

RESOLUTION # _____

Land Conservation Advisory Board

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2004, this Board appointed the Land Conservancy Advisory Board (hereinafter "LCAB"),¹ selecting thirteen (13) individuals to serve on the Board and selecting a County employee to represent staff²; and,

WHEREAS, LCAB was charged with:

1. Developing an inventory of land that is now protected by conservation easements or other formal conservation methods; and,
2. Developing an inventory of land that is high priority for conservation; and,
3. Actively promoting the idea of conservation in Buncombe County; and,

WHEREAS, over the years, LCAB, and the dedicated individuals who served thereon, have carried out these directives, and in addition, have acted in a vital advisory role to staff concerning the grant of conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that that there is a need to update LCAB's structure and appointment format.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the following individuals are currently serving unexpired terms as members of the LCAB and may continue serving as follows:
 - (1) Nancy Nehls Nelson, as a regular member for a term of three (3) years.
 - (2) Matthew Fusco, as a regular member for a term of three (3) years.
 - (3) Robert Turner, as a regular member for a term of three (3) years.
 - (4) Bob Gale, as a regular member for a term of three (3) years.
 - (5) Greg Hutchins, as a regular member for a term of two (2) years.
 - (6) Jacob Wiesman, as a regular member for a term of two (2) years.

¹ Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Minutes Book 115, Page 1015.

² Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Minutes Book 115, Page 0170.

- (7) Joel Mazelis, as a regular member for a term of two (2) years.
 - (8) Sarah Fraser, as a regular member for a term of two (2) years.
 - (9) Kimberly Dechant, as a regular member for a term of two (2) years.
 - (10) April Heesacker, as a regular member for a term of one (1) year. This position shall not be filled after its expiration.
 - (11) Slater Solomon, as a regular member for a term of one (1) year. This position shall not be filled after its expiration.
2. That, after the expiration of appointments ten (10) and eleven (11) above, the LCAB shall be comprised of nine (9) members.
 3. That future appointments to the LCAB shall be made by the Board of County Commissioners as necessary for terms of three (3) years.
 4. The LCAB shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a. Make recommendations to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners regarding:
 - i. The funding of conservation easement projects that meet the criteria set in accordance with Sec. (b)(iv) below.
 - b. Advise the Agriculture and Land Resources Department concerning:
 - i. The maintenance of an inventory of areas that are now protected by conservation easements or conservation methods; and,
 - ii. The maintenance of an inventory of land that may be appropriate for conservation; and,
 - iii. The promotion of conservation in Buncombe County.
 - iv. The criteria that should be used in determining the funding of conservation easement projects consistent with the land conservation goals and objectives of the County.
 5. That any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.
 6. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 7th of June, 2022.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney