



IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes from the meeting of October 26, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Indian River County Commission Chambers, Vero Beach, FL

Attendance: Thomas Frick, Doug Bournique, Kathy LaMartina, Deb Denys, Curt Smith, Susan Adams, Chris Dzadovsky, Ed Fielding

Agenda Item 1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chris Dzadovsky called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2. Agenda Revisions

None.

Agenda Item 3. Resolutions, Recognition and Awards

Doug Bournique presented the Board with a ceremonial check for \$500,000 on behalf of the St. Johns River Water Management District in recognition of their annual contribution to the IRLNEP.

Agenda Item 4. Public Comment

Jennifer DiMaio, EPA Region 4, gave remarks about the IRLNEP's responsiveness to GPRA reporting, leveraging, development of the CCMP, and annual report.

Bob Stephen, resident of Sebastian, called attention to the City's spraying of local canals with glyphosate and the health risks known to be associated with glyphosate use. Ed Fielding agreed with comments made.

Agenda Item 5. IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports

- a. **Management Board:** Kathy LaMartina reported on the October 23 Management Board meeting, stating the board found informative a presentation on muck dredging and resistivity. She noted the board would also like short presentations from those receiving contracts to update on projects being conducted; she noted that CCMP commenting by the board has been disappointing to date with less than half of the board weighing in with their comments for review.
- b. **STEM Advisory Committee:** Dr. Chuck Jacoby reviewed the September 19 STEM meeting, noting the STEM too has had disappointing commenting on the CCMP. The Committee discussed what could be done to infuse energy into the STEM, deciding to focus future meetings on topics of interest to the science community.

- c. **Citizens' Advisory Committee:** Kathy Hill reviewed the CAC meeting of October 18 which focused on the draft CCMP. CAC members had very useful comments regarding how to translate the more technical CCMP for use by the public.

Agenda Item 6. Water Quality reports

- a. Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD, gave the water quality report for northern and central IRL, noting that salinities have been moderate and temperatures lower, resulting in generally better water quality. Banana Rive continues to be a problem regarding brown tide algal blooms with Chlorophyll levels remaining about 100 mg/L. Patchy blooms of other species have been noted around Eau Gallie, Mosquito Lagoon and KSC. Seagrass maps produced from 2017 data show a continued loss of seagrasses. Doug Bournique mentioned that a sea levels rise, sainity in the IRL will improve for seagrasses. Ed Fielding noted that TMDLs are inadequate and allow pollution rather than abate it. Chris Dzadovsky noted that BMPs may also need to be adjusted to help improve water quality.
- b. Dianne Hughes, Martin County gave a southern IRL water quality report. She noted Lake Okeechobee levels have almost returned below 14 feet. The lake had been at 16 feet previously. Discharges leaving the Lake are at approximately 4400 cfs. Discharges were halted October 5. Red Tide was reported on September 29.

Agenda Item 7. IRLNEP Project Findings – Speed round updates

- a. ORCA Canal Study: Dr. Edie Widder reviewed the findings from ORCA's study of 3 canals.
- b. Irene Arpayoglou, FDEP, gave an update of the Limited mobility project on a spoil island.

Agenda Item 8. Aeration and Muck Flux update

Dr. Austin fox gave a project update on Florida Institute of Technology's sediment aeration study that is investigation whether sediment aeration is a viable counterpart to muck dredging in the IRL.

Agenda Item 9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from August 24, 2018 special meeting.
- b. New appointments:
 - 1. Commissioner Smith appointed Doug Patterson to the CAC
 - 2. Councilwoman Denys appointed Dr. Adeljean Ho as the replacement on the STEM to Dr. Hyun Jung Cho, who resigned.
 - 3. Commissioner Adams appointed Dr. Graham Cox to the CAC.

A MOTION WS MADE BY EF FIELDING, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 10. Old Business

- a. IRL CCMP Revision Update: (Tetra Tech and Duane De Freese)
Requested Actions: Motion to direct staff to prepare a Final Draft CCMP based on Management Conference and public input collected up to November 30, 2018 and

bring Final Draft to the IRL Council for review, adoption and submittal to EPA for certification at the December 14 “All Hands meeting”.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A FINAL DRAFT CCMP AND COLLECT PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2018 AND BRING THE REVISED FINAL DRAFT TO THE IRL COUNCIL FOR REVIEW, ADOPTION AND SUBMITTAL TO THE US EPA FOR CERTIFICATION AT THE DECEMBER 14, 2018 ALL HANDS MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. FY 2019-2020 Request for Proposals. Board consideration of preliminary budget allocations for RFP Guidance (Duane De Freese)
Requested Actions: Motion to accept preliminary budget allocations for the FY 2019-2020 RFP cycle to guide and assist RFP responders in proposal development.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO ACCEPT PRELIMINARLY BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FY 2019-2010 RFP CYCLE TO HELP GUIDE RFP RESPONDERS IN THEIR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. Revision to 2019 Legislative Position Statements (Duane De Freese)
Requested Actions: Motion to accept updates and additional language recommended by Executive Director in both state and federal legislative position documents.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEB DENYS, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS TO ACCEPT UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INCORPORATE THIS INTO THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 11. New Business

- a. FY 2017–2018 Budget Revision (Frank Sakuma)
Requested Action: Motion to adopt resolution 2018-05 amending the FY 2017-2018 budget, based on projections to year-end.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-06, AMENDING THE FY 2017-2018 BUDGET BASED ON PROJECTIONS TO YEAR END. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. IRL Council consideration of resolution regarding Florida biosolids management policies (Chris Dzadovsky, Chair)
Requested Action: Discussion by Board of Directors and guidance to staff and Management Conference.

Chris Dzadovsky summarized the biosolids issue and requested that staff and legal counsel work together to bring back language appropriate for an IRL Council resolution. Deb Denys requested time to bring the item to Volusia county for discussion and asked that staff bring language at the February 2019 meeting. Tom Frick mentioned that FDEP has a technical Advisory Committee meeting to discuss biosolids. He expects outcomes from this group soon, so their information could be available to help inform discussion.

Chris Dzadovsky summarized by stating that commissioners will bring the issue back to their respective boards for discussion, IRL Council Board will await outcomes from FDEP TAC and then the board will request that staff and legal counsel draft an appropriate resolution at the February meeting.

- c. IRL Council consideration of resolution regarding Florida dispersed water management policies (Chris Dzadovsky, Chair)
Requested Action: Discussion by Board of Directors and guidance to staff and Management Conference.

Chris Dzadovsky reviewed that there had been a number of requests for the Board to endorse the concept of dispersed water management and had received requests to know the disposition of the board on this topic. He cautioned that in keeping with board policy, particular projects could not be endorsed or rejected but that an overall statement could be appropriate.

- d. Request by Commissioner Fielding (Martin County) to serve on the Management Board after IRL Council Board term expires.
Requested Action: Discussion and potential motion to appoint Ed Fielding to the Management Board upon completion of his service in November 2018.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING TO PPOINT ED FIELDING TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD UPON THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM ON THE IRL COUNCIL, EFFECTIVE IN NOVEMBER.

Ed Fielding outlined his reasoning for appointment to the Management Board after expiration of his term in November. Chris Dzadovsky questioned whether it was appropriate for the Board to appoint without the consent of Martin County. He offered to write a letter endorsing an appointment for the Commissioner to assist in making their decision. Mr. Fielding accepted this proposal.

Deb Denys thanked Mr. Fielding, but stated she wished for the county to have the right to appoint.

CHRIS DZADOVSKY CALLED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO SECOND. MOTION FAILED.

- e. FY 2018-2019 meeting dates and locations (Kathy Hill, IRLNEP)
Requested Action: Motion approving the FY18-19 meeting dates and locations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY THOMAS FRICK, TO APPROVE THE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. Structure FY 2018-2019 Budget Communication Updates to the Board of Directors (Frank Sakuma, IRLNEP)
Requested Action: No action required. Update is for informational purposes only.

Frank Sakuma summarized the contact with TCRPC for purposes of formatting documents for presentation to the Board. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 12. Informational Reports (No Action Required. Information Only)

- a. Monthly Financial Statements
- b. 4th Quarter Staff Activity and Progress Report
- c. List of recommended Board actions developed at August 24th IRL Council meeting
- d. Synthesis of Innovation and Technology Presentations by Reed Coffey, IRLNEP Summer Intern and Duane De Freese

Agenda Item 13. IRLNEP Executive Director Report:

- a. IRLNEP technical support for partners
- b. Hack the IRL Event – Groundswell Start-Ups. November 2-4. <http://hacktheirl.com/>
- c. Trash Free Lagoon – Workshop October 29th with EPA consultant

Agenda Item 14. IRL Council Member Reports

Deb Denys reported the Volusia County RAP will be completed by the end of 2018.

Chris Dzadovsky noted the C23 and C24 reservoirs need to be fast-tracked – he was surprised by the amount of nutrient loadings in Dr. Widder’s presentation.

Agenda Item 15. IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcements (Chris Dzadovsky, Chair)

December 14, 2018 – “All Hands Meeting”

Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, FL.

10:00-12:00: Joint Management Board, STEMAC, CAC and IRL

Council meeting to recommend final draft CCMP to EPA;

12:00-1:30: Luncheon and Recognition Awards

Agenda Item 16. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned.