



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

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Amy Schwarzer

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Kristen Young

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Edward Hunter

Jennifer Rocca, Dr.

Lee Cook

Paul Lyrene, Dr.

Tom Mirti

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

June 27th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor,

Alachua County Administration Building

In-Person Meeting

LCB attendance: *Brian Block, Bruce Blackwell, Lee Cook, Ed Hunter, Kate Lee, Paul Lyrene, Jennifer Rocca, Amy Schwarzer, Kristen Young (arrived 6:00)*

County staff: *Andi Christman, Michael Bird, Kevin Ratkus, Mike Nelson, Cory Gillis, Andy Natwick, Kevin Ratkus*

Members of the public: *George Johnson, Kathryn R Williams, Richard Long (virtual), Long's realtor (virtual)*

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Brian Block at 5:31PM

Alternate Member, Kate Lee, will be voting due to absence of several regular LCB members.

2) Agenda

a) Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to approve the agenda with the addition of Rauscher to the Mill Creek - Williams property. Ed Hunter seconded the motion.

Action: Agenda for the June 27th, 2024 meeting of the LCB approved by a vote of 8-0.

3) Approval of Minutes from May 23rd, 2024

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to approve the meeting minutes from the May 23rd meeting. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: Minutes from the May 23rd, 2024 meeting of the LCB were approved by a vote of 8-0.

4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

a) Mill Creek – Rauscher Williams (Donation) – *Cory Gillis presented*

Nominated by owner for donation

Property owner Kathryn R. Williams was present.

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Mill Creek-Rauscher Williams property into the eligibility pool. Ed Hunter

seconded the motion.

Action: Mill Creek- Rauscher Williams property was placed into the eligibility pool by a vote of 8-0.

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to place the Mill Creek- Williams-Rauscher property into the priority pool. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Mill Creek- Williams-Rauscher property was placed into the priority pool by a vote of 8-0.

- b) **Watermelon Pond – Johnson and Moore-Purcell-Trammell – Mike Nelson presented**
Nominated by owners
Owner George Johnson was present

Board Member Kristen Young arrived (~6:00 pm) and was able to participate in the vote.

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Watermelon Pond - Johnson property into the eligibility pool. Ed Hunter seconded the motion.

Action: Watermelon Pond - Johnson property was placed into the eligibility pool by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to place the Watermelon Pond- Johnson property into the priority pool. Lee Cook seconded the motion.

Action: Watermelon Pond-Johnson property was placed into the priority pool by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Watermelon Pond – Moore-Purcell-Trammell property into the eligibility pool. Kate Lee seconded the motion.

Action: Watermelon Pond – Moore-Purcell-Trammell property was placed into the eligibility pool by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to place the Watermelon Pond- Moore-Purcell-Trammell property into the priority pool. Ed Hunter seconded the motion.

Action: Watermelon Pond-Moore-Purcell-Trammell property was placed into the priority pool by a vote of 9-0.

- c) **Lake Santa Fe – Wagner (Desktop Evaluation) – Andy Natwick presented**

Owner Richard Long and owner's real estate agent were present virtually

Motion was made by Lee Cook to place the Lake Santa Fe – Wagner property into the eligibility pool. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion.

Action: Lake Santa Fe – Wagner property was placed into the eligibility pool by a vote of 9-0.

Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Lake Santa Fe – Wagner property into the priority pool. Lee Cook seconded the motion.

Action: Lake Santa Fe - Wagner property was placed into the priority pool by a vote of 9-0.

5) **Old Business**

None

6) **New Business**

None

7) **Staff Updates**

a) Acquisition Updates

Lake Santa Fe – Winchester: in due diligence, moving toward closing

Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods - Jackson Heirs: under contract, in due diligence period

Lochloosa Forest Connector – Rimes: under contract, in due diligence period

Watermelon Pond - Elliot CE: under contract, in due diligence period

Santa Fe River – Block: under contract, due diligence period started

Watermelon Pond – Howell CE: signed contract going to BOCC soon

Watermelon Pond - Biro CE: signed letter of intent from owner

Lake Forest Creek – K Squared Holdings LLC: appraisals completed, in negotiations

Buck Bay Flatwoods – Burnsed: appraisals completed, in negotiations

Barr Hammock- Levy Prairie - Sheffield: appraisals completed, in negotiations

8) **Public Comment**

County public meeting for agricultural easements plan scheduled for August 7th, 2024 at the Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center

9) **Other Business**

a) Next meeting date – ~~July 25th, 2024~~ August 22, 2024

The July LCB meeting was canceled due to limited LCB member availability

10) **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by Chair Brian Block at 6:42 PM

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.