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

Jim Gray
Mayor

Derek J. Paulsen, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Minutes

March 5, 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 Greg Padgett, Home Builders Association Mariana Moore-Vice-Chair, Fayette County Neighborhood Council Greg Bibb-Treasurer, Commerce Lexington Kristen Clark, Fayette County Farm Bureau Don Robinson, Fayette County Farm Bureau Tom Thornbury, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association Mary Ann Delaney, Land Conservation Group
Absent:	Deborah Long, Historic Preservation Group Helen Alexander, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association Karen Mundy, Lexington-Bluegrass Association Realtors Nick Carter, Fayette County Extension Agent for Agriculture Charles Farmer, USDA/NRCS District Conservationist
Staff:	Billy F. Van Pelt, MBA, RLA-Secretary and PDR Program Director

Introduction of Commissioner Paulsen

Mr. Van Pelt introduced Derek Paulsen, the new Commissioner of the Department of Planning, Preservation, and Development.

Introduction of new Board member

Mr. Van Pelt introduced Mary Ann Delaney as the representative of the Land Conservation Group: Bluegrass Conservancy.

Attendance

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

Approval of the February 6, 2012 meeting minutes

BOARD ACTION

On a motion made by Vice-Chair Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the February 6, 2012 meeting minutes.

Old Business

A. FY12 budget

Mr. Van Pelt reviewed the remaining FY12 budget with the Board. He also reported that the extension of the 2010 Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program agreement had been approved. Mr. Van Pelt asked the Board to authorize Chair Hewett to sign the amendment to the 2010 Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program agreement allowing the substitution of Farm 9-2008.

BOARD ACTION

On a motion made by Vice-Chair Moore, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously (8-0) to authorize Chair Hewett to sign the amendment to the 2010 Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program agreement allowing the substitution of Farm 9-2008.

B. 2012 Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program application

The Board discussed the status of the application. Mr. Van Pelt reported that the Board had until the end of June to secure a local match for the 2012 federal award. He also reported that he was scheduled to meet with Mayor Gray to discuss the application.

C. Round 10 closings

Mr. Van Pelt reported that three Round 10 farms were under contract. He indicated the location of each farm on a map for Board review.

D. Education and Outreach Committee

Mr. Van Pelt reported that he was working on several outreach items. He is currently working with twenty three PDR farms with web sites to coordinate links to the PDR web site on lexingtonky.gov. He added that Business Lexington had requested that he contribute to an Op-Ed on the economic impacts of the agriculture and equine industries. He also reported that he will give a lecture on the PDR program to an Environmental Science class at Transylvania University on April 6th.

E. FY13 Budget

Mr. Van Pelt reported that the PDR FY13 Mayor's Budget hearing was scheduled for March 16th at 10 a.m. He added that Mayor Gray would give his FY13 Budget Address at 3 p.m. on April 10th.

New Business

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) Work Group

Mr. Van Pelt reported that he and Mr. Robinson had been appointed to the Work Group by Vice-Mayor Gorton. The purpose of the Work Group is to develop recommendations for LFUCG concerning the preparation of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, governing and regulating commercial and non-commercial recreational activities as they relate to tourism. Mr. Robinson will Chair the Work Group.

B. Open Farm Gates concept

Mr. Van Pelt reported on a pilot project that focuses on agritourism and access to farms. He will keep the Board updated on the status of the project.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Board began a discussion of conservation easement acquisition during FY13.

Closed Executive Session

A. Discuss the Round 10 and Round 11 applications, the public discussion of which may affect the value of the conservation easements of Round 10 and Round 11 farms.

BOARD ACTION

On a motion made by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Padgett, the Board voted unanimously (8-0) to enter into Closed Executive Session the public discussion of which may affect the value of the conservation easements of Round 10 and Round 11 farms.

Chair Hewett declared the meeting to be in Open Session.

Adjournment

Chair Hewett adjourned the meeting.