



## ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM RECREATION & EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (REAC)

### Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program Recreation and Education Advisory Committee (REAC) Meeting November 8, 2018

#### *Attendance*

#### RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Rick Follet
- Murray Hann
- Karen McArthur
- Doug Sphar

#### EEL PROGRAM STAFF

- Laura Clark
- David DeMeyer
- Brad Manley
- Chris O'Hara

#### GUESTS

- Paul Schmalzer, SMC

## ***Meeting Minutes***

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Doug Sphar, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. It was noted that a quorum had been expected, but had not yet arrived.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **MINUTES**

#### **February 8, 2018**

Clarification was provided that the February 8, 2018 REAC minutes had been erroneously distributed as being approved during the August REAC meeting, but a quorum was not available during August. These minutes will be presented again at the next available opportunity. A REAC meeting was not held during the month of May.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

#### **Presentation**

Brad Manley, EEL Program Public Access Coordinator, explained that the Administrative Review which he prepared provided a brief overview of the EEL Program due to the expectation that a group of cub scouts had planned to attend. It was determined the committee should move ahead with the other agenda items as the REAC members in attendance were already familiar with the information. Additional EEL Program update information will be provided during the next meeting.

#### **Reformatting of Committee Meeting Minutes**

Brad also provided clarification that all items being posted to the EEL Program's web site are being reformatted to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

#### **Additional Discussion**

It was noted that presentations on the Public Access Plans for Crane Creek Sanctuary and the Pine Island Conservation Area had been planned for the current meeting.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

None.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Crane Creek Sanctuary Public Access Plan**

It was noted that this Public Access Plan was also presented during the August REAC meeting, when a quorum was not available to do a formal vote. It was determined that Chris would do a brief recap of the Plan with the hopes that a quorum would be present at some point during the recap. Chris provided the overview. A copy of this presentation is available upon request by calling the EEL Program Office (321) 255-4466.

### **Pine Island Conservation Area (PICA) Public Access Plan**

It was determined that it would be best to wait until the next meeting to provide the information regarding the Pine Island Conservation Area.

### **Additional Discussion – Difficulty in Maintaining a Quorum at Meetings**

The group discussed their frustrations regarding the lack of a quorum during the last three meetings. It was noted that even though the Committee has some members who do not regularly attend and there are currently three openings, a dedicated core group has previously been available for meetings and until recently maintaining a quorum has not been a continuing issue. It was also noted that one member had to resign recently, and another of the core group had extenuating circumstances which prevented them from attending the current meeting. Staff expressed their appreciation for the efforts of those in attendance.

It was noted that the guidelines for the REAC indicate that the group should meet quarterly and as needed. Additional meetings may be scheduled for a while in the future as it is anticipated that multiple public access plans will be reviewed during 2019.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **NEXT MEETING**

It is anticipated that the next REAC meeting will be scheduled for January 10, 2019.

## **ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

## **SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS**

No Motions.