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Alachua County Land Conservation Board

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

May 22nd, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor,

Alachua County Administration Building

In-Person Meeting

Land Conservation Board (LCB) members present: Brian Block, Kristen Young, Brian Block, Jeff Glenn, Jennifer Rocca, Paul Lyrene, Lee Cook, Kate Lee, Bruce Blackwell, Tom Mirti, Ed Hunter

Staff present: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Michael Bird, Kevin Ratkus, Jesse Natwick, Jennison Kipp

Members of the public present: Robert Harrison, Connie Meyer, Amy Shuenoc., Larissa Berkovich, Marcia Parkins (virtual), Indyli Brown (virtual)

1) Call to Order

Chair Brian Block called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Alternative member Jeff Glenn 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 Ed Hunter to approve the agenda. Bruce Blackwell seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 11-0.

3) Approval of Minutes from February 27th, 2025

Motion was made by Kristen Young to approve the minutes from the February 27th, 2025 meeting of the LCB with a correction to the minutes approval and correction of spelling of Jeff Glenn spelling. Ed Hunter seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 11-0.

4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

- a) San Felasco Additions – Johnson Trustee

Presented by Emily Uhlmann; Nominated by as a fee simple acquisition

Robert Harrison lives next to the property and said the ditch flows swiftly during rainy season. Said previous subdivision proposed 120 homes.

Amy Shuenoc said the ditch flows swiftly and worried development

would cause flooding in the adjoining neighborhood.
Connie Meyer lives next to the property and said the creek becomes 8 foot deep with storms

No motions made.

- b) Santa Fe River – Brown (Borris and Aldith) *Presented by Jesse Natwick*
Nominated as a fee simple acquisition by owner. Property is already in the Eligibility Pool.
Landowner spoke virtually in appreciation for conservation done by Alachua County.
Motion was made by Paul Lyrene to place the property in the Priority Pool. Tom Mirti seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 11-0
- c) Watermelon Pond – Yoh Jau W Trustee (Desktop Evaluation)
Presented by Emily Uhlmann
Nominated as a fee simple acquisition
Motion was made by Ed Hunter to place the property in the Eligibility Pool.
Kristen Young seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 11-0.
Motion was made by Paul Lyrene to place the property in the Priority Pool. Lee Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 11-0.

5) Old Business

No old business

6) New Business

- a) Climate Action Plan Discussion
EPD Resiliency Specialist Jennison Kipp spoke about the timeliness of the Climate Action Plan. Public input closing in June. BOCC adoption likely by fall.
Members of the LCB gave feedback.

7) Staff Updates

- a) Acquisition Update *Presented by Michael Bird*
Lake Forest Creek – K Squared Holdings LLC: In due diligence
Watermelon Pond – Johnson: Closed
Watermelon Pond – MPT: In due diligence
Watermelon Pond – Eichhorn: Closed
Watermelon Pond – Dumford & Palmer: In due diligence
Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Weyerhaeuser LCP: Working on a contract
Lochloosa Slough Flatwoods – Tompkins: Appraisals complete
Mill Creek – Williams: Potential closing soon (donated parcel)
Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Burry: Was appraised
East Newnan’s Lake – Putz: Was appraised

8) Public Comment

Brian Block said that the agriculture land conservation board is accepting applications and suggested an LCB liaison, if an LCB member isn’t chosen to be on

the board, goes to meetings as a member of the public while the board gets started.

9) Other Business

- a) Next meeting date – June 26th, 2025

10) Adjourn

Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.

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