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# IRL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## **Minutes from the joint meeting of the Management Board and STEM Advisory Committees on July 10, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

*Up the Creek Farms, 3590 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950*

### **Attendance:**

Stu Glass, Chris Ferraro, Vince Lamb, Tom Campenni, Clay Henderson, Bill Tredik, Mike McCabe, Anthony Catanese, Judy Orcutt, Bob Musser, Kevin Shropshire, Tom Carey, Dianne Hughes, Joe Falzone, Lynne Phillips, Jennifer DiMaio, Kathy LaMartina, Kelli McGee, Laurilee Thompson, Doug Gibson.

Edie Widder, Chris DiBodisco, George Jones, Leroy Creswell, Anne Birch, Leesa Souto, Linda Walters, Lisa Krimsky, David Cox, Richard Paperno, John Trefry, Patti Gorman, Chuck Jacoby, Chad Truxall, Hyun Jung Cho.

### **Agenda Item 1. Call to Order (Chuck Jacoby Kathy LaMartina, Co-chairs)**

Meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m.

### **Agenda Item 2. Agenda Revisions**

None

### **Agenda Item 3. Minutes Approval**

#### **Management Board:**

Requested Action: Approval of minutes from meeting on January 9, 2018

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY DIANNE HUGHES TO APPROVE THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2018 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **STEM:**

Requested Action: Approval of minutes from STEM meetings on January 23, 2018 and March 20, 2018.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID COX, SECONDED BY CHRIS DIBODISCO, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 23 AND MARCH 20 STEM MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item 4. Introductions, Updates and New Member Welcome**

Members introduced themselves. New Management Board members, Mel Bromberg, Greg Wilson and Jennifer DiMaio were welcomed.

**Agenda Item 5. Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Item 6. Committee Reports**

Dr. Chuck Jacoby gave an update on the STEM committee's vetting of the Risk-Based Vulnerability Assessment being conducted and of its involvement with development of the CCMP action plans.

Duane De Freese, reporting for Frank Catino, gave the update from the CAC and reported on the vetting of small grants program projects.

Stu Glass gave the Finance Subcommittee report from the meeting held immediately before the current meeting. He reported that the FAC reviewed the audit findings and were happy to see a clean audit; they also reviewed the budget adjustments that will be voted on and recommended a motion to accept these.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SEONDED BY TOM CAREY, TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentations**

Dianne Hughes gave the water quality update for the southern IRL, reporting that 25 inches of rain had fallen in Martin County recently. She briefed the committee on the ongoing algal blooms and what the county response to them has been.

Chuck Jacoby provided a status report on seagrasses in the IRL and current water quality conditions on the north and central IRL.

**Agenda Item 8. Old Business**

a. Update: IRL Enhanced Circulation and Flow (Duane De Freese)

Duane De Freese provided an update on the status of a pilot flushing study. He reviewed the FIT modeling study that had been commissioned that modeled segments of the lagoon and their water flow under scenarios where causeways are removed. It was his

feeling that the current level of interest and available options do not support the IRLNEP taking the lead on a pilot project.

Vince Lamb commented that the public wants to see the energy of the NEP behind a project. The lack of action is a poor perception among the public.

Duane agreed but offered that such a project is larger than the capacity of the NEP. Duane sees it as a state or federal project, not an NEP project. Construction costs alone could be in the \$10 million range.

Duane requested guidance on recommended next steps. By show of hands, 7 members were adamantly opposed to ocean enhanced flow; 16 people recommended keeping this option on the table; and 2 people recommended moving ahead immediately to a pilot project.

Requested Action: No action requested. Update will cover progress to date.

- b. Risk-Based Vulnerability Assessment - Survey (Randy Parkinson/Valerie Seidel)  
Requested Action: Participation in an exercise to provide feedback for the Risk-Based Vulnerability Assessment.

Randy Parkinson gave an update on the Risk-based Vulnerability Assessment for the IRL. Dan Dougherty of Balmoral Group conducted real time polling of how climate risks affect living resources, human-built environments, and ecological factors.

### **Break for Lunch**

- c. Draft CCMP roll out (Duane De Freese and Marcy Frick, Tetra Tech)  
Requested Action: No Motion was requested. Update was for information only.

Duane De Freese, Marcy Frick and Matt Shelton from Tetra Tech updated members on progress in revising the CCMP.

Major changes to the format of the plan have been implemented, the CCMP has been aligned with program projects and goals; EPA performance measures have been incorporated and goals aligned with EPA evaluation criteria; deliverables of the NEP have been clearly identified; and a project inventory has been generated.

### **Agenda Item 9. New Business**

- a. Audit Findings (Frank Sakuma)  
Requested Action: No action requested. Update will cover findings to be presented by Auditors to the Board at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Frank Sakuma reviewed the audit findings and reported to the members that the audit was clean, with no findings.

b. Budget Revision(s) and Business Plan Reconciliation

1. FY 2017–2018 Budget Amendment (Frank Sakuma)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend the Board of Directors adopt resolution 2018-03 amending the FY 2017-2018 budget, based on annual audit reconciliation and projections to year-end.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLI MCGEE, SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE 2018-03 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2017-2018 BUDGET.

2. FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Frank Sakuma)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend the Board of Directors adopt resolution 2018-04 amending the FY 2018-2019 budget, identifying funds available after reconciliation of annual financial audit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CLAY HENDERSON, SECONDED BY KELLI MCGEE TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-04 AMENDING THE FY 2018-2019 BUDGET THAT IDENTIFIES FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM FY 2017-2018.

3. FY 2018-2019 Business Plan Reconciliation to Amended Budget (Duane De Freese)

Requested Motion: Motion to recommend the Board of Directors direct staff to amend the FY 2018-2019 Business Plan and authorize funding and contract negotiation of additional projects based on RFP Rankings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY STU GLASS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECT STAFF TO AMEND THE FY 2018-2019 BUSINESS PLAN.

a. Small Grants Program Projects (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action (By separate motions):

1. Motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept and approve the final ranked list of projects.
2. Motion to recommend the Board of Directors fund the top twelve ranked proposals contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY STU GLASS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY STU GLASS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FUND THE TOP RANKED ROPOSALS CONSISTENT AND CONTINGENT ON BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AWARDEES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Agenda Item 10. IRLNEP Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

- Duane De Freese introduced Reed Coffee, first summer intern for the IRLNEP, who is working on an innovation and technology directory.
- He reviewed the Biosolids workshop that occurred in June.
- He announced the special meeting of the Board of Directors and encouraged those present to participate.
- 5 new members are being added to the IRLI2 network: Coldwell Banker Paradise, Sebastian River Arts Club, Dredging and Marine Consultants, Groundswell Startups, Florida Air Tours, and potentially, Boston Whaler.

### **Agenda Item 11. Final Comments**

Leroy Creswell announced the event DNA Angler to inventory fish species citizen-science project. He left flyers for those present.

Clay Henderson reviewed the Amendment 1 funding challenge working its way through the courts. A recent court decision narrowed the opinion to reduce the dollars available for restoration. This ruling orders that only lands funded using Amendment 1 funding could be restored. Clay expects the Legislature to appeal the ruling.

Kathy LaMartina announced that an RFP was issued for SFWMD's portion of the IRL License Plate funding. Projects will be reviewed and recommended for funding in the next month.

### **Agenda Item 12. Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned.