

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
8:00 AM, MAY 22, 2024. ZOOM**

Members present:  Nancy Nehls Nelson –Chair Robert Turner, Vice-Chair Joel Mazelis Matt Fusco Bob Gale Stagg Newman Lang Hornthal Sarah Fraser  (quorum = 5/9)	Non-members present:  Avni Naik – BCSWCD Jess Laggis – SAHC Anne Hamilton – SAHC Hannah Coats – RiverLink Angelica Tyler – BC Staff
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There was a quorum, as there were at least 5 members present. The following discussion occurred between members present:

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am

- Chair Nancy Nehls Nelson called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

- Bob Gale made a motion to approve the May 22, 2024, agenda, seconded by Joel Mazelis, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- No public comment.

Warren Wilson College (WWC) Easement Proposal Discussion & Vote – SAHC

Ms. Laggis with SAHC presented the WWC easement proposal to request \$393,000 in transaction costs during the previous LCAB meeting. Mr. Mazelis and Mr. Turner attended the WWC site visit and spoke highly of the project and the public benefit, water quality, and ag protection that will be provided from this easement. Mr. Fusco mentioned that WWC has also submitted a grant application for the Passive Recreation portion of the Open Space Bond as they have trails open to the public that they hope to maintain using that funding.

- Mr. Fusco made a motion to approve the transaction cost request for the WWC conservation easement, seconded by Mr. Gale, and the motion passed on the vote.

Announcements and Discussions

The Board discussed other bond projects that were shown to the Passive Recreation Lands Subcommittee for funding from other categories of the Open Space Bond. They had questions around those projects including what amount of funding remains from the Bond and how that will be allocated. They agreed that having the Open Space Bond manager during the next Board meeting would be of value to provide updates to the Board Members.

With no other announcements or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.