**Florida Communities Trust governing board**

**Quarterly Meeting Summary**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**Members Present**

Mara Gambineri (Chair), (in-person); Noah Valenstein, Deborah Denys, Frank Mingo, Greg Jones, (all virtual via GoToWebinar).

**Staff Present**

Rebecca Wood (Program Manager); Linda Reeves (Operations Manager); Lois

La Seur (Senior Attorney); Marjorie Karter (Bureau of Real Estate Services); William McMahon (Planner, Region 1); Bill Bibby (Planner, Region 2); Rita Ventry (Planner, Region 3); Melanie Orozco, (Division of State Lands); Callie DeHaven (Director of State Lands); Andrew Fleener (Assistant Director of State Lands)

**Others Present**

Derek Schroth (City of Eustis Attorney); Leslie Campione (Lake County Commissioner); Melanie Marsh (Lake County. Attorney); William Spicola (Attorney for Jerry Brown); Ben Snyder (V.P., Hanover Land Co.); Jerry Brown (5 Cranes, LLC); James Adamski (President, Friends of the Wekiva River);

**Virtual via GoToWebinar**

Dee Ann Miller (Comms. Director); James Adamski; Lori Barnes; Tom Carrino; Chad Stevens (Acting General Counsel); Carla Gaskin (Dep. Secretary’s Office); Terry Bentley (Dep. Secretary’s Office); Janet Gil (Miami-Dade County); Willie Hawkins (City of Eustis); Melissa Hill; Matthew Jones (City of Port Orange); Karen LeHeup-Smith (City of Eustis); Emily Lee (City of Eustis); Mark Mathes (City of Fellsmere); Erin McDade (Dep. Press Secretary); Cindy Newton; Pat Nicoll; Mindy Parrott (South Florida Water Management District); Tammy Pena; Nancy Prine; Deborah Shelley; Lisa Spadafina (Miami-Dade County); Shauna Allen, (Division of State Lands); Valerie Anderson (Friends of Split Oak Forest); Sandra Sullivan; Jennifer Tisthammer (Miami-Dade County)

**Call to Order**

Chair Gambinericalled the February 16, 2022, meeting of the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board to order at 10:00 AM.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Gambineriwelcomed those present and introduced Board members and FCT Staff. Chair Gambinerirecognized a quorum was present. Linda Reeves followed the welcome and introductions with meeting instructions.

**Meeting Instructions**

Presentation by Linda Reeves on housekeeping rules and instructions for webinar and public testimony.

**Informational Item**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

Chair Gambineri called meeting to order again; waited for Deborah Denys’ audio participation.

**Item 2: Upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates**

**Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Meeting Dates:**

* **August 10, 2022**
* **December 14, 2022**
* **February 15, 2023**
* **May 17, 2023**

**No Comments or questions.**

Board members will vote on these dates at the April 20th meeting.

**Action Items**

**Item 3: Consider the July 27, 2021 and December 7, 2021 Meeting Summaries**

Staff recommends approval of the meeting summaries.

**No comments or questions.**

Motion by: **Noah Valenstein to approve the two meeting summaries for**

**consideration by the Board of Trustees.**

Second by: **Greg Jones**

**No comments or questions.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 4: Consider City of Fellsmere Request for Extension of Grant Agreement, Tract**

**B, FCT# 18-011-FF19**

Rita Ventry presented the City’s request for the grant agreement extension.

**Comment – Noah Valenstein:** Appreciate work from staff in limiting to a year.

Motion by: **Noah Valenstein to approve the City’s request for extension of**

**grant agreement for consideration by the Board of Trustees.**

Second by: **Frank Mingo**

**No comments or questions.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 5: Consider Lake County Request for Approval to Transfer a Portion of**

**Lake May Reserve to Friends of Wekiva River, Lake May Reserve,**

**FCT# 11-007-FF11**

Lois La Seur presented Lake County’s request for conveyance of a parcel to Friends of Wekiva River.

Continued audio issues throughout for webinar attendees; presentation summary was repeated by Lois.

**Questions from Board Members:**

**Noah Valenstein:** Can staff confirm that there is not a statutory basis for rejection?

**Frank Mingo:** Can staff explain why deed didn’t go back to Lake May Preserve for the 25’ strip?

**Greg Jones:** Did the County have authority to transfer without the title?

**Comments from Public:**

**Derek Schroth: Against –** City Attorney for City of Eustis

**William Spicola: Against –** Attorney for Jerry Brown

**Ben Snyder: Against –** Represents Harper and Simpson Families

**Jerry Brown: Against –** Landowner; represents 5 Cranes, LLC

**Sandra Sullivan: Against –** Virtual Attendee

**Leslie Campione: Support –** Commissioner, Lake County, District 4

**Melanie Marsh: Support –** Attorney for Lake County

**James Adamski: Support –** President, Friends of the Wekiva River

Motion by: **Noah Valenstein to approve the County’s request for approval to transfer a portion of Lake May Reserve to Friends of Wekiva River for consideration by the Board of Trustees.**

Second by: **Frank Mingo**

**No comments or questions.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 6: Request by Miami-Dade County for FCT Approval of an Amendment to an**

**Agreement to Certify FCT Lands in Biscayne Coastal Wetlands, Tract A**

**FCT# 98-023-P8A for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program**

**(CERP)**

Bill Bibby presented Miami-Dade County’s request for approval of an amendment to an agreement to certify FCT lands in Biscayne Coastal Wetlands.

**No comments or questions.**

Motion by: **Noah Valenstein** **to approve the County’s request for approval**

**of an amendment to an agreement to certify FCT lands in Biscayne**

**Coastal Wetlands for consideration by the Board of Trustees.**

Second by: **Greg Jones**

**No comments or questions.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 7: Consider City of Port Orange Request for Land Exchange, Town Center**

**Marcantonio Property, FCT# 02-094-FF2**

Rita Ventry presented the City of Port Orange’s request for the proposed land exchange of the Marcantonio Property with the remaining Town Center/Hoffmeister and Wilson properties.

**Comment from Board Member:**

**Deborah Denys:** Wholeheartedly approve of this project.

**Comment from Public:**

**Matthew Jones: Support – Attorney for** City of Port Orange

Motion by: **Noah Valenstein** **to approve the City’s request for the land exchange**

**of Marcantonio property for consideration by the Board of Trustees.**

Second by: **Greg Jones**

**No comments or questions.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 8: Public Comment**

Chair Gambineri opened the meeting to public comment.

**No comments or questions.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: **Noah Valenstein to adjourn the meeting.**

Second by: **Deborah Denys**

**No comments or questions.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Chair Gambineri adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM**