



Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program Citizens' Advisory Committee

Minutes from the Meeting of Thursday, April 30, 2020, 1:30 p.m. Zoom Web Meeting

Attendance: Frank Catino, Jesse Wayles, Mike Coneen, Doug Patterson, Keith Winsten, Dr. Graham Cox, Heather Stapleton, Greg Braun, James Urick, Frank Brownell, Jim Moir, Paul Fafeita, Pat Northy, Cheryl McPhillips, Adam Locke, Jim Moir, Dallas Young

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Frank Catino, Chair)
Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Agenda Item 2. Introductions and Public Comments (Frank Catino, Chair)
None

Agenda Item 3. Agenda Revisions (Frank Catino, Chair)
None

Agenda Item 4. Minutes Approval (Frank Catino, Chair)

Requested Action: Motion to approve Minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting.
MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020. MOTION BY KEITH WINSTON, SECONDED BY JESSY WAYLES,
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 5. Old Business
None

Agenda Item 6. New Business

a. Budget Amendment FY 2019-2020 (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2020-02 amending the FY 2019-2020 budget based on annual audit reconciliation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT NORTHY, SECONDED BY JESSY WAYLES TO RECOMMEND TO THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-02 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FY2019-2020 BASED ON ANNUAL AUDIT RECONCILIATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Final Adopted Budget Resolution FY 2020-2021 (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2020-03 adopting the final budget for FY 2020-2021 pursuant to IRL Council policy and Florida Statutes 200.065.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT NORTHY, SECONDED BY KEITH WINSTON TO RECOMMEND TO THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-03 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FY2020-2021 PURSUANT TO IRL COUNCIL POLICY AND FLORIDA STATUTES 200.065. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. FY 2021-2022 Request for Proposals – Categories and Priorities (Duane De Freese)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to develop and issue RFPs on or before November 1, 2020 pursuant to Management Conference recommendations.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHERYL MCPHILLIPS, SECONDED BY PAT NORTHY TO RECOMMEND TO THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE RFPs ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. COVID-19 Response – Bridging the Gap with Summer Internships (Duane De Freese)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the approval of 10 internships and funding contingent and consistent with available funds and budget authority already approved.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT NORTHY, SECONDED BY PAUL FAFEITA TO RECOMMEND TO THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE APPROVAL OF 10 INTERNSHIPS AN FUNDING CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND BUDGET AUTHORITY ALREADY APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- e. Discussion of 2020 Small Grant Proposal Scores
Requested Actions (By separate motions):

- Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked list of proposals by the CAC.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH WINSTON, SECONDED BY PAT NORTHY TO RECOMMEND TO THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS BY THE CAC. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the Management Conference recommendations to fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT NORTHY, SECONDED BY PAUL FAFEITA TO RECOMMEND TO THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FUND THE TOP PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND BUDGETARY AUTHORITY. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CAC discussed whether or not the IRLNEP would be able to find dedicated funding or even assist with finding sponsorships for the local schools looking for funding assistance to participate in the “A Day in the Life of the IRL”. Consensus was that the program is worthy of consideration for dedicated funding to assist the local schools with participation and discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Discussion was also held on the types of organizations that applied for these grants and whether or not the program actually hit the targeted audience of small non-profits, schools, and community groups as many of those that applied are larger NGOs and Universities. The committee agreed to discuss the process and eligibility criteria further at the next CAC meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

- Contracts for the next FY are on hold until staff have a better understanding of the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 on FY the 2021 budget.
- Florida State Budget updates, with IRL line items totaling 25 million in the final budget. There is no word as to whether the Governor intends to sign the budget or declare a special session to address issues.
- Federal level appropriations for FY21-22: there are House and Senate letters that increase NEP funding from 660K to 750K. The NEP is reauthorized every 5 years at the Federal level, this year reauthorization is in conjunction with the Everglades restoration bill.
- There is discussion at the Federal level on a next round of stimulus funding, this time with a focus on infrastructure and job creation. ANEP has asked each NEP to submit potential projects that should be included as the legislation moves forward. The IRLNEP focus for this effort is on capacity building for restoration and job creation with projects to be developed at Marine Discovery Center, Brevard Zoo Aquarium Project, FAU-Harbor Branch and Florida Oceanographic Society.
- Mid-year progress report to the EPA will be submitted tomorrow.
- One Lagoon website is up and running the old website will be discontinued, with visitors redirected to the new site on May 30.

Agenda Item 8. Final Comments

None

Agenda Item 9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.