

## **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**

October 23<sup>rd</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, Paul Lyrene, Lee Cook, BJ Bukata, Bruce Blackwell, Kristen Young*

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

Members of the Public Present: *Casey Harris, Bill Frankenfurter*

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

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

### **2) Agenda**

- a) Approval of Agenda

*Motion was made by Kristen Young to approve the agenda. BJ Bukata seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.*

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

*Motion was made by BJ to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2025 meeting of the LCB. Jennifer Rocca seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.*

*LCB member Bruce Blackwell entered the meeting (~6:03pm)*

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

- a) Lake Santa Fe – Boree - *Presented by Emily Uhlmann*

*Nominated by owners for fee simple acquisition*

*LCB member Lee Cook entered the meeting. (~6:06 pm)*

*Motion was made by BJ Bukata to place the Lake Santa Fe – Boree property in the eligibility pool. Ed Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 8-0.*

*Motion was made by Lee Cook to place the Lake Santa Fe – Boree property in the priority pool. BJ Bukata seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 8-0.*

### **5) Old Business**

- a) LCB Accomplishments *presented by Emily Uhlmann*

Motion was made by Ed Hunter to approve the accomplishments report. Kristen Young seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a vote of 8-0.

**6) New Business**

- *Two board vacancies will be filled at the October 28, 2025 BOCC meeting.*
- *Two new upcoming vacancies due to members resignations will be filled in December.*
- *Future LCB meeting agendas will include public comment at the beginning of the meeting.*
- *Update on open carry law was given.*

**7) Staff Updates**

- a) *Q4 Stewardship Update - presented by Andi Christman*
- b) *Acquisition Updates - presented by Kevin Ratkus*
  - *Watermelon Pond – Hawkins: upcoming closing*
  - *Watermelon Pond – Yoh: upcoming closing*
  - *Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Weyerhaeuser LOCP: upcoming closing*
  - *Barr Hammock – Fiol: contract heading to BOCC*
  - *Lake Santa Fe - Wagner: seller has contract*
  - *East Newnans Lake East - Putz: in negotiations*
  - *High Springs – Shires CE: moving to appraisals soon*
  - *Lake Forest Creek – Morningside/Paynes Prairie: moving to appraisals*
  - *Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods - Burry: in negotiations*

**8) Public Comment**

*No public comment*

**9) Other Business**

- a) *Next meeting date – December 4, 2025*

**10) Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned by Chair Brian Block at 7:16 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*