**Florida Communities Trust governing board**

**Quarterly Meeting Summary**

**April 20, 2022**

**Members Present**

Mara Gambineri (Chair), Noah Valenstein, Deborah Denys, Frank Mingo (all in-person)

**Staff Present**

Rebecca Wood (Program Manager); Linda Reeves (Operations Manager); Lois La Seur (Senior Attorney); West Gregory (Deputy General Counsel); Carla Gaskin (Executive Staff Director); Rachel Crum (Bureau of Real Estate Services); William McMahon (Planner, Region 1); Bill Bibby (Planner, Region 2); Melanie Orozco (Division of State Lands); Callie DeHaven (Director of State Lands); Simone James (Office of Environmental Services); Sine Murray (Office of Environmental Services); Kira Carmichael (Division of State Lands)

**Others Present**

Members of the public both in person and virtually via GoToWebinar.

**Call to Order**

Chair Gambinericalled the April 20, 2022, meeting of the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Informational Item**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

Chair Gambineri called the meeting to order.

**Action Items**

**Item 2: Consider the February 16, 2022, Meeting Summary**

Staff recommends approval of the February 16, 2022, meeting summary.

*No comments or questions from the public.*

**Motion by:** Noah Valenstein to approve the meeting summary.

**Second by:** Deborah Denys

*No comments or questions from the Board.*

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 3: Consider Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates**

Staff recommends approval of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board meeting dates.

*No comments or questions from the public.*

**Motion by:** Noah Valenstein to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board meeting dates.

**Second by:** Deborah Denys

*No comments or questions from the Board.*

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 4: Consider Unencumbered Funds for Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant Program**

Will McMahon presented the roll down of unencumbered funds for Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront Grant Program from previous submission cycles.

Staff recommends approval of rolling down of all available unused funds from previous submission cycles to fund the Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant Application Cycle for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

*No comments or questions from the public.*

**Motion by:** Noah Valenstein to approve the roll down of unencumbered funds of Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant Program.

**Second by:** Frank Mingo

**Comments from Board:**

**Noah Valenstein:** Good to see increased enthusiasm in the program.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 5: Consider Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant**

**Application Cycle**

Will McMahon presented the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant Application Cycle.

Staff recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant Application Cycle of August 1 through September 1, 2022.

*No comments or questions from the public.*

**Motion by:** Noah Valenstein to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Stan Mayfield Working

Waterfronts Grant Application Cycle of August 1 through September 1, 2022.

**Second by:** Frank Mingo

**Comments from Board:**

**Noah Valenstein:** Excited for this grant cycle and hopes staff continues to get the word out about this great program.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 6: Consider City of Satellite Beach Request for Management Plan Modification**

**to Allow for Linear Facilities, Oceanfront Wildlife and Habitat Preserve, FCT**

**Project #98-044-P8A**

Bill Bibby presented the City of Satellite Beach’s request for Management Plan Modification to allow for linear facilities on Oceanfront Wildlife and Habitat Preserve.

The City has mitigated impact to the FCT project site as follows:

1. No high frequency radar installation will occur during turtle nesting season (April 1 – October 31).
2. Cable laying will be conducted to minimize any impacts to the dunes and beach mice.
3. There are sea grapes near the main dune crossover; however, the radar installation will not occur in the sea grape area.
4. After a storm or natural disaster, when the area has been cleared as safe to enter by the local government, the Florida Institute of Technology will conduct a site visit to ensure no cables have fallen from underneath the boardwalk.
5. All installation materials will be removed upon completion of installation; all instruments/installations must be removed when no longer in use to avoid the creation of marine debris.

**Motion by:** Noah Valenstein to approve the City’s request for Management Plan Modification to allow for Linear Facilities, Oceanfront Wildlife and Habitat Preserve.

**Second by:** Frank Mingo

**Comments from Board:**

**Noah Valenstein:** Thorough work by staff.

**Deborah Denys:** Interested in public comment on the issue. Understands that the City will have to grant an easement; public access will still be provided, and the request is for a temporary easement. Offered an opinion on a successful project in New Smyrna Beach.

**Comments from Public (In-Person):**

Sandra Sullivan; Jennifer Durton; Matt Fleming; Gretchen Robinson; Dominick Montanaro; Dawn Adams; Kim Buchheit; Courtney Barker

**Comments from Public (Online):**

Dr. Steven Lazarus

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Item 7: Consider Orange and Osceola Counties Request for Management Plan Modification to Allow for the Construction of a Linear Facility, Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area, FCT Project #91-009-P1A**

Callie DeHaven presented the Counties’ request for Management Plan Modification to allow for the construction of a linear facility on Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.

West Gregory provided information regarding the standard the Board should consider when making a decision on the item.

The following items must be resolved prior to any formal transfer of interest in the land:

* Counties must advise if they will accept title to the proposed 1,550 acres of donated land.
* Counties must provide a survey, environmental site assessment, and title work for the additional 1,550 acres
* Counties must describe how the proposed addition of 1,550 acres to the site will be managed and by whom.
* Counties must provide a revised management plan adjusted to account for the linear facility and incorporating the additional property into the Split Oak project to FCT.
* Counties must provide draft easements for the 60- and 100-acre parcels proposed for impacts.
* Osceola County must provide documentation to FCT that it has satisfied its outstanding mortgage.
* Counties must obtain release of easements held by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the South Florida Water Management District that are not consistent with the expansion of the Osceola Parkway Extension.

**Motion by:**  Noah Valenstein to approve the Counties’ request for Management Plan Modification to allow for the construction of a Linear Facility, Split Oak Forest

Wildlife and Environmental Area, as presented.

**Second by:**  Deborah Denys

**Comments from Board:**

**Noah Valenstein:** Helpful to keep in context the future permitting issues necessary for a

project like this to move forward. Hope the public will be engaged in future reviews as some comments would be best addressed by those permitting agencies.

**Deborah Denys:** Local control and home rule are important. Counties and other entities have had multiple public meetings and opportunities for public comment over the past 10 years. Agenda item lists items that must be addressed by Counties prior to the transfer of any interest in the land.

**Frank Mingo:** Question regarding how staff will evaluate the environmental site assessment of the proposed additional 1,550 acres.

**Comments from Public (In-Person):**

Beth Jackson; Don Fisher; Will Abberger; Sid Bigham; Fred Hawkins; Angela Brito; Susana Restrepo; Matt Fleming; Aliki Moncrief; Tammy Crew; Lesley Blackner; Katrina Shadix; Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson; Jerome J. Madigan; Kim Buchheit; Brandon Arrington; Tawny Olore; Elizabeth Johnson; Reed Noss; Julie Wraithmell; Gretchen Robinson; Sharon Smoley; John Newstreet; Lee Perry; Megan Sorbo; Andrew Cole; Chuck O’Neal; Jim Erwin; Jeanette Lambert; Grace Harris; Matthew Harris; Nicole Heilman Wilson; Preston Robertson; Valerie Anderson; Kay Hudson; Mary Nesler; Jessica Sullivan; Kathleen F. Fitzgerald; Caitlin Fogarty; Erin F. Schlichenmaier; Dalton Maddox; Sandra Sullivan; Vincent Zuniasg; Dawn Adams

**Comments from Public (Online):**

Mike Hill; Angela Phillips; Rachel Tybor; Richard Creech; Devin Collins; Suzanne Arnold; Elizabeth Kufrovich; Wes Hodge; Rishi Bagga; Bri Tampa; Lucas Fowler; Karl Deigert; Joseph Humphreys; David Magness; Deborah Longman; Ramer Maguire; Hannah Gutner; Eric Rollings; Rachel Deming; Richard Grosso; JR McGovern; Vincent Marcucci

**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 from the public.*

**Adjournment**

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

**Second by:** Frank Mingo

*No comments or questions from the Board.*

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVE**

**APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**

**WITHDRAW**

**NOT APPROVE**

**OTHER:**

**Chair Gambineri adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.**