

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2022**

Members present:  Greg Hutchins Joel Mazelis Robert Turner Nancy Nehls Nelson Bob Gale Jacob Wiesman  (quorum = 6/11)	Non-members present:  Ariel Zijp – BCSWCD Avni Naik – BCSWCD Terri Wells Kieran Roe – Conserving Carolina Tom Fanslow – Conserving Carolina
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There was a quorum, as there were 6 members present. The following discussion occurred between members present:

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am

- Chairperson Hutchins

Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Nehls Nelson made a motion to approve the June 15, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Turner, and the motion passed unanimously.

Updates from Land Conservation Agencies:

- Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
  - Land trust representative unavailable for report.
- Conserving Carolina  
**Kieran Roe**
  - No new reports for Buncombe County other than the Camp Woodson project, but the group has been working on other projects in Henderson County and SC.
- RiverLink  
**Jack Henderson**
  - No new land conservation projects, but the group has been working on a grant for a parkin the River Arts District.

Ag Advisory Board (AAB) Update- Ariel Zijp

- Staff has been working with AAB members to conduct site visits for FY23 projects. The Jasperwood Farm easement project was approved for state funding and staff will begin next steps to reserve funds and complete appropriate steps.
- A draft version of the LCAB priority map was completed and sent to the Board for their review and first round of input.

### Camp Woodson Ph II/Little Pisgah Labs – Tom Fanslow and Kieran Roe, Conserving Carolina

- Funding from the Land and Water Fund & Buncombe County
- 225-276 acres – final acreage will be determined once surveys and Camp Grier accommodations are complete
- Maturing forest community and water resources present on the property
- Educational opportunities for younger generations at the Camp
- Requesting \$135,000 from LCAB

Mr. Turner asked which age group would predominantly utilize the educational programs. Mr. Fanslow stated that Camp Grier has strong partnerships with local high schools in the City of Asheville and Buncombe County, but there is also interest from partners in Madison County and AB Tech. There would also be potential for trained environmental educators to use the community forest for programs.

The Board conducted a site visit to Little Pisgah Labs last year and with nothing having changed at the site since then, agreed that another visit was not necessary before approving the project.

Ms. Zipp also talked through edits that were made to the project evaluation form. The questions in the form remain the same, but more information was added to the range of points to help guide board members when assigning scores. She asked board members to provide input about the form and if there were any changes that needed to be made. Mr. Gale and Mr. Hutchins stated the evaluation form seems fairly flexible for each board member to assign scores as they see fit, but there could also be an additional score option if others felt there needed to be flexibility. Mr. Hutchins also voiced a potential edit to the funding leveraged question to ensure that landowner donation projects were given an appropriate score that reflected their donation value compared to projects that received other sources of funding.

### LCAB Mapping

Ms. Naik presented a draft of the LCAB priority map that was created based on a number of LCAB's goals. The map includes layers related to water quality protection, ecologically sensitive areas/wildlife habitat, historic/working farms, and ridgetops/slopes.

Mr. Hutchins stated that it is important to define the purpose of the map and emphasize that it does not cover all of LCAB's goals – particularly to the public. The Board will continue to evaluate properties at the parcel level and look at the finer details of a project.

### Board Discussion/Questions

With no further announcements and discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 am.