



ALACHUA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION BOARD

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Mission Statement

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

Brian Block

Chair

Melissa Hill

Vice-Chair

Kristen Young

Secretary

Aubrey Greene

Bruce A. Blackwell

BJ Bukata

Dewayne Baines

Jason Teisinger

Mark Hostetler

Dr. Paul Lyrene

Russ Weber

Alternate

Catherine (Kate) Lee

Meeting Minutes

February 23rd, 2023 5:30 P.M.

Grace Knight Conference Room

12 SE 1st Street, Second Floor,

Alachua County Administration Building

In-Person Meeting

Board Attendees: Bruce Blackwell, Brian Block, BJ Bukata, Melissa Hill, Aubrey Heupel Greene, Dr. Paul Lyrene, Russ Weber, Kristen Young

Staff Attendees: Andi Christman, Ryan Kennelly, Emily Uhlmann, Kevin Ratkus, Jesse Natwick (virtual)

Public Attendees: Ron Blake, Willy the Losen

1) Call to Order

a) *Call to order by Chair Brian Block 5:31 PM*

2) Agenda

a) Approval of Agenda

i) *Motion to approve the Agenda – Russ Weber*

ii) *Seconded – Bruce Blackwell*

iii) *Passed Unanimously*

3) Recognize New Members / Reappointments

a) *All board members made introductions*

4) Approval of the Minutes from January 26th, 2023

a) *Moved to approve changes to spelling of “Mellissa” to “Melissa” and 4(b) – Motion to approve – Melissa Hill; 2nd Bruce Blackwell*

5) Property Evaluations

a) Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Blankenship

i) *Property owner present and introduced*

ii) *Comment by Willy the Losen from Putnam Land Conservancy*

iii) *No motion was made by the Board*

b) Lochloosa Creek Flatwoods – Burry

i) *Willy the Losen from Putnam Land Conservancy spoke and read property neighbor’s letter of support into record*

ii) *Motion to move property to eligibility pool – BJ Bukata*

(1) *Seconded – Paul Lyrene*

(2) *Passed unanimously*

iii) *Motion to move property to priority list – BJ Bukata*

(1) *Seconded – Russ Weber*

(2) *Passed unanimously*

- 6) Old Business
 - a) LCB Workshop discussion
 - i) *Tentative date of April 8th 9am to 12pm*
 - ii) *Staff will poll all board members for a date and time through email*
 - iii) *Wild Spaces Public Places funding split update given in conjunction with workshop agenda discussion*
- 7) New Business
- 8) Staff Updates
 - a) Acquisition Updates
 - b) *WSPP Funding Update - given in conjunction with workshop agenda discussion in 7) "Old Business"*
- 9) Other Business
 - a) Next meeting date –March 23rd, 2023
- 10) Public Comment
 - a) *No comments from the public*
- 11) Adjourn – 7:20 PM
 - a) *Motion to adjourn – Kristen Young*
 - b) *Seconded – Brian Block*
 - c) *Passed unanimously*

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.