



Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee Meeting & Procedures Committee Joint Meeting

July 15, 2022 9:30 am. - 12:30 pm. Meeting Minutes Final

Attendance

SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT (SMC) MEMBERS

James Burney, Oli Johnson, Jennifer Thompson, Doug Sphar (Recreation and Education Advisory Committee), Kim Zarillo (Procedure Committee), Mac McLouth (Tourism Development Council Representative), Lisa Toland, and Mark Bush.

SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT (SMC) EMERITUS MEMBERS

Paul Schmalzer, Ross Hinkle, and Tammy Foster.

PROCEDURES (PC) MEMBERS

Rick Follet, Kim Zarillo, Sil Crespo, Bo Platt, and Diane Stees.

ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM STAFF

Mike Knight

GUESTS

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Through Responsible Stewardship of Brevard County's Natural Resources

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Tamy Dabu called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tamy Dabu called for public comment but none was received.

MINUTES

The SMC March 18, 2022, minutes were presented for approval.

MOTION 1

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Mike Knight provided the Administrative Review which included a brief update on the Malabar Scrub restoration project, status of filling the Administrative Secretary position and a brief summary of scheduled building repairs to the EEL admin. Office and the Enchanted Forest Management and Education Center.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Mike Knight provided a presentation on the recent changes to the County's Advisory Board Ordinance and how it will impact the EEL advisory committees.

The primary changes to the ordinance included term limits, attendance requirements, meeting frequency (no more than four meetings per year), limits on annual staff costs for preparing and hosting meetings and annual reporting of committee accomplishments and member attendance to the County Commission. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Committee members discussed the idea of sending a letter from the committee to the County Commission in support of placing the question on the November election ballot.

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AGENDA ITEM 3

Mike Knight provided an overview of the Chamberlain property donation request. The 9.74-acre parcel is directly adjacent to the Fox Lake Sanctuary on three sides. The habitats are in good condition and management of the site can easily be wrapped into the overall management of the Fox Lake Sanctuary without any significant additional costs to the program.

MOTION 2

A motion to recommend that the County Commission accept the donation was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Mike Knight provided the EEL Annual Report presentation. Report included: land acquisition, land management, public access, environmental education, special events, EEL visitation over time, volunteers, overall expenses, operations expenses, millage history and what is ahead. The presentation is available upon request.

Lisa Toland asked what the reason was for the increase in operational expenses compared to the previous fiscal year. Mike explained that it was likely due to a variety of things including increased costs of materials supplies such as gasoline, lumber, herbicide. The program also purchased a pickup truck, tractor and had increased costs related to heavy equipment rental.

Bo Platt provided an update to the committee on his group's efforts to have a resolution approved by the County Commission to place a future funding question on the November election ballot. He stated they are currently working with the District 5 Commissioner to request the item be placed on the next available County Commission agenda but expressed concern that time was running out to meet the deadline of the Supervisor of Elections.

MOTION 3

Kim Zarillo moved a motion to have the SMC Chair prepare and send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting to place on the next agenda ballot language similar to the existing EEL referendum for the continuation of the EEL Program.

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The motion was seconded by Jennifer Thompson and was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION 4

A motion to adjourn was carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

October 21, 2022 at 9:30 am

ADJOURNED

Tamy Dabu adjourned the meeting at 12:21 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

None