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***CURRY COUNTY
REAL PROPERTY TASK FORCE***

**September 3, 2015
MEETING MINUTES**

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Staff Julie Schmelzer welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Task Force. Members and guest, Assessor Jim Kolen, introduced themselves.

Members present: William Douglas, Chris Hawthorne, Julie Schmelzer, Trudy Spanier
Members excused: Barba Ciaremella

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited by all present.

3.0 Elect Chair, Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary

Motion by Spanier to nominate Douglas for Chair and Ciaremella as Vice-Chair. Douglas declined the nomination. Motion by Douglas to nominate Hawthorne as Chair and Ciaremella as Vice-Chair, second by Spanier. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Hawthorne accepted. Motion by Spanier to elect Hawthorne as Chair, Ciaremella as Vice-Chair, second by Douglas. Motion carried unanimously. By consensus it was agreed Schmelzer would be the Recording Secretary.

4.0 Approve Agenda

Motion by Spanier, second by Douglas, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Mission of Task Force

Schmelzer explained the Order which established the Task Force. Spanier requested copies of the Order be sent to members.

6.0 History of County Owned Parcels

Assessor Kolen presented a powerpoint presentation on the history of the county owned properties. Discussion followed with member questions and answers provided by Kolen.

7.0 Past Committees and Discoveries

Member Douglas was on a previous committee that looked at many of the county-owned parcels. Schmelzer distributed copies of that committee's findings. Douglas explained the parcels were inventoried for their natural resources' value, and some recommendations made, but to the best of his knowledge nothing was done with the results. All agreed the past work done will save time in analyzing the parcels.

8.0 Review Parcel List

Schmelzer explained there were about 900 parcels to review, and proposed the Task Force review the northernmost parcels first. Discussions and recommendations, by consensus, then followed.

- Parcel R26834—This is a .02 acre piece of land the county acquired to enlarge the road right-of-way. Recommendation is to keep it, but re-class/rename it 'Curry County Roads' so it doesn't keep appearing on the list of county owned parcels.
- Parcel R23867—This parcel is 34.83 acres, located along the Pacific Ocean, the New River bisects it, is wetland, and is zoned Conservancy. Recommendation is to somehow tie it via a trail to Boice Cope County Park.

9.0 Discuss Floras Lake Area Parcels

Schmelzer explained there were 794 county owned properties in the Floras Lake area. For those near Boice Cope County Park, the recommendation was to determine the timber value and selectively log the land. After logging, tie the lands into the Boice Cope County Park. For those by Floras Lake, again, selectively log, and see if the Parks Department would be interested in creating a campground, or, trade it with the state or federal government to see if there is interest in acquiring it to protect the Snowy Plover habitat. For the 'lone' parcel near 1st Street/Road, offer it for sale to the neighbors.

10.0 Public Comment

(None.)

11.0 Next Steps

Schmelzer will follow up with the Parks Department to gauge their interest in the land discussed. She will get more details on who owns the land adjacent to the 'lone' parcel. At the next meeting another group of properties will be reviewed.

12.0 Set Next Meeting Date

Schmelzer will schedule a Doodle Poll to determine availability. The group decided the best time to meet would be 3:00 p.m.

13.0 Adjourn

Motion by Douglas, second by Spanier, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Schmelzer

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