

Babcock Ranch, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting/Teleconference
December 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Minutes

Board members present:

Dr. Hilary Swain – Board of Trustees appointee (Chair)
Mr. R.Z. “Sandy” Safley – Board of Trustees appointee (Vice-Chair)
Mr. James Bryan – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/ Division of Forestry (DOACS/DOF) appointee
Dr. Bill Hammond – Kitson and Partners, LLC appointee
Dr. George Tanner – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) appointee

Board members not present – sent their regrets as they cannot call in.

Mr. Manley Fuller – Board of Trustees appointee (Treasurer)
Mr. Erick A. Lindblad – Lee County appointee
Dr. William H. Wilcox – Charlotte County appointee
Vacant – Board of Trustees appointee

Other Attendees:

Ed Flowers – Division of Forestry
Cathy Olson – Lee County
Steve Bohl – DOACS/DOF
Bill Howell – DOACS/DOF
Andy Stevens – Charlotte County
Jeff McGrady - FWC
Lee Taylor - FWC
Steve Smith – Babcock Ranch
Tom Danahy – Kitson Partners
Erica Rogan – Kitson Partners
Debbie Upp – Archbold Biological Station, Administrative Support and Recorder

Call commenced: 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to callers by Hilary Swain, Chair of the Board.

Hilary Swain read the Florida Administrative Weekley announcement requirement stating it had been met, reiterating that no comments would be taken by the public during the call.

Hilary Swain asked for a roll call to determine who was participating in the call.

A majority quorum was not present at the roll call until Jim Bryan joined later.

Hilary Swain asked if there was anything to add or change to the current agenda. There were no changes.

Minutes

A review of minutes of the Board of Director's meeting, October 14, 2010 was conducted. Two comments were noted. Tabled for approval until the January 20, 2011 meeting.

A review of minutes of the Board of Director's meeting, November 18, 2010 was conducted. Two corrections were noted. Tabled for approval until the January 20, 2011 meeting.

Discussion Items as shown on the agenda:

1. Hilary Swain thanked Kitson and Partners for the \$5,000 donation.
2. Tom Danahy gave an update on his conversations with Mike Long (DEP) regarding revision to the Management Agreement. Things are moving forward; they are close to an agreement that will be good for everyone involved. Waiting for final approval from DEP's attorney. Lee County was waiting for the revised documents from DEP and the county attorney will review. Then the Agreement will be presented at the February ARC meeting; before the BOT meeting in March for final approval.

Swain asked if there was agreement with DEP on the list of assets and the methodologies of allocation of the assets. Danahy stated all that was needed was mostly refinement to the charts they had presented, and an agreement that they will provide an annual update. The possibility of an option to extend the Management Agreement for an additional 5 years from 2016 to 2021 would take legislative action and was not pursued. If it is decided to do that in the future they have until the 2016 period to consider options.

Swain requested that Danahy get a final version of the Management Agreement to her by mid-January. Danahy plans to have the document complete within the next few days and will distribute to BRI Board and Lee County. All agreed that Hilary Swain, on behalf of BRI, will prepare a revised version of the Letter of Support on the January 2011 agenda for BRI to review.

Steve Smith from Babcock Ranch reported all is well with ranch operations. He has been in conversation with Jo Harder from the horse riders club. He is helping her with a presentation for the January BRI meeting; it will be an agenda item.

3. Swain discussed her telephone conversation with Steve Bohl from DOF. He has stated that DOF has no staff funding for administrative support for BRI; DOF already commits their funds to support staff (Ed Flowers). Hilary Swain had to ask Steve Bohl to follow up on the budget request that she submitted to Terry Rhodes at DOACS. Steve Bohl has no knowledge of this but will follow up. Steve Bohl stated that Terry Rhodes was no longer with the department and he didn't know what happened to the materials sent to her office. Suggested Hilary Swain arrange a conversation with Jim Karels. Need to forward files/budget to Bohl to forward to Karels.
4. Swain feels BRI needs to come up with a 2011 budget for up to the \$20,000 pledge from Kitson and Partners and would like to make it an agenda item in January. Swain will share the original budget information with Board members.
5. Bill Howell will try to arrange for Hilary Swain to meet with the new administration. Hilary Swain will see if she can meet with Commissioner Putnam to discuss upcoming needs of BRI and future support from the legislature. Swain asked the agencies about setting up a meeting with the new agency staff in Tallahassee. Howell suggests that February is a good time. Make this an agenda item for January.
6. The Board discussed the status of (re)appointments (summary table below).

Member/ Position	Email	1 st Year Appointed	Appointed By:	Term Length	Reappointed / Resigned	Expertise (as written in the original legislation)
Hilary Swain/ Chairman	hswain@archbold-station.org	2006	BOT <i>Governor Jeb Bush</i>	4 years		Sustainable management of forest lands for commodity purposes.
R.Z. "Sandy" Safley/ Vice-Chair	rsafley@penningtonlaw.com	2006	BOT <i>CFO Gallagher</i>	4 years		Financial management, budget and program analysis and small business operations.
Manley Fuller, III/ Treasurer	wildfed@gmail.com	2006	BOT <i>AG Crist</i>	4 years		Management of game and nongame wildlife and fish populations, including hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities.
Cary Lightsey/ Resigned (the replacement will serve rest of term)		2006	BOT <i>Comm. Bronson</i>	4 years	Resigned 2008	Domesticated livestock management, production, and marketing, including range management and livestock business management.
James Bryan	jbryan@lykes.com	2006	DOACS/DOF	2 years		Agricultural operations or forestry management.
Bill Hammond	naturalcontext@gmail.com	2006	Kitson & Partners	2 years	11/09/2010 for 4 year term – next appointment 2012	Activities and management of the Babcock Ranch on the date of acquisition of the ranch by the state. Shall serve on the board of directors only until the termination of or expiration of the management agreement attached as Exhibit "E"...
Erick Lindblad	elindblad@sccf.org	2006	Lee County	2 years	Lee County pursuing alternate candidate	Must be a resident of Lee County and who shall have experience in land conservation and management. Appointee shall serve as a member of the board of directors so long as the county participates in the state land management plan.
Bill Wilcox	bill.wilcox3030@gmail.com	2006	Charlotte County	2 years	11/25/2008 for 4 year term – next appointment 2012	Must be a resident of Charlotte County and who shall be active in an organization concerned with the activities of the ranch.
George Tanner	tannerg@ufl.edu	2006	FWC	2 years	05/19/2009 for 4 year term – next appointment 2012	Hunting; fishing; nongame species management; or wildlife habitat management, restoration, and conservation.

Bill Howell reminded the Board that per the legislation, all new reappointments are for 4 years. Those already reappointed will serve 4-year terms, even if their original term was 2 year. The start date for reappointments is the date at which the previous term lapsed (Safley)

Howell reminded the Board that at a previous meeting it was decided to wait until the new administration was in place before (re)appointments were sent to the Board of Trustees. Howell will start coordinating with the cabinet aides to set this up and get letters prepared. The next BOT meeting is on January 19, 2011.

There are only 3 reappointment letters in the files from agencies as indicated on the table above. There is no record from DOF of James Bryan being reappointed. DOF will follow up. (Bohl)

Bill Howell will target the February BOT meeting to have reappointments presented for the four BOT appointments.

Per Cathy Olson, she is trying to find the documentation on Erick Lindblad's reappointment for Lee County. He is looking to be replaced and she is following up.

Charlotte County has submitted their documentation on the reappointment of Bill Wilcox in 2008.

Upp to send a revised copy of the chart above to Bill Hammond.

This issue will be discussed again at the January meeting.

7. Swain asked for agenda items for the January 2011 meeting. There were a few items to follow up from the October 2010 meeting.

- Bill Hammond briefing 4 corner restoration report
- Wilcox wanted thoughts on governance of public/private partnership
- Fuller briefing on mosquito control
- Tanner wants an update on hunting for next year's season.

New items to add as a result of today's teleconference are:

- Budget for 2011 for up to \$20,000.
- What happened to the budget information that was sent to DOF?
- Hammond is to ask Benita Whalen from South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to give presentation on the distributed storage (NE-PES formerly FRESP) project information as it might apply to Babcock Ranch. Hammond would like to include a field trip to potential locations for pay-for-services water projects. Steve Smith is willing to organize. (South Florida Water Management District is calling the next generation FRESP-type project the Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services Project (NEPES).)
- Update on development activities from Bill Hammond.

Bill Hammond requested a change/correction to the November minutes, a quorum was not present.

Next meeting is January 20, 2011, 9am to 1pm, at the Cypress Lodge but may need to re-notice and extend the time to allow for a field trip. (Upp)

Teleconference adjourned at 9:43am.