



## Natural Resources Committee Meeting

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ALICE HOWARD

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# Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, February 01, 2021 at 3:00 PM

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 3 PM

## PRESENT

Committee Chair Alice Howard  
Committee Vice-Chair Gerald Dawson  
Council Member Christopher Hervochoon  
Council Member Joseph F. Passiment  
Council Member D. Paul Sommerville  
Council Member Stu Rodman  
Council Member York Glover  
Council Member Mark Lawson  
Council Member Lawrence McElynn  
Council Member Logan Cunningham

## ABSENT

Council Member Brian Flewelling

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## FOIA

Chairman Howard noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Sommerville to approve the agenda.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Glover to approve minutes from November 11, 2020 and December 7, 2020.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## ACTION ITEMS

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7.3.30.E (APPEALS)**

**Discussion:** Eric Greenway stated this is a minor amendment to Article 7, Section 7.3.30.E to make the language in the Community Development Code better match the language in the SC State Planning Enabling Act of 1994 regarding appeals. The current language in the Community Development Code states all county actions during an appeal, whereas the state enabling legislation stays "illegal proceedings". Staff believes that the existing language in the CDC is too broad and should be revised to match the state legislation. This action is a follow up of an item that the Natural Resources Committee reviewed at its November 2, 2020 meeting where staff proposed to limit appeals of conceptual subdivisions and land developments. The purpose of this limit would be to avoid appeals at a stage of a project where it is not fully designed. The Natural Resources Committee did not approve staff's proposal at that time and directed staff to consider a different approach.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Sommerville to move forward to County Council for approval.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **2020 RURAL AND CRITICAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT TO BE PRESENTED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY OPEN LAND TRUST**

**Discussion:** Kate Schaefer, Open Land Trust, presented the Rural and Critical Lands Annual report from 2020. Pgs. 14 - 22

**Status:** For Informational Purposes Only

### **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING 6 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO STORMWATER AND PUBLIC WORKS.**

Danny Polk, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer

Amber Woods, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer

Jacob Bratz, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer

Katie Herrera, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer

Tanner Powell, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer

Bobby Anderson, Beaufort County Public Works Enforcement Officer

**Discussion:** Neil Desai stated County Council hereby appoints and commissions the individual will be Public Works Enforcement Officer for Beaufort County. Each Public Works Enforcement Officer shall present the appropriate certificate to the Beaufort County Magistrate's office prior to any official action as a Public Works Enforcement Officer.

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Sommerville, seconded by Council Member Glover to move forward to County Council on February 8, 2021 for approval.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT FOR KEVIN HENNELLY (2ND TERM) AND CECILY MCMILLAN (2ND TERM) TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Dawson to move the reappointments of Kevin Hennelly and Cecily McMillain to County Council for approval.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES VACANCIES**

Chairman Howard stated which boards has vacancies for Natural Resources.

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## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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No Comments

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Rodman, seconded by Council Member Glover to go into Executive Session.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion:** It was moved by Council Member Glover, seconded by Council Member Sommerville to move to County Council to purchase the development rights to Henry Farms North on St. Helena Island as described in executive session.

**The Vote** -The motion was approved without objection.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned 4:55 PM

Ratified by Committee: March 1, 2021