



IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes from the meeting of August 9, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, Sebastian, FL

Attendance: Doug Bournique, Bryan Lober, Chris Dzadoovsky, Deb Denys, Stacey Hetherington, Libby Pigman, Tim Zorc Aaron Watkins.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Deb Denys, Chair)

Agenda Item 2. Introduction of IRL Council Board of Directors (Deb Denys, Chair)

Agenda Item 3. Agenda Revisions (Deb Denys, Chair)
None.

Agenda Item 4. Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards (Deb Denys)

Cesar Zapata, U.S. EPA, Region 4, announced that on July 23, 2019, the EPA certified the IRLNEP CCMP and provided the original signed letter to the chair. He congratulated the Board and staff for their efforts in developing the CCMP and recognized the Board's leadership in making the IRL region a premier watershed and NEP Program.

Deb Denys suggested a motion to accept the certified CCMP.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBER, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board directed staff to schedule a signing ceremony in the coming months.

Stacey Hetherington announced that Martin County had passed a resolution of support for the CCMP at their last Commission meeting. Duane De Freese noted that Volusia County had passed their resolution of support in February and that Indian River County has the item scheduled for its next meeting. He also announced that the CCMP will continue to remain on the IRLNEP Website for public comment as needed so that it remains a living

document that can be amended as required. He noted too that regional grant writing should now reference the CCMP as a federally recognized management plan, as it is expected that this inclusion will strengthen proposals made.

Agenda Item 5. Public Comment

Wayne Justice, Commissioner, Port Canaveral, gave remarks on the Port's commitment to lagoon protection and their full understanding of their responsibility in the region. He gave an overview of the business model of the Port, their reinvestment in infrastructure, and their self-sufficiency which relies on the Port's adjunct business for revenue rather than taxation. In 2018 Port contributed over 1.5 M to Save Our Indian River Lagoon Plan through the half cent tax.

Chris Dzadovsky called Mike Middlebrook, St. Lucie Co Natural Resources, forward to speak about the success of the Wesley's Island project. Mike gave an update on the Island's restoration and its near completion.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation: FY 2018 Independent Audit Report (Duane De Freese, James Halleran, James Moore and Co., Michael McElligott, Special District Services, Inc.) James Halloran, James Moore and Co. presented the audit report and findings. There were 2 material weakness recorded. One for a grant payment of 100k, and one to member contributions for 662,449 where cash had not been adequately recognized. There were no material findings. He recommended that the Council carry a fund balance of at least 17%, or two months of operating expenses.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 7. IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports

- a. Management Board Report (Bob Ulevich, Chair)
Bob Ulevich gave the Management Board Report. There was no quorum for the finance committee. He noted a presentation by Randall Parkinson Consulting, Inc. on the IRLNEP Adaptation Plan for Coastal Resiliency, which concluded that many of the lagoon's vulnerabilities to climate change are focused in just three areas: increased storminess, increased rainfall, and sea level rise.

He noted that Jennifer DiMaio, EPA Region 4, announced the EPA's certification of the CCMP. The Management Board recommended approval of both budget amendments and reallocation of funds to projects. They also recommended approval of the RFQ rankings and projects, and amended the 2 Legislative Position documents.

- b. STEM Advisory Committee (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)
Chuck Jacoby gave the STEM report. STEM recommended acceptance of final

CCMP. STEM wants to develop a forward-looking document that anticipates emerging issues. It intends to work closely with contractors developing the technical report, asset maps, habitat restoration plan and boaters guide. STEM recommended the RFQs be accepted and move forward. They accepted the priorities for RFPs to be issued next year. He noted some discussion of whether social science is included in the science RFP. And, he noted that the District-funded algal blooms investigation will carry on with the HAB grant.

- c. Citizens' Advisory Committee (Frank Catino, Chair)
Duane De Freese gave the CAC report. CAC met yesterday and undertook discussion of how best to communicate misleading and wrong information about the IRL. CAC recommended adoption of the CCMP.

Duane noted that staff will begin producing a quarterly newsletter to address IRLNEP Progress and programs; and that Small Grants will also move forward this year with CAC again vetting the process and evaluating the proposals.

Agenda Item 8. Water Quality Reports

- Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD (central and northern lagoon)
Chuck Jacoby gave the water quality report for central and northern lagoon. Salinities have been higher but are dropping with recent rains. Temperatures have been high at about 92 F. He expects that to drop as more fresh water enters the lagoon with rains. Chlorophylla has been low throughout much of the north and central lagoon, with the exception of Banana River and several other spotty areas. *Pyrodinium* is present in spotty areas. Dissolved oxygen levels have been good, mostly above 4 mg/L. Field crews have been seeing sporadic recovery of seagrasses from Haulover to Ft. Pierce. Primary species is *Halophila*, but some in other species have been found as well. There appears to be lots of *Caulerpa* in impacted seagrass areas. Literature review shows this may be a precursor to seagrass recovery in the future, as *Caulerpa* grows similarly to seagrasses (via rhizomes) so stabilizes sediments and may provide a stable growing surface for seagrasses.

Aaron Watkins asked where in the water column samples are taken. Dr. Jacoby replied from the top of the water column.

Tim Zorc asked if any difference has been seen with respect to temperature of rainwater entering the lagoon with the heavy seasonal rains running off hot pavement. Is too much hot water an issue? Dr. Jacoby replied that larger quantities of rainwater tend to be cooling for the lagoon, however, sampling does not occur right at outfalls. Generally, the rainwater has time to blend with lagoon water well before it is sampled.

- Dianne Hughes, Martin County (southern lagoon)

Dianne Hughes gave the report for southern Lagoon. Lake Okeechobee stage is 12.07 ft. There are currently no releases taking place. Lake is in the Beneficial Use band at the present time. Martin County has had high rainfall (6-8 inches) in the last 30 days, high. Salinity has dropped to the 12-20 ppt range, so is at the lower end of range they like to see. Temperatures are around 86. Two of the four monitored stations have enterococcus. Lake O has cyanobacteria. In July, some water with cyanobacteria was delivered to St. Lucie Estuary, but there are no current discharges.

Agenda Item 9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from May 10, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Approval to dispose of 2002 Chevrolet pick-up truck transferred to IRL Council from SJRWMD in 2015.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STACEY HETHERINTON, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 10. Old Business

- a. Management Conference Appointments (Kathy Hill)
 - i. Management Board - new appointments
Requested Action: Approve new appointments to Management Board.
 - Nomination by Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch of former Commissioner Ed Fielding.
 - Nomination by Susan Adams of David Fuss, Indian River County Land Trust.
 - Nomination by Stacey Hetherington of Mike Meier, Commissioner – City of Stuart.
 - Nomination by Deb Denys of Jason Evans, Stetson University, to the Management Board, replacing Clay Henderson.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STACEY HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO APPROVE THE NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- ii. Science, Technology, Engineering and Modeling (STEM) Advisory Committee – new appointments
Requested Action: Approve new appointments to STEM AC.
None.
- iii. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) - new appointments
Requested Action: Approve new appointments to CAC.
 - Nomination by Stacey Hetherington of Becky Harris.
 - Nomination by Deb Denys of Pat Northey and Nancy Maddox.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY STACEY HETHERINGTON TO APPROVE THE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Budget Revision(s) and Business Plan Reconciliation

i. FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Duane De Freese).

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-05 AMENDING THE FY 2018-2019 BUDGET BASED ON ANNUAL AUDIT RECONCILIATION AND PROJECTIONS TO THE END OF THE YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBER, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-06 AMENDING THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET, IDENTIFYING FUNDS FOR REALLOCATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Requested Action: Motion to 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 STACEY HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY AARON WATKINS, TO 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 BUDGET DETAIL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. IRL Council Sunset Review Considerations (Carolyn Ansay)

IRL Council requested that legal counsel bring a draft resolution in support of continuing the Interlocal Agreement for an additional 5-year period.

Requested Action: Board discussion.

Carolyn Ansay reviewed the Interlocal and the sunset review provision. In February, 2020 the Board of Directors may continue the agreement, amend it, or terminate it. Carolyn drafted a basic resolution to give individual county commissions the basic points that would initiate discussions. In looking at the meeting schedule, there is one more meeting this year, in November, and the next one would be in February. Carolyn suggested that Board members begin discussions so that a decision can be made at the February meeting. She also noted that taking no action is a consideration. A clause in the interlocal agreement states that if no action is taken, business would continue normally for an additional 5-year period.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIME ZORC, SECONDED BY STACEY HETHERINGTON TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL DRAFT A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITION 5 YEARS. SUNSET REVIEW WOULD BE COMPLETED NOW, WITH NO FURTHER NEED TO RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. IRLNEP Sub-Basin Task Forces (Duane De Freese).
IRL Council asked staff to consider the benefits of forming task forces in north, central and south sub-basins to facilitate information gathering and RFP project review.

Requested Action: Board discussion.

Duane De Freese reviewed Doug Bournique's request to develop sub-basin task forces. It is the recommendation of staff that there is good representation and expertise within existing committees to drive what could be accomplished by formal task forces. Staff will ensure regional representation as review committees are established.

Board discussed and took no action.

- e. Executive Director Compensation Discussion (Carolyn Ansay)
Board directed staff to conduct a salary survey of NEP Directors to inform broader discussion of Executive Director compensation.

Requested Action: Board discussion.

Carolyn Ansay reviewed the salary survey information presented in the meeting package and the Executive Director's employment contract(s) timeline and conditions. Duane has not received any increase to his contract since it's initiation in 2015.

Deb Denys suggested that, at minimum, there should be a COLA clause placed into the contract. She expressed not wanted to lose Duane to the private sector.

Chris Dzadoovsky offered that the Board needed to take into account that Duane deferred his own raise in favor of an increase to staff last year and that the Board should recognize this leadership.

Doug Bournique suggested the Board should wish to keep Duane in the Executive Director role for as long as he's willing to serve.

Bryan Lober discussed the importance of taking care of employees. His highest paid employee makes more than those in other commission offices, but his office has the lowest expenditures of all other offices in other areas. He would like to see the Board incentivize Duane to remain in the ED position.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBER, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BY 12.5%.

Tim Zorc offered that the ED is the technical, political, fundraising, and social side of the program. He wears multiple hats, so should be compensated accordingly.

Carolyn Ansay inquired about the effective date of the increase, noting it can be effective immediately, or retroactive to some past date, if that is the desire of the Board. She noted this would not apply to bonuses, which can be granted by the board, but not made retroactive.

Doug Bournique suggested the lifting of the lagoon's profile is due to Duane's tireless efforts. He would like to entertain a bonus as well as a raise.

Chris Dzadoovsky suggested tying any bonus to whatever revenues come to the program in excess of base funding. This would provide incentive going forward. Deb Denys suggested that may put the ED in the position of a salesperson, she suggested this would result in bad optics.

Bryan Lober requested clarity on the effective date for the increase and noted he would not support a bonus. Deb Denys offered an amended motion:

AN AMENDED MOTION WAS OFFERED BY DEB DENYS, KEEPING THE 12.5% INCREASE AND MAKING IT EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO COINCIDE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AND EXTENDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT AN ADDITIONAL 3 YEARS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2024. MOTION AND SECOND STILL STOOD.

Duane De Freese, thanked the Board, saying he will accept and appreciates the increase. He thought that a bonus may bring perception problems to the program. He has taken pride in the program operating leanly and doesn't want any perception in the public that the NEP is administratively heavy. He

ended by stating he appreciates all of the comments but requested that no bonus be considered.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 11. New Business

a. RFQ Scores and Funding Recommendations for Service Contracts Beginning in FY 2019-20 (Kathy Hill)

i. RFQ 2019-01 Microalgae and HABs

Requested Actions: (By separate motions)

- Motion to accept the Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked RFQ listing.
- Motion to accept the Management Conference recommendation to approve entering into service contracts with the top ranked applicant(s) based on program needs and contingent and consistent with budget authority.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED RFQ LISTING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STACEY HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO ACCET THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH THE TOP RANKED APPLICANT(S) BASED ON PROGRAM NEEDS AND CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii. RFQ 2019-02 Atmospheric Deposition

Requested Actions: (By separate motions)

- Motion to accept the Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked RFQ listing.
- Motion to accept the Management Conference recommendation to approve entering into service contracts with the top ranked applicant(s) based on program needs and contingent and consistent with budget authority.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED RFQ LISTING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY STACEY HETHERINGTON, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH

THE TOP RANKED APPLICANT(S) BASED ON PROGRAM NEEDS AND CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

iii. RFQ 2019-03 Species Biodiversity

Requested Actions: (By separate motions)

- Motion to accept the Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked RFQ listing.
- Motion to accept the Management Conference recommendation to approve entering into service contracts with the top ranked applicant(s) based on program needs and contingent and consistent with budget authority.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBER, SECONDED BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED RFQ LISTING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STACEY HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY TIM ZORC, TO ACCET THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH THE TOP RANKED APPLICANT(S) BASED ON PROGRAM NEEDS AND CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. Strategic Revenue Planning (Duane De Freese)

Board requested staff provide options for expanding revenue contributed by IRL Council partners as discussed during May 2019 meeting.

Requested Action: Board discussion.

Duane De Freese reviewed the request and recommended no changes to the interlocal agreement as concerns revenue increases. He noted that the interlocal states current contributions are minimums, and any increases can be granted, either annually, or over the course of years, as gifts to the program. Program partners can certainly contribute more than the minimum, but he does not recommend opening the interlocal as a means to accomplish this.

He noted that staff will be happy, with the addition of staff, to develop grant applications for the program, and would seek private sector contributions as well. He also reviewed the ROI document developed by staff.

No action was taken.

g. 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.

Requested Action: 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 TIM ZORC, SECONDED BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE FY 2020-2021 RFP ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE RELEASED IN THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019 TIME FRAME PURSUANT TO IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

h. 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 staff-developed talking points for the 2020 state and federal legislatures.

Deb Denys suggested giving the ED broad authority to pursue additional funding, and for counties to give their lobbyists and governmental staff access to Duane. She noted that good channels of communication need to be open.

Bryan Lober suggested adding, “or update” under the first bullet for water treatment.

Chris Dzadovsky suggested that rather than “removing biosolids”, just say stop the spreading of biosolids. It is a non-cost factor to cease using biosolids rather than trying to remediate them once they’ve already been spread on land and then run off into the lagoon. It makes better sense to just not spread it to begin with, then it doesn’t have to be remediated.

Cesar Zapata noted the term, “Brownfields” has a particular regulatory meaning, and cautioned to be careful how the term is used. It should not be equated with ground water.

Aaron Watkins noted that FDEP regulates contaminants of emerging concern (PFOS, PFOA, etc).

i. Meeting Calendar for 2020, including end-of-year project showcase at November meeting and addition of Lagoon Town Hall meetings in each county during 2020 (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: Board approval of draft meeting calendar; approval to continue holding regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings at

Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers; approval of county-specific Lagoon Town Hall meetings; approval of end-of-year project showcase at November meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBER, SECONDED BY STACEY HETHERINGTON TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MEETING CALENDAR AND CONTINUE TO HOLD REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AT SEBASTIAN CITY HALL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was also decided that the November meeting would be dedicated as a Project Showcase, with short presentations from IRLNEP-funded projects to highlight success and progress.

There was brief discussion of holding IRLNEP Lagoon Town Halls, one in each county, to keep the IRLNEP visible within individual counties. Panel discussions, county-specific IRL issues, and lagoon-focused information can be discussed with the public having the opportunity to connect with the program, ask questions, etc.

Agenda Item 12. IRLNEP Executive Director Report

Duane De Freese gave a brief report, noting the board has received 3 additional financial reports in the meeting package. One is a listing of all projects, whether completed or active; the second is a quarterly active project detail; and the third is a quarterly cash flow budget detail. It is staff's feeling these will be more useful than the roll up information previously provided.

Duane also noted that the NEP assisted FDEP's Water Restoration Assistance Office in holding workshop a State Revolving Fund workshop on August 22. Meeting information was distributed to the Board.

Agenda Item 13. IRL Council Member Reports

Chris Dzadovsky:

Reported there is an applicant in St. Lucie County seeking a direct discharge permit that would discharge effluent from biosolids spreading to the C-25 canal. Despite the county proposing commercial composting opportunities, the vendor is taking their request to court. He thanked the entities sitting on the IRL Council for their assistance and stressed the need to properly manage biosolids.

County recently had 8,000 gallons of oil discharge into canals adjacent to one of their preserves. County will likely be coming to the Council for funding to try to clean this spill up.

It was previously noted an auto salvage facility siting on the former Cargill facility adjacent to a large local canal. The county now has a second auto salvager seeking to site itself on a canal.

Reported that St. Lucie County has targeted converting 40,000 septic systems to sewer along 10-Mile Creek. They are seeking revenue sources to make these conversions.

The Solar Energy Loan Fund is now moving into the septic to sewer conversion area. They have had over 10M in funding over the last seven years.

There is a health advisory along 10 Mile Creek for enteric bacteria. Residents are urged to stay out of the water.

St. Lucie County has done a pilot program to move potable water into Lakewood Park.

The last stage of Paradise Park is moving forward and removing thousands of pounds of contaminants from the canals in that area.

Libby Pigman:

Governor and Florida Legislature approved water reuse and conservation grants program. Application period closes August 17.

On August 8, 2019, the SFWMD governing board voted to expand water quality monitoring in the St. Lucie Estuary. 15 new monitoring station northern Everglades sites will increase to 243 sites.

Doug Bournique:

An aquarium that stands out in his mind is Monterey Bay Aquarium. He would like to see Brevard Zoo model it's new facility on that.

Regarding septic tank conversion: 15% of all septic tanks nationally are in Florida. Florida is just a sandbar. Anyone flushing a toilet who is on septic is part of the problem.

Would like to see the St. Lucie River Issues Team merged with the IRLNEP in some useful way, perhaps by making it a sub-basin priority to bring more input to the NEP and assisting in funding allocation.

Stacey Hetherington:

Martin County was able to procure a state resiliency planning grant to complete a vulnerability analysis.

The County has committed to removing 10,000 septic tanks over 10 years.

She thanked DEP and staff for educating her on contaminants of emerging concern.

Solar Energy Loan Fund may be expanding into Martin.

She noted summer had been terrific compared to previous summers. It was a pleasure to see the great water quality this year over previous years and to have her family visit the sandbar, where water quality rivaled the Bahamas.

Aaron Watkins:

Thanked the governor for the appointment of a statewide resilience officer and for the red tide and blue-green algae task forces. He encouraged people to be involved in these task forces and learn from the info at the meetings.

The Environmental Crimes Unit has been moved from FWC to DEP. He encouraged those with needs to tap into the expertise.

Tim Zorc:

Agrees on Biosolids. Keeping biosolids out is better than remediating it.

Indian River County is moving forward with septic to sewer projects.

Indian River County has sent a letter to Florida Tech regarding the flushing study and wishing that Bethel Creek be included as a potential pilot site. Bethel creek has been opened and closed many times, so is a good candidate for flushing.

Bryan Lober:

On August 20, 2019 the Brevard County Commission will discuss his motion to limit or ban biosolids in Brevard. Send information or come to meeting if interested.

He is giving a speech to DEMA (Dive Equipment Manufacturing Assoc.) happening later in the year. Looking for short videos or photos that might be useful.

Deb Denys:

A Check Presentation ceremony was held in in Oak Hill at Goodrich's last month. Oak Hill qualified for \$100k from NEP and \$250K from State. Local, state and federal elected officials were present, 80 people attended and it was a great event.

Agenda Item 14. IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcement (Deb Denys, Chair)

- a. Next IRL Council Meeting will be held on:

Friday, November 8, 2019
Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers
1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 15. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned.