

Acquisition and Restoration Council Meeting Results

Public Hearing: December 8, 2022

Time: 1 p.m.

Council Meeting: December 9, 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

DECEMBER 8, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Ms. Alissa Lotane, DHR

Mr. Erin Albury, FFS

Ms. Lynetta Griner, Citizen Member

Ms. Larame Ferry, 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 at 1 p.m.

Item 2: Florida Forever 2023 Cycle 1 Proposal Presentations for the Avalon Phase II, Carter-Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Floyd's Mound, Owen Creek Highlands, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company proposals.

ARC Action: No action required.

Item 3: Florida Forever Project Boundary Amendment presentations for the Strategic Managed Area Lands List, North Waccasassa Flats, Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem, Myakka Ranchlands, and Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway projects.

ARC Action: No action required.

Item 4: Take Public Testimony on the Florida Forever 2023 Cycle 1 Proposals, Florida Forever Project Boundary Amendments and other Florida Forever Projects.

ARC Action: No action required.

The hearing was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 9, 2022

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 5: Call to Order at 9 a.m.

Item 6: Consider the October 14, 2022, meeting summary.

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

ARC STAFF REPORTS

Item 7: Items approved by the Division of State Lands via the online negative response process since the October 2022 ARC meeting.

ARC Action: No action required.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Item 8: Consider a 10-year update to the Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 3463).

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

Item 9: Consider a Management Plan for Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve.

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

LAND ADMINISTRATION

Item 10: Consider whether an approximately two-acre parcel of state-owned land, managed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service Florida Forest Service as part of the Blackwater River State Forest, is no longer needed for conservation purposes in exchange for approximately 10 acres of private property.

ARC Action: Ms. Lotane made the motion to approve the exchange request with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

FLORIDA FOREVER

Item 11: Develop the 2023 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve 2023 Florida Forever Priority List with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously. See the attachment for the approved list.

Item 12: Vote on whether the Avalon Phase II, Carter-Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Floyd's Mound, Owen Creek Highlands, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company Florida Forever 2023 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals will proceed through the project evaluation process for potential addition to the 2024 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: ARC members voted unanimously by seven votes to initiate a full review of the Carter-Quail Ranch, Creek Ranch, Owen Creek Highlands, Quail Creek Ranch, and Williamson Cattle Company proposals. Dr. Palmer recused himself from the votes on Avalon Phase II and Floyd's Mound and six members voted to initiate a full review of those proposals.

Item 13: Vote on whether to amend the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever Project Boundary for the FWC to add seven parcels totaling approximately 297 acres in Gadsden County with a tax assessed market value of \$944,940.

ARC Action: Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

Item 14: Vote on whether to amend the North Waccasassa Flats Florida Forever Project Boundary to add five parcels totaling approximately 562 acres in Gilchrist County with a tax assessed market value of \$1,405,936.

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

Item 15: Vote on whether to amend the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Florida Forever Project Boundary to add four parcels totaling approximately 431 acres in Highlands County with a tax assessed market value of \$136,352.

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

Item 16: Vote on whether to amend the Myakka Ranchlands Florida Forever Project Boundary to add three parcels totaling approximately 748 acres in DeSoto and Manatee counties with a tax assessed value of \$1,314,040.

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

Item 17: Vote on whether to amend the Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever Project Boundary to add four parcels totaling approximately 906 acres in Putnam County with a tax assessed market value of \$1,994,086.

ARC Action: Mr. Albury made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

Item 18: Vote on whether to amend the Etoniah/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever Project Boundary to add ten parcels totaling approximately 563 acres in Putnam County with a tax assessed market value of \$1,457,600.

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

Item 19: This item was removed by the applicant.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.