Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
FAYETTE COUNTY RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD, INCORPORATED

Jim Gray
Mayor

Derek J. Paulsen, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Minutes

April 2, 2012

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Location: LFUCG Center, 200 East Main, 12th Floor Conference Room

Voting Members: Robert Hewett-Chair, Convention & Visitors Bureau
Helen Alexander, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association
Karen Mundy, Lexington-Bluegrass Association Realtors
Mariana Moore-Vice-Chair, Fayette County Neighborhood Council
Mary Ann Delaney, Land Conservation Group

Non-Voting Members: Nick Carter, Fayette County Extension Agent for Agriculture
Charles Farmer, USDA/NRCS District Conservationist

Absent: Deborah Long, Historic Preservation Group
Greg Padgett, Home Builders Association
Greg Bibb-Treasurer, Commerce Lexington
Kristen Clark, Fayette County Farm Bureau
Don Robinson, Fayette County Farm Bureau
Tom Thornbury, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association

Staff: Billy F. Van Pelt, MBA, RLA-Secretary and PDR Program Director

Attendance

Chair Hewett asked everyone to sign the meeting sign-in sheet.

Approval of the March 5, 2012 meeting minutes

BOARD ACTION

The minutes will be approved at the April meeting.

Old Business

A. FY12 and FY 13 budgets

Mr. Van Pelt reviewed the remaining FY12 budget with the Board. He also reported that Mayor Gray will give the FY13 Budget Address on April 10th at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

B. 2012 Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program application

The Board discussed the status of the application and will consider taking action at the May meeting.

C. Round 10 closings

Mr. Van Pelt reported that farm 9-08 would be closed soon and that farms 7-2011 and 2-2011 were in the final stages of the closing process.

D. Education and Outreach Committee

Mr. Van Pelt reported that five farms had agreed to post links on their web sites to the PDR web site. He also reported that the recent Run the Bluegrass Half-Marathon race course went along side and through conserved farmland. Mr. Van Pelt discussed highlighting the PDR easements on the 2013 course map with the race organizer. He will report back to the Board with a proposal at a later date.

Mr. Van Pelt reminded that Board that the PDR program was featured in the spring issue of Keeneland magazine. In addition, the farm owners were interviewed for a feature that will air on WKYT.

E. Boards and Commission training

Mr. Van Pelt reminded the Board that he emailed them the link to the training sessions and encouraged those Board members that could not attend to watch the videos from each session.

F. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) Work Group

Mr. Van Pelt gave an update on the status of the work group and distributed a handout from the last meeting that described and defined various types of agri-tourism and eco-tourism.

New Business

A. Round 12 Public Information and Application Assistance meetings

Mr. Van Pelt reported that these annual meetings were scheduled for June 15th at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Board will take action at the May meting.

B. Board member appointments

Mr. Van Pelt reported that Greg Bibb, Helen Alexander and Karen Mundy were at the end of their terms.

C. Board member orientation

Mr. Van Pelt reported that he will conduct a Board member orientation in July, for all existing and any new Board members.

D. Farm 13-2008

Mr. Van Pelt reported that the subject farm owner would like to purchase additional land and add it to his existing farm. The owner will submit a written proposal for Board consideration at the May meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Chair Hewett adjourned the meeting.