

Acquisition and Restoration Council Regional Public Hearing and Meeting Results

Date: August 12, 2022

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Department of Environmental Protection
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
Conference Room 137
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399

And via Webinar

Members in Attendance:

Ms. Alissa Lotane, DHR
Mr. Erin Albury, FFS
Ms. Lynetta Griner, Citizen Member
Dr. Thomas Eason, FWC
Dr. Bill Palmer, Citizen Member
Ms. Elva Peppers, Citizen Member
Ms. Mara Gambineri, ARC Chair, DEP

ARC Staff Director: Ms. Shauna Allen, DEP

Item 1: Call to Order immediately following the Regional Hearing at 9:10 a.m.

Item 2: Consider the June 10, 2022, meeting summary.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the meeting summary with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

ARC STAFF REPORTS

Item 3: Items approved by the Division of State Lands via the online negative response process since the June 2022 ARC meeting.

ARC Action: No action required.

Item 4: Update on the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever Project from the Office of Environmental Services.

ARC Action: No action required.

LESS THAN 40-ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Item 5: Determine whether a 26.14-acre conservation easement in Jefferson County, Florida, over property belonging to Belle Terre Land Partners, LLC fulfills a clearly delineated state conservation policy and yields a significant public benefit.

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the easement with Ms. Peppers seconding. Dr. Palmer recused himself. ARC approved the item unanimously.

LAND ADMINISTRATION

Item 6: Consider whether an approximately 1.61-acre, 20-foot wide, public underground wastewater force main within Rainbow Springs State Park and the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Area is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

ARC Action: Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the easement with Ms. Lotane seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 7: Consider whether an approximately 5.199-acre public transportation easement to the State of Florida Department of Transportation within the Withlacoochee State Forest Whispering Pines Park is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

ARC Action: Mr. Albury made the motion to approve the easement with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

Item 8: Consider a 10-year update to the Janet Butterfield Brooks Wildlife and Environmental Area Management Plan (Lease No. 4594).

ARC Action: Dr. Palmer made the motion to approve the management plan update with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 9: Consider a 10-year update to the Oleta River State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 3154).

ARC Action: Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the management plan update with Dr. Eason seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 10: Consider a 10-year update to the Yellow River Marsh Preserve State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 4306).

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the management plan update with Ms. Lotane seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

FLORIDA FOREVER

Item 11: Vote on whether to combine the Aucilla River Corridor, Econfina Timberlands, West Aucilla River Buffer, Wacissa/Aucilla River Sinks Florida Forever projects, and the Wacissa/Aucilla River Sinks tracts of the St. Joe Timberlands Florida Forever project to create a new Florida Forever project

named the Aucilla/Wacissa Watershed Florida Forever project to be added to the 2023 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the staff recommendation with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the project and add it to the 2023 priority list.

Item 12: Vote on whether to amend the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever Project Boundary for the FWC to add two properties totaling approximately 161 acres in Franklin and Glades counties with a combined tax assessed market value of \$1,064,036.

ARC Action: Dr. Palmer made the motion to approve the amendment with Ms. Peppers seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

Item 13: Vote on whether to amend the West Bay Preservation Area Florida Forever Project Boundary to add one parcel totaling approximately 87.9 acres in Bay County with a tax assessed market value of \$194,259.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the amendment with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

PRESENTATIONS

Item 14: Sentinel Landscapes in Florida Presentation

ARC Action: No action required.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.