

# North Carolina Coastal Land Trust Annual Meeting Minutes

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2024

Poplar Grove Plantation, 10200 US-17, Wilmington, NC 28411

Approximately 180 members and guests attended the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust Annual Meeting and Celebration held at Poplar Grove Plantation in Wilmington, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2024. Guests enjoyed fellowship and refreshments prior to and following the business portion of the meeting.

At 5:12 p.m., Mr. Harrison Marks, Executive Director of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, welcomed guests, thanked all for attending the Annual Meeting and Celebration, and recognized and thanked Ms. Caroline Lewis. Mr. Marks also acknowledged and thanked the following Annual Meeting and Celebration sponsors:

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At 5:18 p.m., Mr. Hal Kitchin, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Mr. Kitchin thanked all for attending and expressed appreciation to the sponsors. Mr. Kitchin then conducted the business portion of the meeting:

- **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Vee Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous year's annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nancy Thomason and unanimously approved by the members.

**Election of Directors:** Board members in attendance included:

Mr. Bob Emory, New Bern  
Mr. Ken Hines, Wilmington  
Ms. Hannah Holt, Wilmington  
Ms. Laurie King, Wilmington  
Mr. Hal Kitchin, Wilmington  
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Mr. Kitchin recognized outgoing Board member Mr. Robert Wells, of Kitty Hawk, and thanked him for his service. He then presented the slate of new members for election:

- Mr. Bill Rich, Ocracoke
- Ms. Cheryl Smith, Pine Knoll Shores
- Ms. Vee Waldrop made a motion to approve the slate of nominees

for election to the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Ms. Laurie King and unanimously approved.

At 5:23 p.m., Mr. Kitchin adjourned the business portion of the meeting and reintroduced Mr. Marks. Mr. Marks provided remarks about the Coastal Land Trust's recent accomplishments and future projects. He discussed the conservation easement at Poplar Grove, shared updates on the Abbey Nature Preserve, highlighted 2024 projects, and spoke about the Topsail initiative. Mr. Marks concluded his remarks at 5:34 p.m., thanking members and guests for their support and participation. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.