

Meeting of the Governor and Cabinet

March 13, 2023



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STATE OF FLORIDA

IN RE: MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET

CABINET MEMBERS: GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS
ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY PATRONIS
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE WILTON
SIMPSON

COMMENCED: 9:30 a.m. - 9:51 a.m.

LOCATION: Via telephone

This cause came on to be heard at the time and place aforesaid, when and where the following proceedings were stenographically reported by: Jessica Dixon, FPR,

Job No.: 301413

1 draft final order finding the subject plan
2 amendment to be in compliance with Chapter 163
3 Florida Statutes. The draft final order has been
4 prepared and circulated and it's now ready for a
5 vote.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. We did direct
7 the staff to circulate a final order. I believe
8 all of your offices have had time to review it. I
9 move to approve the order as presented. Is there
10 a second?

11 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRONIS: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON: Second.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing no
14 objection, the motion carries. Okay. Thank you
15 very much.

16 We now have Board of Trustees of the
17 Internal Improvement Trust Fund, Shawn Hamilton.

18 Three items. First three items.

19 (Request for Approval of Minutes - January
20 17th, 2022.)

21 (Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront 2023
22 Project Ranking List.)

23 (2023 Florida Forever Priority List and
24 Annual Work Plan.)

25 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON: Thank you, Governor.

1 Good morning, Trustees. The Department recommends
2 approval of items 1 through 3, which includes the
3 minutes from the previous Board of Trustees
4 Meeting. The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront
5 2023 Project Ranking List and the 2023 Florida
6 Forever Priority list and ESL work plan for FY
7 23-24.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to
9 approve the items as presented. Is there a
10 second?

11 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRONIS: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON: Second.

13 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second.

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing no
15 objection, the motion carries. Now, Secretary,
16 Items 4 through 6?

17 (Item 4, Conservation Easement - Highlands
18 County.)

19 SECRETARY HAMILTON: Items 4 through 6
20 represent four conservation easements that will
21 expand and buffer diverse habitats, conserve land,
22 and maintain the quality and natural functions of
23 land, water, and wetland systems of the state.
24 Item 4, is a request to place a conservation
25 easement over 1,285 acres within the Blue Head

1 Ranch Florida Forever Project from LTL Real Estate
2 Holdings, LLC, Lee and Tracy Lightsey for a
3 purchase price of \$4,000,000.

4 (Conservation Easement - Manatee County.)

5 Item 5, is a request to place a
6 conservation easement over a total 1,611 acres
7 within the Myakka wastelands border federal
8 projects from Big Ski Ranch, LLC, and land South
9 Manatee, LLC, for \$5,621,000.

10 (Conservation Easement - Osceola County.)

11 And lastly, Item 6, is a request to place a
12 conservation easement over 4,222 acres within the
13 Big Bend Swamp, Florida Forever Project, from
14 Bronsons, LLP, for \$12,800,000. All four of these
15 properties are located in the Florida wildlife
16 corridor and provide vital linkages to the
17 surrounding conservation lands. The Department
18 recommends approval of items 4 through 6.

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to
20 approve the items as presented. Is there a
21 second?

22 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRONIS: Second.

23 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON: Second.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing no
25 objection, the motion carries. Okay, Items 7

1 through 8?

2 (Land Acquisition - Santa Rose County.)

3 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON: Item 7, is a request
4 to acquire 1,506 acres within the Wolf Beach
5 Forest Florida Forever Project from the Trust for
6 Public Land for a purchase price of \$6,084,640.
7 And authority to place a restricted easement over
8 a portion of the property and the United States
9 Navy. Its acquisition to Phase 7 will provide
10 base parking to the busiest Naval Air Station in
11 the world, NSA gliding field. If all available
12 partnership funding is obtained, the Board's
13 responsibility will be just 3 percent of the
14 overall purchase price. The profit will be
15 managed by Airfax Florida Service, as an addition
16 to the Blackwater River State bars.

17 (Land Acquisition - Liberty County.)

18 Item 8, is a request to acquire 12,439
19 acres located in the Telogia Creek Florida Forever
20 Project from Super Tupelo AG, LLC, for
21 \$18,090,745. This item was withdrawn from
22 consideration at the January Board of Trustee
23 meetings to allow additional time for the
24 department of the FWC to engage with community
25 stakeholders. Notably, FWC will manage this

1 property as a wildlife management area and will
2 work with the community extensively to develop a
3 management plan, which will include hunting and
4 other recreational opportunities for the public.
5 I will also note, Liberty County is currently
6 receiving and continues to be eligible for the
7 Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program as outlined in
8 law. The Department will continue to work with
9 the county to ensure they receive payments for all
10 eligible properties. The department recommends
11 approval of items 7 and 8.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to
13 approve the items as presented. Is there a
14 second?

15 COMMISSIONER SIMPSON: Second.

16 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRONIS: Second.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing no
18 objection, the motion carries. Okay, thank you,
19 Secretary Hamilton. Do any other cabinet members
20 have anything for the good of the order.

21 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRONIS: No.

22 Thank you, sir.

23 ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: No.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Meeting is adjourned.

25 Take care.

Errata Sheet

Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund

Meeting Date: March 13, 2023

Page	Line	Error or Change	Reason for Change
6	20	17th, 2022 to 17, 2023	Incorrect
6	25	COMMISSIONER SIMPSON to SECRETARY HAMILTON	Incorrect
7	4	Waterfront to Waterfronts	Incorrect
7	6	ESL to DSL	Incorrect
7	19	Add 'Certainly Governor' prior to 'Items 4'	Incorrect
8	7	Change 'wastelands border federal' to 'Ranchlands Florida Forever'	Incorrect
8	8	Projects to Project	Incorrect
8	8	Ski to Slough	Incorrect
8	13	Add 'Holopaw Ranch' prior to 'Florida Forever'	Incorrect
9	3	COMMISSIONER SIMPSON to SECRETARY HAMILTON	Incorrect
9	3	Add 'Thank you Governor' prior to 'Item 7'	Incorrect
9	4	Change Wolf Beach to Wolfe Creek	Incorrect
9	7	Change restricted to restrictive	Incorrect
9	8	Change 'and the' to 'in favor of the'	Incorrect
9	9	Change 'Its' to 'This'	Incorrect
9	9	Change 'to' to 'is'	Incorrect
9	9	Add 'and' prior to 'will'	Incorrect
9	10	Change 'parking' to 'buffering'	Incorrect
9	11	Change 'gliding' to 'Whiting'	Incorrect
9	14	Change 'profit' to 'property'	Incorrect
9	15	Change 'Airfax' to 'FDACS'	Incorrect
9	15	Change "Florida' to 'Forest'	Incorrect
9	16	Change 'bars' to 'forest'	Incorrect
9	20	Eliminate 'Super'	Incorrect
9	21	Change '\$18,090,745' to '\$18,098,745'	Incorrect
9	24	Change 'of the' to 'and'	Incorrect