



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ALBEMARLE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AUTHORITY
February 11, 2021 (Thursday)**

The Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority met online on February 11, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

The meeting was held virtually because of the national, state, and local emergency declarations arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it unsafe for the Authority to meet in person.

Members present were:

Sherry Buttrick
Rose Emery
David Emmitt
Jay Fennell, Chair
David Mitchell
John Moore
Jennie More
Hamilton Moses, III
Peter Taylor, Vice-chair

Members absent were:

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Staff members present were:

Scott Clark, Senior Planner
Richard Deloria, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carolyn Shaffer, Clerk, Planning Commission and Boards

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. 2021 Officer Elections
3. Review of Minutes
4. 2020 New Easement Report
5. 2020 Monitoring Report
6. ACEA202100001 Silverman Donation Proposal
7. ACEA202100002 Huber Donation Proposal
8. New Business
9. Old Business
10. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

A quorum of eight was present at 4:45 p.m. when Mr. Fennell called the meeting to order.

Mr. Deloria read the Virtual Meeting Preamble for the ACEA (see attached) regarding the legal authorization for online meetings, and held a roll call of the members, who stated their names and locations.

2. 2021 Officer Elections

Mr. Taylor moved and Ms. More seconded to nominate the following slate of officers:

Chair: Jay Fennell

Vice-Chair: Peter Taylor

Secretary: Scott Clark

The motion passed by a vote of 8:0.

3. Approval of Minutes (8/13/20)

Mr. Taylor moved and Mr. Moore seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting.

The motion passed by a vote of 8:0.

4. 2020 New Easement Report

Mr. Clark presented a report on the Authority's new easement acquisitions for 2020. No action was take.

5. 2020 Monitoring Report

Mr. Clark presented information on the monitoring of ACEA-held easements in 2020. No action was taken.

Dr. Moses arrived at 5:10 p.m.

6. ACEA202100001 Silverman Donation Proposal

Mr. Clark presented a proposal for a conservation easement donation on the Silverman property (Tax Map 7 Parcel 21; 57.76 acres).

Based on the staff presentation and their conclusion that the proposal met the Authority's acceptance criteria, Dr. Moses moved and Ms. Emery seconded that the Authority accept the proposal and authorize the Chair to sign a deed of easement reflecting the revised terms.

The motion passed by a vote of 8:0. Ms. Buttrick recused herself from this item.

7. ACEA202100002 Huber Donation Proposal

Mr. Clark presented a revised proposal for a conservation easement donation on the Huber property (Tax Map 109 Parcel 56; 51.5 acres).

Based on the staff presentation and their conclusion that the proposal met the Authority's acceptance criteria, Mr. Emmitt moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that the Authority accept the proposal and authorize the Chair to sign a deed of easement reflecting the revised terms.

The motion passed by a vote of 8:0. Ms. Buttrick recused herself from this item.

8. New Business

Mr. Clark summarized a proposal for a new traffic circle at the intersection of Virginia Route 20 and Proffitt Road, which would impact the ACEA-held easement on The Riggory. Staff informed the Authority that a more-detailed presentation would be provided at an upcoming meeting.

9. Old Business

Mr. Taylor asked for an update on the inoperable vehicles that are to be removed from the Pluger easement property. Mr. Clark stated that ACEA staff are continuing to work with Zoning staff on monitoring that removal.

Ms. Buttrick inquired regarding new DCR stewardship funding for 2021. Mr. Clark and Mr. Deloria stated that more information would be available in coming months.

Mr. Emmitt raised the issue of signs for easement landowners. Due to lack of funding and staff time, this issue has not yet been addressed.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Moore moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The Authority adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Jay Fennell, Chair

VIRTUAL MEETING PREAMBLE for the ACEA
11 February 2021

Notwithstanding any provision in our Bylaws to the contrary, as permitted under Albemarle County's Continuity of Government Ordinance; this Authority's Resolution adopted on May 14, 2020; and Chapter 1283 of the 2020 Acts of the General Assembly, we are holding this meeting by real time electronic means with no Authority member physically present at a single, central location as it is unsafe to do so because of the COVID-19 pandemic. All Authority members are participating electronically. This meeting is being held according to Section 6 of the County's Continuity of Government Ordinance. All Authority members will identify themselves and state their general physical location during the roll call which we will hold next.

The public has real time audio-visual access to this meeting over Zoom and real time audio access over telephone, both as provided in the lawfully posted meeting notice. The public is always invited to send questions, comments, and suggestions to the Authority through the County's Community Development Office at any time and through the Zoom chat and raise hand features. This meeting is being recorded and will be made available on the County's website.