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BJ Bukata (absent)

Susan Carr

Gregory Erdos (absent)

Edward Hunter

Paul Lyrene

Brett Scheffers

Jason Teisinger

Alternate

Dewayne Baines

Meeting Minutes

July 23th, 2020 5:30 P.M.

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: LCB: Russ Weber, Amanda Phalin, Brian Block, Bruce Blackwell, Susan Carr, Edward Hunter, Paul Lyrene, Brett Scheffers, Jason Teisinger, Dewayne Baines
Others: Kathryn Tancig, Mary Lane, Tom Kay, Darrell Hartman, Charlie Houder, Kevin Ratkus, Byron Flagg, Ryan Kennelly, Andi Christman, Emily Uhlmann, Sandy Vardaman

- 1) Call to Order – 5:32pm by Russ Weber
- 2) Approval of Agenda
Motion to Approve by Ed, 2nd by Bruce, Approved unanimously

Motion to add an Agenda Item under “Other Business”, request via email from BJ, that the LCB write a letter to the BoCC expressing concern over their decision to approve the Weyerhaeuser contract at over appraised value because it sets a concerning precedent for future ACF acquisitions (see attached email),
by Jason, 2nd by Amanda,
Approved unanimously
- 3) Approval of the Minutes from May 28th, 2020
Motion to Approve by Amanda, 2nd by Ed,
Approved unanimously
- 4) Property Evaluations
 - a) Lake Tuscawilla – Kinard & Taylor Kinard
No motions were made by the Land Conservation Board
- 5) Eligibility Pool
 - a) Kanapaha Prairie – Lane
Motion to place on Priority Pool by Brian, 2nd by Susan
Approved unanimously
- 6) New Business
 - a) North Florida Land Trust Presentation, Susan Carr
- 7) Staff Updates
 - a) Acquisition Updates



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8) Other Business

a) Next Meeting date – August 27th, 2020

b) **Request via email from BJ, the LCB write a letter to the BoCC expressing concern over their decision to approve the Weyerhaeuser contract at over appraised value because it sets a concerning precedent for future ACF acquisitions (see attached email)**

Charlie explained the factors leading to the staff recommendation to accept Weyerhaeuser's offer and the statute that permits the BoCC to exceed the appraised value with a super majority vote. He stated that this in no way set a precedent for any future negotiations. The LCB did not make any motions.

9) Public Comment

10) Adjourn at 8:03 pm *Motion by Amanda Phalin, 2nd by Dewayne Baines*
Approved unanimously

From: [BJ Bukata](#)
To: [Sandra Vardaman](#)
Subject: Topic for today's meeting
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:09:31 PM

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Sandra:

Unfortunately I cannot attend today's LCB meeting as I am on vacation. However, I wanted to bring an item to the Boards attention which may or may not have been previously discussed or known.

I reviewed the May/June BOCC Board meeting packer for which the Weyerhauser Parcel E Project. The BOCC ultimately approved via super majority bot entering a contract that exceeded both appraisals. Albeit only \$250/ac greater than the appraisals. However I feel this sets a very bad precedent and I think this is the first time this has occurred. Now, ACF will never be able to say they never pay above appraised value and could make negotiating future purchases more challenging. Furthermore, this exception was made for a global corporation. I feel very strongly that this is a poor decision that as I previously mentioned sets a terrible precedent. I ask that this be discussed if there is interest. Also I personally would like the LCB to send a letter to the BOCC saying such.

Thanks.

BJ.

Sent from my iPhone