian Block, BJ Bukata, Lee Cook, Kate Lee, Paul Lyrene, Jennifer Rocca, Kristen Young*

County Staff: *Andi Christman, Michael Bird, Emily Uhlmann, Kevin Ratkus, Michael Nelson, Cory Gillis*

Members of the public: *None*

1) **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Brian Block at 5:32PM

Alternate Member, Kate Lee, will be participating as a voting member due to the absence of three regular members

2) **Agenda**

a) Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the agenda. Cate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Agenda for the April 25th, 2024 meeting of the LCB approved by a vote of 8-0

3) **Welcome New LCB Member**

Lee Cook was introduced as a new appointee to the LCB

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

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the minutes from the March 28th, 2024 meeting. Paul Lyrene seconded the motion.

Action: Minutes from the March 28th, 2024 meeting of the LCB were approved by a vote of 8-0.

5) **Old Business**

a) **Ag Protection Strategy Update - Presented by Andi Christman**
Question about status of state grant associated with a High Springs limerock mine property on the priority list that was recently presented to BOCC.

6) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

LCB Member Dewayne Baines arrived at 5:54, adding to the total number of voting members

- a) Westside (Non Project Area) – Roten & Roten Trustees and Denman – *Presented by Cory Gillis*

*Nominated by owner for fee simple or conservation easement
No action taken by the LCB.*

- b) Lake Forest Creek – Quaker 22 LLC (Desktop) – *Presented by Mike Nelson*
Nominated by owner

***Motion** was made by Bruce Blackwell to place the Lake Forest Creek – Quaker 22 LLC property into the eligibility pool as a fee simple acquisition. Kristen Young seconded the motion.*

***Action:** Lake Forest Creek – Quaker 22 LLC property was placed in the eligibility pool with a vote of 8-1, Dewayne Baines in dissent.*

***Motion** was made by Bruce Blackwell to place the Lake Forest Creek – Quaker 22 LLC property into the priority pool as a fee simple acquisition. Kristen Young seconded the motion.*

***Action:** Lake Forest Creek – Quaker 22 LLC property was placed in the priority pool with a vote of 8-1, Dewayne Baines in dissent.*

7) New Business

None

8) Staff Updates

- a) Q2 Stewardship Update – *Presented by Andi Christman*

- b) Acquisition Updates – *Presented by Michael Bird*

*Lochloosa Forest Connector - Rimes: staff working through due diligence
Loch Slough- Jackson Heirs: under contract, working through due diligence
Lake Santa Fe – Winchester: under contract, working through due diligence
Watermelon Pond- Elliot – CE: BOCC exercised option
Santa Fe River – Block Family: contract with seller
Watermelon Pond – Howell CE: contract being drafted
Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed: was appraised
Lake Forest Creek – K Squared: was appraised
Barr Hammock- Levy Prairie – Sheffield: was appraised*

9) Public Comment

None

10) Other Business

- a) Next meeting date – May 23rd, 2024

11) Adjourn

Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM

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