

## **LCB Members**

Chair

**Brian Block**

Vice-Chair

**Amy Schwarzer**

Secretary

**Kristen Young**

**BJ Bukata**

**Bruce A. Blackwell**

**Catherine (Kate) Lee**

**Edward Hunter**

**Jennifer Rocca, Dr.**

**Lee Cook**

**Paul Lyrene, Dr.**

**Tom Mirti**

Alternate

**Jeff Glenn**

## **Mission Statement**

To acquire, improve,  
and manage  
environmentally  
significant lands that  
protect water  
resources, wildlife  
habitats and natural  
areas suitable for  
resource-based  
recreation.



## **Meeting Minutes**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Second Floor,

Alachua County Administration Building

In-Person Meeting

Land Conservation Board (LCB) members present: Brian Block, BJ Bukata, Jeff Green, Jennifer Rocca, Paul Lyrene, Amy Schwarzer, Lee Cook, Kate Lee, Bruce Blackwell, Tom Mirti, Kristen Young  
Staff present: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Michael Bird, Kevin Ratkus, Ryan Kennelly (virtual)

Member of the public present: Leslie Straub

### **1) Call to Order**

*Chair Brian Block called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.*

*Alternative member Jeff Green will be a voting member for this meeting in the absence of an LCB member*

### **2) Agenda**

- a) Approval of Agenda

*Motion was made by Kristen Young to approve the agenda with a change of reversing the order of 7a and 7b. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 11-0.*

### **3) Approval of Minutes from January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

*Motion was made by Kristen Young to approve the agenda with a change of reversing the order of 7a and 7b. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 11-0.*

### **4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations**

- a) Gainesville Archipelago – Damron *Presented by Andi Christman*

*Nominated by the family as a fee simple acquisition with a possible life estate or delayed sale*

*A member of the public suggested talking with City of Gainesville to use tree mitigation funds to purchase.*

*Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to request that county staff conduct a full site assessment of the property to bring back to the LCB. Jennifer Rocca seconded the motion. Motion failed with a vote of 5-6 with Block, Bukata, Lyrene, Cook, Lee, and Mirti in dissent.*

**5) Old Business**

*Vice-chair Amy Schwarzer is unable to present the LCB annual accomplishments report to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on March 11th, 2025 due to a conflict. Secretary Kristen Young will present instead.*

**6) New Business**

*No new business.*

**7) Staff Updates**

a) Stewardship Update *(This item was presented after the Acquisition Update.)*

*Andi Christman presented the quarterly stewardship update.*

b) Acquisition Update

- *Watermelon Pond – Biro CE: closing tomorrow*
- *Lake Forest Creek – K Squared Holdings LLC: in due diligence*
- *Watermelon Pond – Johnson: in due diligence*
- *Watermelon Pond – MPT: in due diligence*
- *Watermelon Pond – Eichhorn: in due diligence*
- *Watermelon Pond – Duford & Palmer: BOCC will be considering a vote to exercise option at their March meeting*
- *Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Weyerhaeuser LCP: in due diligence, moving toward contract*
- *Lake Santa Fe – Tyrone: in due diligence, moving toward contract*
- *Mill Creek – Kahle: in negotiations with landowner, working toward contract*
- *Lake Santa Fe – Wagner: in negotiations with landowner*
- *Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods – Tomkins: working on conservation easement and life estate, moving toward appraisal in March*
- *Mill Creek – Williams: scheduled to go to BOCC for acceptance of donation*

**8) Public Comment**

*No comments made.*

**9) Other Business**

a) Next meeting date – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**10) Adjourn**

*Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.*

*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*