

Acquisition and Restoration Council Meeting Results

Date: June 9, 2023

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. Rick Dolan, 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

COUNCIL MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order at 9:03 a.m.

Item 2: Consider the April 14, 2023, regional hearing and meeting summary.

ARC Action: The meeting summary was presented for consensus. There being no objections, the meeting summary was approved by unanimous consent.

ARC STAFF REPORTS

Item 3: Items approved by the Division of State Lands via the online negative response process since the April 2023 ARC meeting.

ARC Action: No action required.

LESS THAN 40-ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Item 4: Determine whether a 20-acre conservation easement in Putnam County, Florida, over property belonging to Nora and Jeffrey Hanson 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 Mr. Dolan seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

LAND ADMINISTRATION

Item 5: Consider whether amending an existing easement to add approximately 1.876-acres for access to benefit an underground electrical utility easement within the J.R. Alford Greenway is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

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

Item 6: Consider whether an approximately 0.53-acre public easement for installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground sewer force main across Koreshan State Park is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the easement with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Item 7: Consider a 10-year update to the River Lakes Conservation Area Management Plan (Lease No. 3803).

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

Item 8: Consider a 10-year update to the Indian Lake State Forest Management Plan (Lease No. 4577).

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

Item 9: Consider a 10-year update to the Myakka State Forest Management Plan (Lease Nos. 4102 and 4327).

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

FLORIDA FOREVER

Item 10: Vote on whether to amend the Apalachicola River Florida Forever Project Boundary to add seven parcels totaling approximately 424 acres in Calhoun County with a tax assessed market value of \$244,382.

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

Item 11: Vote on whether to amend the Strategic Managed Area Lands List Florida Forever Project Boundary for the Division of Recreation and Parks to add two parcels totaling approximately 249 acres in St. Lucie and Wakulla counties with a tax assessed market value of \$264,950.

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

Item 12: Take Public Testimony on the Florida Forever 2023 Cycle 2 Proposals.

ARC Action: No action required.

Item 13: Vote on whether the Chunky Pond, Deer Creek Ranch, English Forest Preserve, Ford Marsh, Lake Powell North, Little Pine Ranch, Myakka Ranch, Trailhead Blue Springs, Venus Project, Waccasassa Bay Headwaters, Welles Ranch, and Yarborough Ranch Florida Forever 2023 Cycle 2 Florida Forever proposals will proceed through the project evaluation process for potential addition to the 2024 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason was excused from the meeting prior to the vote. ARC voted unanimously by six votes for the Chunky Pond, Deer Creek Ranch, English Forest Preserve, Ford Marsh, Lake Powell North, Little Pine Ranch, Myakka Ranch, Trailhead Blue Springs, Venus Project, Waccasassa Bay Headwaters, Welles Ranch, and Yarborough Ranch proposals to initiate a full review.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.