



# 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

September 25<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, Edward Hunter, Jennifer Rocca, Catherine Lee, Amy Schwarzer, Kristen Young, Bruce Blackwell (virtual)

Staff present: Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Michael Bird, Kevin Ratkus, Shari Wallen

Members of the public present: Heidi Shelten

### 1) Call to Order

*Chair Brian Block called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.*

*Motion was made Amy Schwarzer to allow Bruce Blackwell to participate in the meeting virtually. Ed Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.*

### 2) Agenda

a) Approval of Agenda

*Motion was made by Kristen Young to approve the agenda. Catherine Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.*

### 3) Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2025

*Motion was made by Ed Hunter to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025 LCB meeting. Amy Schwarzer seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.*

*Attorney Shari Wallen advised the LCB on the rules of board member virtual participation in meetings. Bruce Blackwell stated a medical reason for his virtual attendance.*

*Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to allow Bruce Blackwell to vote virtually in the LCB meeting given new understanding of the rules. Ed Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Bruce Blackwell will be voting on agenda items.*

### 4) Property Evaluations – Staff Presentations

a) Lake Santa Fe – Mason (Desktop Evaluation)

*Presented by Emily Uhlmann*

*Nominated by landowners for fee simple acquisition*

*Motion was made by Amy Schwarzer to place the Lake Sante Fe – Mason property in the eligibility pool. Ed Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.*

*Motion was made by Ed Hunter to place the Lake Santa Fe- Mason property in the priority pool. Jennifer Rocca seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.*

**5) Old Business**

*No old business discussed*

**6) New Business**

*The board discussed limiting future LCB meetings to two hours.*

**7) Staff Updates**

a) Draft LCB Accomplishments / Workplan - *Presented by Emily Uhlmann*  
*LCB reviewed the report and provided feedback.*

b) Acquisition Update - *Presented by Michael Bird*  
*Watermelon Pond – Hawkins: in due diligence period*  
*Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Weyerhaeuser LOCP: in due diligence period*  
*Barr Hammock – Fiol: seller-signed contract received*  
*Lake Santa Fe - Wagner: seller signed a letter of intent*  
*Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Burry: in negotiations with landowner*  
*East Newnans Lake - East Putz: working with landowner on terms*  
*High Springs – Shires CE: moving to appraisals soon*

**8) Public Comment**

*No members of the public commented*

**9) Other Business**

a) Next meeting date – October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

*Andi Christman announced 25 events have been scheduled to celebrate 25 years of Alachua County Forever. The board of county commissions will issue a proclamation on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Alachua Conservation Trust will partner in celebrating at their annual Holiday Mingle on December 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**10) Adjourn**

*Chair Brian Block adjourned the meeting 6:40pm.*

*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*