



IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 8, 2019
Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers
1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Deb Denys, Chair)
Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.
- 2. Introduction of IRL Council Board of Directors and Special Guests** (Deb Denys, Chair)
Admiral Wayne Justice, introduced by Brian Lober
Kaylene Wheeler, introduced by Duane De Freese
EPA Representatives
- 3. Agenda Revisions** (Deb Denys, Chair)
None
- 4. Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards** (Deb Denys)
None
- 5. EPA Comments**
EPA Region 4 guests:
 - a. César Zapata, Acting Chief, Air Enforcement Branch: Thanked Duane DeFreese and Commissioner Dzadovasky for the tours during their stay and he appreciates the work the Council is doing to improve the Indian River Lagoon.
 - Jennifer DiMaio, Environmental Scientist, Oceans, Coastal and Estuaries Section
 - Jeanenne Gettle, Water Division Director
 - Natalie Ellington, Chief, Coastal and Estuaries Section, Water Division.
 - b. Jeanenne Gettle – On behalf of Mary Walker brings greetings and thanks to all for the work that has been accomplished and the progress that has been made. Ms. Gettle expressed how impressed she is with all of the progress going on in the region.
 - c. Chris D Dzadovsky – offered comments on part of the tour with EPA and the importance of partnerships to accomplish all that we have.
- 6. Public Comment**
Robert Stephen – Sebastian resident, shared that he has been having some medical issues that he believes are being exacerbated by the City of Sebastian spraying chemicals in the canal by his home.

7. Water Quality Reports

- a. Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD, gave the water quality report for the north and central IRL.
- b. Jose Vega, St Lucie County, stated that he was asked to provide a quarterly estimate of lower basin runoff to the IRL Council. Rain and flow data comes from the SFWMD DB hydro Database, TN/TP measurements come from the FDEP wash model for the last three quarters.
 - Quarter 1 – 44 TN, 9 TP
 - Quarter 2 – 35 TN, 7 TP
 - Quarter 3 – 167 TN, 31 TP

Total for the year is 246 TN 46 TP of local basin runoff coming out of the north fork seems to prove the increase of rain as a contributing factor. The County would like to continue to provide this update quarterly.

- c. Katie Bowes, Martin County, gave the water quality report for the southern IRL.

8. Presentation(s): Projects Showcase:

The following presenters gave updates regarding their IRLNEP-funded projects:

- a. Port Canaveral Citizen Engagement; Robert Musser, Senior Environmental Director, Canaveral Port Authority.
- b. Willoughby Creek Stormwater; Katie Bowes, Martin County.
- c. Living Shoreline Tomoka State Park; Annie Roddenberry, Biological Scientist III, Fish Wildlife Commission.
- d. West Wabasso Phase 2 Septic to Sewer, Vincent Burke, Director, Indian River County Utility Services.
- e. Restore Our Shores Filter Feeders and Living Shorelines; Callie Shaffer, Conservation Outreach Coordinator, Brevard Zoo.
- f. Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring; Malcolm McFarland, FAU.
- g. Griffis Landing at Blue Crab Cove; Matt Culver, Boating and Waterways Program Coordinator, Brevard County, Natural Resource Management Office.
- h. Sebastian Septic to Sewer; Lisa Frazier, City of Sebastian.
- i. Wesley's Island (Spoil Island Restoration); Mike Middlebrook, Assistant Director Environmental Resource Department, St. Lucie County.

9. IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports

- a. Management Board Report (Bob Ulevich, Chair): The Management Board met on November 5, 2019. Several presentations were viewed. The Finance Subcommittee met and approved the resolutions as presented. Management Board discussions also recommend the resolutions as presented. The Board discussed the success of grant writing, suggested an informational flyer to promote the availability of grant writers and continue to diversify the role of CCMP stake holders.
- b. STEM Advisory Committee (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair): The STEM Advisory Committee met on November 5, 2019. They discussed plans to offer quarterly reports to the Board and recommended approval of presented resolutions. Dr. Jacoby gave a brief summary of Dr. Krabbenhoft's Mercury presentation.
- c. Citizens' Advisory Committee (Frank Catino, Chair): Kathy Hill spoke for Frank Catino. She discussed the CAC meeting held on November 7, 2019, discussion with EPA and Small Grants cycle RFP. She noted the entire CAC wishes to review proposals. The CAC also recommended approval to adopt the IRL Envirothon as a program of the IRLNEP and gave a brief description of the program.

10. Consent Agenda

Requested Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from August 9, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY BRIAN LOBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

- a. **Management Conference Appointments** (Kathy Hill)

- i. **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** - new appointments

Requested Action: Approve new appointments to CAC.

- Nomination by Bryan Lober of Jim Urick.
- Nomination by Bryan Lober of Rick Worman.
- Nomination by Brian Lober of Cheryl McPhillips.
- Nomination by Susan Adams of Paul Fafeita
- Nomination by Chris Dzadoovsky of Dr Jarome Damon(?)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY BRIAN LOBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- ii. **STEM Advisory Committee Appointments** (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: Approve new appointments to STEM

- Nomination by Chris Dzadoovsky of Sandra Bogan

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY BRIAN LOBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- iii. **Management Board Appointments** (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: Approve new appointments to Management Board

- Nomination by Chris Dzadoovsky of Mike Middlebrook

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY BRIAN LOBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. **IRL Envirothon** (Kathy Hill)

- i. **Requested Action:** Motion to approve inclusion of IRL Envirothon as a program of IRLNEP.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STACEY HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. **Resolution No. 2019-07:** Sunset Review (Carolyn Ansay)

- i. **Requested Action:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STACEY HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. **Budget Revision**

- i. FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2019-08 amending the FY 2018-2019 budget to address minor line-item accounting adjustments. This is the final budget amendment for FY 2018-2019 pursuant to Florida Administrative Code.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAIN LOBER, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. **Budget Revision**

- i. FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09 amending the FY 2019-2020 budget to address minor line-item accounting adjustments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRAIN LOBER, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. IRLNEP Executive Director Report – Year end highlights and looking ahead to 2020

- Calendars will be printed and distributed before Christmas;
- 174 active projects in the IRL watershed in addition to in-house projects that are ongoing;
- Thanked Bob Musser, Mark Granger, Mike Middlebrook, and Commissioner Dzadovasky for assisting with the EPA project tours;
- 24 new projects for a total of 51 active projects;
- Multi-year communication plan is being worked on;
- Annual report is expected in early January;
- A Climate Ready Estuaries document will be developed for the public and local governments by the end of the fiscal year. The OneLagoon.org website will be finished over the next several months and the current website will be retired.
- Staff is in the process of developing a quarterly newsletter For the Management Conference and the public.
- IRLNEP Executive Director will provide monthly updates to Management Conference, in the first week of every month.
- Vital Signs video will expand into more videos on the website covering each of the vital signs as an introduction to each section of the CCMP.
- Duane De Freese requested a Board Motion to direct staff to utilize \$1600 donated by Ron Jons Surf Shop for Prize money for winning photos submitted to the IRL Photo Contest.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRIAN LOBER, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. IRL Council Member Reports

- a. Chris Dzadovsky presented a PowerPoint focusing on projects in St. Lucie County: DJ Wilcox Preserve, Paradise Park, San Lucie Plaza, Harmony Heights, Lakewood Park, Melville Rd, 10-mile Creek Becker Oxbow, Teague Hammock Natural Storage Preserve, McCarty Ranch.

- b. Aaron Watkins – FDEP is extremely proud, supportive and excited regarding the launch of the website “protectingflorida^{together}.gov”. The site updates users regarding all things Florida and the issues we are facing with regard to water issues in Florida. Executive Order 19-12 has been completed or is currently ongoing.
- c. Elizabeth Pigman - None
- d. Stacey Hetherinton – C-44 ribbon cutting is today, Martin County allocated \$27 million? to the project. C23-C24 advocation partnership needs \$200 million?, Martin County has adopted a 10-year septic to sewer plan that received funding from FDEP.
- e. Debra Denys –spoke about having Govern DeSantis conduct a signing ceremony for adoption of the CCMP. She gave a brief presentation regarding Volusia County and partner’s Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan with info about projects in Volusia County:10th Street Treatment Facility, Ariel Canal Water Quality Improvement (Oak Hill). She also requested resolutions of support for Congressman Waltz’s House of Representatives Bill..
- f. Susan Adams – Reported she attended the ribbon cutting on Osprey Acres Stormwater Park last week. She also noted the county is looking into having a local goat herder assist with invasive species management on county lands by using goats as a low-impact control strategy.
- g. Gretchen Kelly – District staff will be bringing a resolution 2020-01 pledging the District’s support and approval of implementation of CCMP.
- h. Brian Lober – Announced he will not be seeking reappointment to the IRLNEP Board of Directors .

MOTION FROM BRAIN LOBER TO DRAFT A LETTER TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN WALTZ NEW BILL SECONDED BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

15. IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcement (Deb Denys, Chair)

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

Friday, February 7, 2020
 Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers
 1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL
 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

16. Adjourn 12:40 p.m.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety by following this link:

<https://youtu.be/BL3TGVS8JUc>

Informational reports provided in Board briefing package (No Board actions required)

- a. IRLNEP end of year progress report.
- b. Project lists and preliminary end of year financial summary.
- c. Federal and State Legislative priorities for IRL Council (adopted by IRL Council on August 9, 2019).

NOTE: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes (2014).

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