



IRL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes from the Meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 *Zoom Web Meeting*

Members in Attendance: Jeff Beal, Mel Bromberg, Tom Campenni, Tom Carey, Anthony Catanese, Donald Dankert, Sara Davis, Jennifer DeMaio, Jason Evans, Joe Falzone, Ed Fielding, Dave Fuss, Stu Glass, Layne Hamilton, Chris Hendricks, Dianne Hughes, Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Gretchen Kelly, Bill Kerr, Vince Lamb, Mike McCabe, Kelli McGee, Mike Middlebrook, Bob Musser, Judy Orcutt, Kevin Shropshire, James Sullivan, Laurilee Thompson, Bob Ulevich, Charles Vogt, Greg Wilson, Gary Ritter

Guests in Attendance: Abby Johnson, Claudia Listopad, Katie Bowes, Janet Zimmerman, John Windsor, Rob Baron, Matt Mitts, Leesa Souto, Kristen Kneifl, Nick Murdock, Ed Buskey, Danielle Huffman

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Bob Ulevich, Chair)
Called to order at 10:18 am

The Chair recognized Stu Glass. Mr. Glass asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the recent passing of State Representative, Kristin Jacobs, an advocate for the Lagoon who will be missed.

The Chair also recognized and offered a prayer and well wishes for all members and family members that have been affected by COVID-19

Kaylene Wheeler read the rules for the Zoom meeting, how to be recognized to speak, how to vote and how to offer public comment.

Agenda Item 2: Agenda Revisions (Bob Ulevich, Chair)
None

Agenda Item 3: Introductions and New Member Welcome (Bob Ulevich, Chair)
Kaylene Wheeler verbally conducted a role call of all present participants.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes Approval (Bob Ulevich, Chair)

Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from Management Board meeting on February 4, 2020.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 WITH CHANGES/CORRECTIONS. MADE BY CHUCK JACOBY, SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH CHANGES NOTED BELOW.

Kevin Shopshire requested that on item 12 to clarify his comment at the meeting to read: that we add a point value question parameter as a Yes/No question if the project can accept partial funding. For example: "If full funding is not available, can this project move forward under partial funding (Yes/No) 2 pts?"

Agenda Item 5: Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 6: Finance Subcommittee Report (Stu Glass)

Stu Glass reported that the Financial Subcommittee met earlier today and reviewed the annual audit with James Moore and Co, which contained no findings.

Agenda Item 7: Water Quality Reports

- a. Central and northern lagoon (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD)
- b. Southern lagoon (Katie Bowes, Martin County)

Agenda Item 8: Presentations

- a. Dr. Edward Buskey, National Estuarine Research Reserve Director, University of Texas at Austin. "Everything is bigger in Texas; Saga of an 8-year Brown Tide Bloom in Baffin Bay, TX".

Dr. Busky summarized an 8-year study that coincided with the 8-year brown tide bloom in Laguna Madre, TX. He noted similarities between the Texas brown tide and the ones that have occurred in the IRL, noting particularly that the Texas bloom was preceded by a large freeze that also caused an extensive fish kill; algal grazers were disrupted by the freeze event and subsequent massive bloom of algae

- b. Planning Documents – Brief Progress Updates
 - i. Monitoring Plan - Dr. Dennis Hanisak, HBOI reviewed progress to date, the steering committee members and tasks completed. There were two Steering Committee meetings held discussing clarification of scope in regard to various vital signs, table of contents, criteria for inclusion in the plan, process for compiling monitoring activities for inclusion and finally workshop plans to be possibly be held in August.
 - ii. Habitat Restoration Plan - Rob Baron, Tetra Tech, Inc. reviewed the scope of work and progress made so far. The next tasks are a draft due May 31, 2020, which will incorporate IRLNEP Staff and Management Conference partner feedback to the plan. The second draft plan will incorporate comments from the task force.
 - iii. State of the Lagoon Technical Report/Asset Mapping - Dr. Claudia Listopad, Applied Ecology, Inc.

- State of the Lagoon Technical Report: Dr. Listopad reviewed progress made in the 2nd quarter, and discussed the challenges of creating vital signs indicators..
 - Asset Mapping: Dr. Listopad reviewed completed wetlands and vacant lands maps within the IRL watershed along with branded map templates.
- iv. Boaters Guide; Dr. Leesa Souto, MRC, presented the status of the surveys completed and currently underway and the FWC tool utilized by participants to gather information.

Agenda Item 9: Old Business

- a. Sewell's Point Project Funding (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend inclusion of the project on FY 2020-2021 funded project list and in FY 2020-2021 Business Plan pursuant to adoption of Resolution 2020-04 under New Business Item b. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contract pursuant to budget authority and availability of funds.

MOTION MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY TOM CAREY, TO RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT ON FY 2020-2021 FUNDED PROJECT LIST AND IN FY 2020-2021 BUSINESS PLAN PURSUANT TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2020-04 UNDER NEW BUSINESS ITEM B. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT PURSUANT TO BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion regarding the RFP process to clarify that no other project was bypassed to fund this project.

Agenda Item 10: 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 TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY STU GLASS 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 FY2020-2021 pursuant to IRL Council policy and Florida Statutes 200.065.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VINCE LAMB, SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI 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.

Clarification was requested on why the West Wabasso project came in so far under budget. Mr. Kolodny advised that the contractor came in under budget significantly less for services than originally anticipated. Additionally, the question was asked on why Fellsmere withdrew their request. Mr. Kolodny replied that they were unable to meet the match requirements at this time.

c. 2020 Small Grants Program Proposal Scores and Funding (Kaylene Wheeler)

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE 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 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, KELLI MCGEE AND GREG WILSON RECUSED.

Question was asked if there was an attempt to balance the funding across counties. Ms. Hill responded that the IRLNEP process is to allow the best projects to rise to the top for funding, so geography is not part of the scoring criteria. Additionally, she noted that the CAC will be reviewing the process and making recommendations at the next meeting, so if the committee felt that geographical considerations should be included, that would be up for discussion. Additionally, the question was asked how we can assure that the notifications for the Small Grants Proposals are reaching the entire region. Ms. Hill responded that staff relies heavily on the Management Conference to help distribute the information in their respective areas and will continue that process going forward.

- 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 ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY STU GLASS 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, KELLI MCGEE AND GREG WILSON RECUSED.

d. 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 ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY KELLI MCGEE 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.

Discussion was had whether to change the RFP process in the next cycle, several members expressed that they felt the process and categories need to be left as they are since all are valuable to the Lagoon. Additionally, it was recommended that the IRLNEP continues to get high value for our projects. An updated economic update was also discussed, and many feel it is an important tool to have.

e. Coastal Resilience Partnerships (Duane De Freese)

- i. Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2020-04 to join the Southeast and Caribbean Disaster Resilience Partnership (SCDRP) as an advisory board member.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAREY, SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-04 TO JOIN THE SOUTHEAST AND CARIBBEAN DISASTER RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP (SCDRP) AS AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion was had on the relationship of the SCDRP to water quality not only in Florida but also in the Caribbean as a whole.

- ii. Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2020-05 to join the East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative Infrastructure Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY TOM CAREY TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-05 TO JOIN THE EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL RESILIENCE COLLABORATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY STU GLASS, SECONDED BY TOM CAREY 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.

Agenda Item 11: IRLNEP Executive Director Report

- FL Legislative Update: The House and the Senate have not submitted the budget to the governor yet. Due to COVID-19, there is a good deal of uncertainty regarding budget and funding considerations.
- Federal Legislative Update: NEP reauthorization Bills (HB4044 and SB3171) both provide a significant increase in authorized funding and would bring total revenues \$750,000 per NEP. The WRDA bill is also moving toward reauthorization. The NEPs are

working closely to help move these bills forward. Congress is contemplating a third and possibly fourth stimulus infrastructure bill which may include water. The IRLNEP submitted projects from this region that were included in the proposal.

- The OneLagoon.org website is now active and is ADA compliant, IRLCouncil.com will be deactivated and archived on May 31.

Agenda Item 12: Final Comments (Management Board, Staff, Public)

Mr. Fielding requested that consideration be made to the renewal and request bids for our accounting and legal services.

Agenda Item 13: Adjourn

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY TOM CAREY, SECONDED KELLI MCGEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.