



IRL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of August 6, 2019

1:00 PM

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

Attendance: Kathy LaMartina, Bob Ulevich, Jennifer DiMaio, Vincent Burke, Tom Carey, Bob Musser, Jeff Beal, Mark Crosley, Chuck Jacoby, Judy Orcutt, Grethen Kelly, Stu Glass, Anthony Catanese, Mike McCabe, Bill Kerr, Kevin Shropshire, Vince Lamb, Laurilee Thompson, Jim Sullivan, James Gray, Greg Wilson, Barbara Lenczewski, Dianne Hughes, Chris Hendricks, Charles Vogt III.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Bob Ulevich, Chair)

Agenda Item 2. Agenda Revisions (Bob Ulevich, Chair)

The Financial Committee Report was added as Item 6 to follow Public Comment. All agenda items following were moved down one place.

Agenda Item 3. Minutes Approval (Bob Ulevich, Chair)

Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from Management Board meeting on May 7, 2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANTHONY CATANESE, SECONDED BY BILL KERR, TO APPROVE THE MEETING MNUTES FROM THE MAY 7, 2019 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 4. Introductions and New Member Welcome (Bob Ulevich, Chair)

Members introduced themselves. Barbara Lenczewski announced that this is her last meeting as she will be leaving FDEO. She will advise staff when a decision is made on her replacement. Vincent Burke was welcomed as a new member representing Indian River County.

Agenda Item 5. Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 6. Finance Committee Report

Stu Glass gave the financial Subcommittee report. There was no quorum so no formal

recommendations could be made. However, there was consensus among those present that the budget resolutions, new financial reports being provided, and the audit report have been reviewed favorably. There was a concern that the audit report notes 2 relatively minor issues that are categorized as “material weaknesses”. It was the feeling of some members that this was an overreach by the audit team.

Agenda Item 7. Water Quality Reports

- a. Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD, northern and central IRL
Chuck Jacoby gave the water quality report for northern and central IRL.
- b. Dianne Hughes, Martin Co., southern IRL
Dianne Hughes of Martin County gave a water quality update from the southern portion of the IRL including lake Okeechobee.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation: Update on Development of an Action Plan for Coastal Adaptation Management, Dr. Randall Parkinson, R.W. Parkinson Consulting, and Dr. Valerie Seidel, Balmoral Group.

Dr. Randall Parkinson gave a presentation on progress being made on the coastal resiliency planning grant for coastal adaptation. He noted that three issue areas: increased precipitation, increased storminess and sea level rise account for the majority of risk factors requiring planning for adaption. He suggested that utilizing the BMAP/TMDL structure, already in place, as the logical place to additionally address resiliency issues.

Duane De Freese stated that after the final report for this project has been received, along with an executive summery noting the recommendations, staff will bring the recommendations back through the Management Conference for review and that they will then be sent along to agencies with regulatory responsibility for BMAPs and TMDLs to outline resiliency issues and potential solutions for their consideration.

Agenda Item 9. Old Business

- a. CCMP Update (Jennifer DiMaio, EPA Region 4, Duane De Freese)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend adoption of the *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan: Looking Ahead to 2030*.

Jennifer DiMaio announced that US EPA had certified the IRLNEP CCMP as of July 23, 2019. She read from the certification letter, congratulated staff and the Management Conference on completion of the CCMP and for the hard work that went into production of the document.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL KERR, SECONDED BY DIANNE HUGHES, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE IRLNEP COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN: LOOKING AHEAD TO 2030 BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny).

Requested Action: Motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 2019-05 amending the FY 2018-2019 budget based on annual audit reconciliation and projections to year-end.

Daniel Kolodny reviewed the audit report and noted the funding being brought forward to FY 2018-2019 as the result of the reconciled audit from the previous fiscal year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANNE HUGHES, SECONDED BY TOM CAREY, TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2019-05 AMENDING THE FY 2018-2019 BUDGET BASED ON ANNUAL AUDIT RECONCILIATION AND PROJECTIONS TO YEAR END. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment (Duane De Freese).

Requested Action: Motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 2019-06 amending the FY 2019-2020 budget, identifying funds for reallocation.

Daniel Kolodny reviewed resolution 2019-06, which brings funding forward from the previous fiscal year based on the audit report. Staff has also been working to identify additional funds that may be reallocated based either on projects that were completed under budget, or by projects that were not initiated. He presented staff's recommendation for the reallocation of these identified funds.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAREY, SECONDED BY MARK CROSLEY, TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2019-06, WHICH AMENDS THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET AND IDENTIFIES FUNDING THAT CAN BE REALLOCATED. MOTION CARRIED, WITH JIM SULLIVAN, CHARLES VOGT, AND GREG WILSON RECUSING THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE.

A recommendation was made by Kathy LaMartina to develop a 1-page flyer noting the availability of program grant writers that are made available to IRLNEP partners. Staff agreed to make that available.

- d. FY 2019-2020 Business Plan Reconciliation to Amended Budget (Duane De Freese).

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that Board of Directors direct staff to amend the FY 2019-2020 Business Plan and authorize funding and contract negotiation of additional projects based on RFP rankings and/or staff-recommended changes to FY 2019-2020 budget detail.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS HENDRICKS, SECONDED BY DIANNE HUGHES, TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECT STAFF TO AMEND THE FY 2019-2020 BUSINESS PLAN AND AUTHORIZE FUNDING

AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED BASED ON RFP RANKINGS AND/OR THE STAFF RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET DETAIL. MOTION CARRIED WITH JIM SULLIVAN, CHARLES VOGT, GREG WILSON AND VINCENT BURKE RECUSING THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE.

Agenda Item 10. New Business

- a. FY 2019-2020 RFQ Scores and Funding Recommendations (Kathy Hill)
Kathy Hill reviewed the 3 RFQs that were issued to procure services for HAB monitoring, biodiversity, and atmospheric deposition.

- i. RFQ 2019-01 Microalgae and HABS

Requested Actions: (By separate motions)

- a. Motion to recommend approval of the final ranked RFQ listing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANTHONY CATANESE, SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL RANKED RFQ LISTING FOR MICROALGAE AND HAB MONITORING. MOTION CARRIED WITH JIM SULLIVAN RECUSING HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE.

- b. Motion to recommend funding the top-ranked qualification(s) contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract(s) with the applicant(s).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VINCE LAMB, SECONDED BY DIANNE HUGHES, TO RECOMMEND FUNDING THE TOP RANKED QUALIFICATION(S) CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED WITH JIM SULLIVAN RECUSING HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE.

- ii. RFQ 2019-02 Atmospheric Deposition

Requested Actions: (By separate motions)

- a. Motion to recommend approval of the final ranked RFQ listing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VINCE LAMB, SECONDED BY BARBARA LENCZEWSKI, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL RANKED RFQ LISTING FOR MICROALGAE AND HAB MONITORING. MOTION CARRIED WITH CHARLES VOGT RECUSING HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE.

- b. Motion to recommend funding the top-ranked qualification(s) contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to

negotiate and enter into a contract(s) with the applicant(s).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAREY, SECONDED BY LAURILEE THOMPSON, TO RECOMMEND FUNDING THE TOP RANKED QUALIFICATION(S) CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED WITH CHARLES VOGT RECUSING HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE.

iii. RFQ 2019-03 Species Biodiversity

Requested Actions: (By separate motions)

a. Motion to recommend approval of the final ranked RFQ listing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAMES GRAY, SECONDED BY JEFF BEAL, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL RANKED RFQ LISTING FOR MICROALGAE AND HAB MONITORING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Motion to recommend funding the top-ranked qualification(s) contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract(s) with the applicant(s).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE MCCABE, SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE, TO RECOMMEND FUNDING THE TOP RANKED QUALIFICATION(S) CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. FY 2020-2021 RFP process (Duane De Freese)

Staff will present a proposed strategy for RFP categories, priorities and general budget allocations to guide the FY 2020-2021 RFP process.

Duane De Freese reviewed staff recommendation for funding priorities, RFP Categories and proposed funding levels within categories.

Requested Action: Recommendation to authorize staff to develop and issue FY 2020-2021 RFP announcements in November/December 2019 time frame pursuant to IRL Council Board of Directors direction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE, SECONDED BY MARK CROSLEY, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES, RFP CATEGORIES AND FUNDING LEVELS WITHIN CATEGORIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. 2020 Legislative Position Statements – Federal and State (Duane De Freese)
Requested Action: Board review and discussion of proposed draft IRL Council Legislative Position Statement for 2020.

Duane De Freese reviewed the draft position statements for the Florida and Federal legislatures. Board made recommendations for wordsmithing:

- Remediate muck, not just remove muck.
- Debate on whether to add “home rule” as an issue in the document. After discussion, it was not added.
- Add fertilizer to the list of pollutants in the 3rd bullet (Bob Ulevich, Bill Kerr and Charles Vogt voted against this item, all others voted yes).
- Remove “statewide” from the 3rd bullet.
- Strike the \$1M figure in the Federal position.
- Last bullet should read, “and ensure the U.S. is a global leader”.
- Add in the second to last bullet the word, “Brownfields” to groundwater considerations.

- d. Meeting Calendar for 2020, including end-of-year project showcase (Kathy Hill)
Kathy Hill presented the draft meeting calendar for 2020.

- Management Board meetings will continue to be held on Tuesdays at Up the Creek Farms in Grant-Valkaria.
- Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m.
- Draft meeting calendar is provided.

Requested Action: Board recommendation of approval for draft 2020 meeting calendar.

There was consensus that the meeting calendar required no changes. Staff will send out the meeting schedule for each committee with Finance committee meeting first, followed by Management Board, followed by STEM.

Agenda Item 11. Executive Director Report

Duane De Freese gave brief remarks on the appointment of Chuck Jacoby and himself to the Governor’s algal bloom task force. He noted that Valerie Paul and Jim Sullivan have been appointed to the HAB Task Force as well. He informed the Board that he is working to bring a technology conference to the region that would focus on water technology.

Charles Vogt noted that there is a need to modernize monitoring methods and equipment given the new technologies that are emerging.

Agenda Item 12. Final Comments

Bob Musser, Port Canaveral touched on the proposal by Rep. Sirois to provide funding to

the IRLNEP via 2% of Port revenues. He also wondered whether Duane had shared Dr. Zarillo's addendum to his modeling study for elevation of SR 528. Duane and Bob reviewed the meeting held with FDOT.

Barbara Lenczewski announced that DEP resiliency grants are available, due in October. She also noted that her likely successor would be Kelly Corvin, DEO.

Agenda Item 13. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned.

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