

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

August 28th, 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, Ed Hunter, Amy Schwarzer, Jennifer Rocca, Paul Lyrene, Lee Cook, BJ Bukata, Kate Lee, Bruce Blackwell, Kristen Young

Staff present: Emily Uhlmann, Andi Christman, Michael Bird, Ryan Kennelly, Jean Willoughby, Shari Wallen

Members of the public present: Jim Rocca, Bill Frankenberger

1) Call to Order

Chair Brian Block called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

2) Agenda

a) Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by BJ Bukata to approve the agenda. Ed Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 10-0.

3) Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2025

Motion was made by Bruce Blackwell to approve the minutes from the June 26th, 2025 meeting of the LCB. Kate Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 10-0.

4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

a) San Felasco Additions – Ross (Desktop Evaluation)

Presented by Emily Uhlmann

Nominated by owners for a fee simple acquisition

LCB heard the presentation. No motions were made.

5) Old Business

Brian Block attended the inaugural Agricultural Land Conservation Board meeting. Andi Christman introduced the ALCB lands staff liaison and the new assistant county attorney for the ALCB and LCB. Andi Christman explained the different processes for land conservation vs agricultural lands evaluations.

6) New Business

- a) Lochloosa Slough Preserve Management Plan
Ryan Kennelly presented the management plan for feedback from the LCB.
- b) FRDAP Grant Applications Discussion
 - i) Barr Hammock Preserve Observation Platform
 - ii) Four Creeks Preserve Trail and Access Improvements

Motion was made by Kristen Young for the LCB to support the FDAP grant applications for (1.) the Barr Hammock Preserve observation platform and (2.) the Four Creeks Preserve trail and access improvements. Ed Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 10-0.

7) Staff Updates

- a) Stewardship Update – *Presented by Andi Christman*
- b) Acquisition Update
 - Watermelon Pond - Johnson, Eichhorn, MPT, and Dumford properties: all closed*
 - Watermelon Pond - Yoh Jau: under contract*
 - Mill Creek - Williams donation: closed*
 - Watermelon Pond – Hawkins: under contract*
 - Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Weyerhaeuser LCP: under contract, in inspection period*
 - Barr Hammock -Fiol: offer accepted, working on contract*
 - Lake Santa Fe – Wagner: offer accepted, working on contract*
 - Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Burry: appraisal completed, offer being reviewed*
 - East Newnans Lake – Putz: appraisals complete*
 - High Springs Protection Focus Area - Shires Easement: close to appraisals*

8) Public Comment

Kristen Young asked if information on whether property that is being evaluated by the Planning Commission and BOCC for rezoning and/or land use changes has been evaluated by the LCB could easily be provided.

9) Other Business

- a) Next meeting date – September 25th, 2025

10) Adjourn

Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

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