CLARKE COUNTY

Conservation Easement Authority

THURSDAY – 29 JUNE 2017 – 10:00 AM A/B Conference Room, 2nd Floor Government Center AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the meetings of 25 May 2017
- 3. Bank Account balances
- 4. Campaign for the Authority
- 5. Report on Intern inspections
- 6. Easement Donation/Purchase
 - a. Arden easement donation new application
 - b. Opequon Cattle Company, Eric Arkfeld purchase new application
 - c. Estep -donation final approval
 - d. Elrod donation final approval
 - e. Desrosiers/Eagley -donation -withdrawn
 - f. Greenhalgh DUR purchase Fairfield
- 7. Report on Applications for Easement Purchase
 - a. Possible Closed Session to discuss real estate
 - b. Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711-A3 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss the Acquisition or Sale of Property and Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the providing of legal advice.
- 8. Adjournment next meeting Thursday July 20th 10 am

CLARKE COUNTY

Conservation Easement Authority draft Minutes - 25 May 2017 draft

A regular meeting of the Conservation Easement Authority was held at 10:00 am on Thursday, 25 May 2017, in the A/B Conference Room, 2nd Floor Government Center.

Present:

R. Buckley, W. Thomas, P. Engel, M. Jones

Absent:

B. Byrd, L. Wallace, G. Ohrstrom

Staff:

A. Teetor, B. Stidham, R. Couch Cardillo

Agenda On motion of Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Authority unanimously approved the agenda.

Minutes On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Authority unanimously voted to approve the minutes of April 20, 2017 with corrections.

Bank Account: Ms. Teetor handed out the spreadsheets and reviewed the expenditures. Current fund balances show a total fund balance of \$234,599 consisting of \$66,051 in the donations account, \$96,542 in stewardship, and \$72,006 in local funds. Ms. Teetor pointed out that Ms. Bennett, accountant with joint administrative services, has identified an additional \$86,950 that was awarded by VDACS for FY17. Ms. Teetor then told the members that she and Mr. Stidham had met with the finance committee May 8th to go over the purchase applications and identify funding options. The committee agreed to recommend approval of an appropriation for Fairfield Farm but wanted to wait until the applicant was absolutely certain that they want to move forward with placing the property in easement. In addition, Mr. Judge suggested that applicants may have to wait until grant funds are available as match. Ms. Teetor asked that the Board provide guidance as to how much funding would be available and on what time frame. Mr. Weiss agreed that the Board should have a discussion on how the Authority would be funded in the future.

Public Relations: Ms. Cardillo updated members on the number of donations in 2017 stating that \$5,164 has been donated by 59 donors to date. She also told members that 5 new donors sent checks. She suggested that Mr. Buckley send a card welcoming the new donors. Ms. Cardillo also updated members on the plans for the 8th annual donor reception to be held June 24th at Camden. Both recent donors and easement donors will be invited. A craft beer tasting will be added to the event. She also told members that she and Ms. Teetor had met with the organizers of the Wetlands exhibit to be held at the Barns of Rose Hill on September 9th. The Authority agreed to provide a \$500 sponsorship which will provide a great opportunity to promote conservation. Regarding media outreach members discussed the fishing weir investigation that the Historic Preservation Commission had requested match funding from the Authority. Ms. Teetor stated that a state grant through the Threatened Sited program at DHR can be used to match the CLG grant so the Authority's contribution can drop from \$3,000 to \$1,000. Regarding the Cost of Community Services Study, the AIFD grant was approved but Weldon Cooper has taken on a large project and cannot complete the study at this time. Ms. Teetor will continue to try to get on their schedule. Ms. Cardillo then presented a new idea regarding a database for tracking donors. She stated that currently the donations are maintained in excel, but this database has limitations for querying and extracting detailed information on giving patterns. She asked if the Authority would be willing to pay a monthly fee to have access to a program that has these capabilities. Members discussed the

idea and asked Ms. Cardillo to see if a program could be purchased rather than paying monthly. Mr. Stidham asked if the County program, MUNIS, might be an option. Additional research will be conducted prior to the next meeting.

Discussion

Deed of Easement template Ms. Teetor reported that Ms. Jones had kindly agreed to review the Authorities current deed template and compare it to the current Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) template. A copy of each template was provided to members with notes and recommendations from Ms. Jones. One of the items of concern is how to regulate agricultural businesses such as wineries. Mr. Stidham asked if the group would be interested in reviewing the newly amended Zoning Regulations pertaining to agricultural business uses and the wireless communication facilities. Members agreed that would be helpful. After discussion members asked if Ms. Jones would be willing to work with Mr. Ohrstrom and Ms. Teetor to create a draft template with recommendations for the Authority to consider. Once the draft has met with Authority approval it will be reviewed by Mr. Mitchell prior to review and approval by the Board of Supervisors. A meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Ohrstrom, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Teetor prior to the next meeting.

Easement Donation/Purchase

- a. Marilyn Estep has applied for an easement donation. The property is located on the south side of Briggs Road approximately 4/10 of a mile east of the intersection with Bishop Meade Road. The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 22-A-42 and consists of 29 acres, with 1 existing house and 2 DURs. The property meets 3 of the 4 criteria. The property resource score is 68.36. The applicant would retire both of the remaining DUR's. It is next to an existing easement. It is under 40 acres. Points were given for retiring 2 DURs, have frontage on a perennial stream, Chapel Run, and the property has been in the family for more than 50 years. On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Jones the Authority gave preliminary approval and asked staff to schedule a site visit.
- b. Elrod Application for Easement Donation Warrick & Andrea Elrod have applied for an easement donation. The property is located on the south side of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) at 420 Rock Hall Farm Lane. The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 6-A-27 and consists of 78.65 acres, with 1 existing dwelling and 1 DUR. The applicant would retain the remaining DUR and would like to subdivide one lot of approximately 15 acres. A site visit was conducted May 2nd. On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Thomas members gave final approval for the easement donation.
- c. Desrosiers/Eagley Matt Desrosiers and Lisa Eagley have applied for an easement donation. The property is located on the east side of Bishop Meade Road approximately 1.2 miles south of the intersection with Lord Fairfax Highway (Route 34). The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 22-A-122A and consists of 30 acres, with 1 existing dwelling and 2 DURs. A site visit was conducted May 2nd. On motion of Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Engel members gave final approval for the easement donation.
- d. Greenhalgh Fairfield Ms. Teetor reported that Mr. Greenhalgh has submitted an application for a DUR purchase on Fairfield. The property is located on the east side of Lord Fairfax Highway (Route 34) approximately 1 mile south of the West Virginia line. The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 9-3-1B and consists of 35.87 acres, with 4 exemptions and 2 DURs. As it involves a purchase offer the application will be discussed further in closed session.

Report on Applications for Easement Purchase

On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Thomas the Authority unanimously approved going into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711-A3 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss the Acquisition or Sale of Property. On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Authority unanimously approved reconvening in Open Session. Mr. Engel moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to certify that to the best of the member's knowledge:

- only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements under Chapter 2.2-3700, et sec., of the Code of Virginia, as amended, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711-A3 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to discuss the Acquisition or Sale of Property, and
- (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, and considered in the meeting by the Authority. The vote on the above motion was:

Ms. Byrd Absent Ms. Wallace Absent Mr. Buckley

Aye

Mr. Engel Aye

Ms. Thomas Aye Mr. Ohrstrom

Absent

Ms. Jones Aye

The following action was taken subsequent to the Closed Session:

On motion of Mr. Engel, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Authority unanimously voted to give final approval to George Greenhalgh for a DUR purchase on the parcel identified by Tax Map# 9-3-1B, locally known as Fairfield for the DUR purchase offer to \$40,000/DUR pending receipt of income information.

Adjournment There being no further business, Mr. Engel moved and Ms. Thomas secon	ided that
the Authority adjourn to the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 29th at 10:00 am	. The
motion was approved unanimously.	

Randy Buckley, Chair	Alison Teetor, Clerk to the Authority

JAS - B Bennett Through 06/06/2017 Fund 235 - Conservation Easement Balances

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Through June 06, 2017 Conservation Easement

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JAS - B Bennett Through 06/06/2017

	Clarke County:	includes expenses not specifically	designated to an easement (including	stewardship and monthly Hall, Monahan	Invoices).			
Appropriated Balance	Remaining	-8,273	-2,040	100	5,490	5,490	30,160	30,927
	Actual Expenses	38,273	162,040	317,000	65,010	105,885		688,208
	Local Funds Ac	30,000	160,000	317,100	70,500	111,375	30,160	719,135
	FY16 Expenditure Appropriations	General Expenses	Moore & Dorsey Inc - closed in Sept	Cool Springs -closed in Jan	Susan Digges - closed in Dec	Digges Farm - closed in Dec	Bill & Jane Johnston - Estimated	



ROBIN COUCH CARDILLO

June 23, 2017

Clarke County Conservation Easement Authority Fundraising and Public Relations Report June 2017 meeting

Donor Statistics

See attached Master Report

- 2017 total: \$7,174 from 66 donors
- Quick comparison to June 2016 report: \$3,608 from 49 donors

Ongoing

- -Debrief on Donor Appreciation Party
 - Currently approximately 70 people plan to attend
 - Any post-party adjustments to make?
- -Review Clarke County's Economic Development Advisory Committee's initiative
 - John Milleson is chairing committee; Housing Virginia study showing rural trends
 - Growth seminar reported in Winchester Star, June 22; planned for early 2018
 - Should Easement Authority representative be involved?
 - Protect land conservation mission
- -Media outreach
 - A sit-down with The Observer? Gives visibility to Authority
 - Following fish weirs study for media coverage
- -Summer newsletter
 - In the works
- -Donor cultivation
 - Developing short list of donors for personal outreach

Fundraising Results: Clarke County Conservation Easement Authority

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As of June 23, 2017	Amount	# Donations	YE Donor Appeal	YE Donor Appeal Amount	Donor Respondents	YE Prospect Amount	Prospect Respondents	Winter Newsletter	Dollar Amount	Respondents	Spring Newsletter	Donor: Dollar Amount	Donor: Respondents	sayer Spring Newsletter: Dollar Amt	er Spring Newsletter: Respondents	Summer Newsletter	Dollar Amount	Respondents	Fall Newsletter	 Donor: Dollar Amount 	Donor: Respondents	faxpayer Fall Newsletter Dollar Amt	payer Fall Newsletter: Respondents	Over the Transom	Dollar Amount	Donor Respondents	Donor Thank-You Party	Dollar Amount	Donor Respondents	Photo Revenue	Gift-in-Kind (admin work donated	by Kate Petranech)

Of the 101 properties listed in easement, 49 have had their annual inspections conducted as of June 23, 2017. Of the remaining 52 properties, 16 owners have been contacted, and we are waiting on them to return our calls; 27 owners still need to be contacted and have their inspections conducted. The remaining 9 property owners have been contacted, but their phone numbers are out of service or their contact information is out of date.

TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor

DATE:

June 23, 2017

SUBJECT:

Application for Donation – Frances Arden

Frances Arden has applied to the easement authority for approval of an easement donation. The property is located on the west side of Old Chapel Road approximately 4/10 of a mile south of the intersection with Browntown Road. The property currently consists of two parcels Tax Map# 21-A-46, 10.47 acres, that has an existing house constructed in 1900 and 0 DURs, and Tax Map# 21-A-46A, 8.1 acres, vacant, with 1 DUR. The applicant proposes to merge the 2 parcels and retire the 1 remaining DUR.

The parcel is zoned AOC and is currently in use value taxation, in accord with the Commissioner of Revenue's requirements, therefore a donation may be considered if at least two of the following four guidelines are met:

- 1) the parcel's Property Resource Score is at least 35;
- 2) at least one dwelling unit right is extinguished by the conservation easement;
- 3) the parcel is adjacent to a parcel already under permanent conservation easement;
- 4) the property has a minimum area of 40 acres.

The property meets 2 of the 4 criteria. The property resource score is 55.5. The applicant would retire the remaining DUR. It is not next to an existing easement and it is less than 40 acres. Points were given for retiring 1 DUR, have frontage on the railroad, being within the Prospect Hill Spring drainage basin, and having a structure that is potentially contributing to a rural historic district.

Recommendation



TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor

DATE:

June 23, 2017

SUBJECT:

Application for grant Purchase – Opequon Cattle Company, Eric Arkfeld

Eric Arkfeld, owner Opequon Cattle Company has applied to the easement authority for approval of an easement purchase using grant funds. The property is located at the very northwest tip of the County in the 2,500 block of Swimley Road. The property is identified by Tax Map# 1-A-1. It is vacant and consists of 154 acres with 5 DUR's. The primary use is for grazing and hay production. The applicant proposes to retire 4 of the 5 remaining DURs.

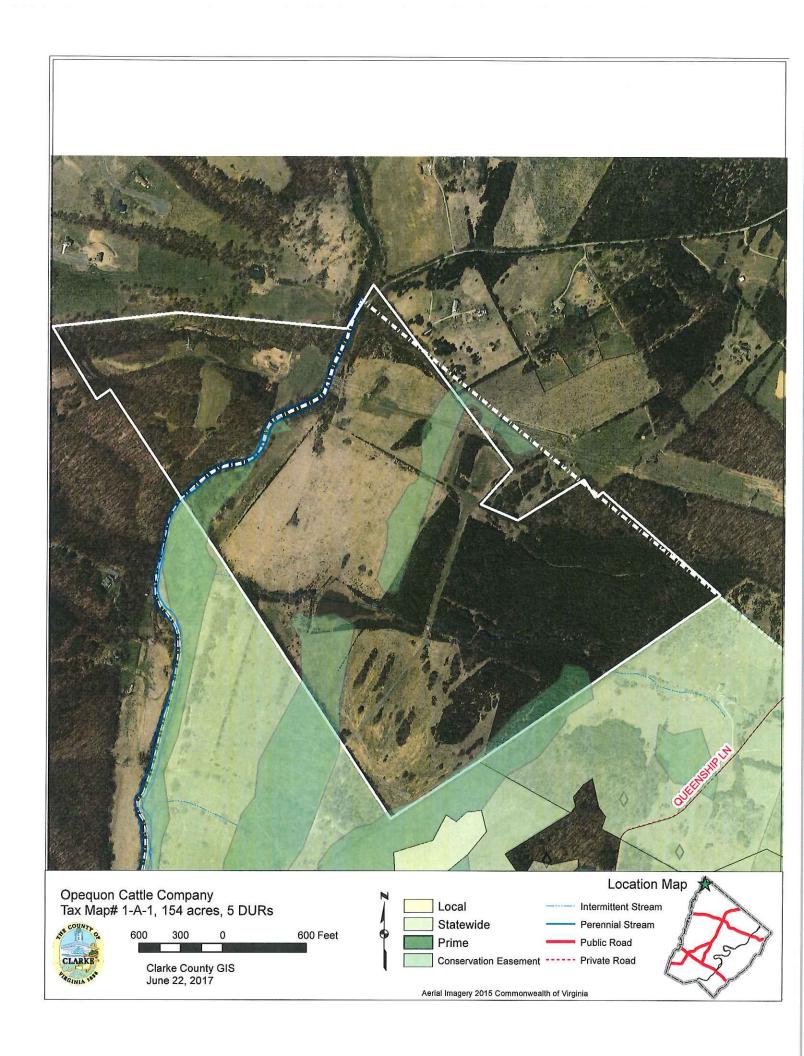
The parcel is zoned AOC and is currently in use value taxation, in accord with the Commissioner of Revenue's requirements, therefore a donation may be considered if at least two of the following four guidelines are met:

- 1) the parcel's Property Resource Score is at least 35;
- 2) at least one dwelling unit right is extinguished by the conservation easement;
- 3) the parcel is adjacent to a parcel already under permanent conservation easement;
- 4) the property has a minimum area of 40 acres.

The property meets all of the 4 criteria. The property resource score is 68.29. The applicant would retire 4 of the 5 remaining DURs. It is next to 2 existing easements and it is more than 40 acres. Points were given for retiring 4 DURs, and having frontage on the Opequon Creek.

Potential grant opportunities include ALE (formally FRPP) federal, and the Virginia Land Conservation Fund (state). Although this is a desirable property it may be weak for the grant applications as typically ALE requires 50% important farmland soils and this property only has 13%.

Recommendation



TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor May 9, 2017

DATE: SUBJECT:

Application for Donation - Marilyn Estep

Marilyn Estep has applied to the easement authority for approval of an easement donation. The property is located on the south side of Briggs Road approximately 4/10 of a mile east of the intersection with Bishop Meade Road. The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 22-A-42 and consists of 29 acres, with 1 existing house and 2 DURs.

The parcel is zoned AOC and is currently in use value taxation, in accord with the Commissioner of Revenue's requirements, therefore a donation may be considered if at least two of the following four guidelines are met:

- 1) the parcel's Property Resource Score is at least 35;
- 2) at least one dwelling unit right is extinguished by the conservation easement;
- 3) the parcel is adjacent to a parcel already under permanent conservation easement;
- 4) the property has a minimum area of 40 acres.

The property meets 3 of the 4 criteria. The property resource score is 68.36. The applicant would retire both of the remaining DUR's. It is next to an existing easement. It is under 40 acres. Points were given for retiring 2 DURs, have frontage on a perennial stream, Chapel Run, and the property has been in the family for more than 50 years.

Recommendation



Clarke County GIS April 27, 2017

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Conservation Easements
Parcel Boundary

- Roads

Aerial Imagery 2015 Commonwealth of Virginia

TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor

DATE:

April 19, 2017

SUBJECT:

Application for Easement Donation - Warrick & Andrea Elrod

The property is located on the south side of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) at 420 Rock Hall Farm Lane. The parcel also extends to Moose Road adjacent to the Moose Club. The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 6-A-27 and consists of 78.65 acres, with 1 existing dwelling and 1 DUR.

The parcel is zoned AOC and is not currently in use value taxation, but does qualify, in accord with the Commissioner of Revenue's requirements, therefore a donation may be considered if at least two of the following four guidelines are met:

- 1) the parcel's Property Resource Score is at least 35;
- 2) at least one dwelling unit right is extinguished by the conservation easement;
- 3) the parcel is adjacent to a parcel already under permanent conservation easement;
- 4) the property has a minimum area of 40 acres.

The parcel meets 2 of the 4 criteria. The property resource score is 37.5 and the parcel is over 40 acres. The applicant would retain the remaining DUR and would like to subdivide one lot of approximately 15 acres. Points were given for the house being a contributing structure in a future historic district as it was built in 1840.

Recommendation

Give preliminary approval and schedule a site visit.

Laure, George

call when coming up driveway - 336-8689



Warrick & Andrea Elrod Tax Map# 6-A-27, 78.65 acres 1 ext. house, 1 DUR



Clarke County GIS April 18, 2017 300150 0 300 Feet

Conservation Easement
water arc

Railroad

RoadsParcel Boundary

Sinkholes

Aerial Imagery 2015 Commonwealth of Virginia

TO:

Conservation Easement Authority

FROM:

Alison Teetor

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SUBJECT:

Application for DUR Purchase - George Greenhalgh - Fairfield

George Greenhalgh has applied to the easement authority for approval of a DUR purchase. The property is located on the east side of Lord Fairfax Highway (Route 34) approximately 1 mile south of the West Virginia line. The parcel is identified as Tax Map# 9-3-1B and consists of 35.87 acres, with 4 exemptions and 2 DURs.

The parcel is zoned AOC and are currently in use value taxation, in accord with the Commissioner of Revenue's requirements, therefore a donation may be considered if at least two of the following four guidelines are met:

- 1) the parcel's Property Resource Score is at least 35;
- 2) at least one dwelling unit right is extinguished by the conservation easement;
- 3) the parcel is adjacent to a parcel already under permanent conservation easement;
- 4) the property has a minimum area of 40 acres.

The property resource score is 81.43. The applicant would retire at least one of the remaining DUR's. The parcel is within the Long Marsh Rural Historic District and has several contributing structures and is listed individually as a National Register property. There is a perennial stream and spring and the parcel fronts on Lord Fairfax Highway (Route 340), a primary highway. The property has been in the family for more than 50 years.

Recommendation



Fairfield Farm, LLC Tax Map# 9-3-1B, 35.87 acres 3 ext. dwlgs, 2 DURs

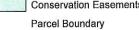


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Legend



Conservation Easements Intermittent Stream

Roads

Perennial Stream



Private Road

