



IRL COUNCIL STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Members in Attendance: Anne Birch, Chris De Bodisco, Bob Day, Dennis Hanisak, Chuck Jacoby, Kevin Johnson, Lisa Krinsky, Rich Paperno, Valerie Paul, Mitch Roffer, Leesa Souto, Megan Stolen, Linda Walters

Guests in attendance: John Trefry, Rob Barron, Anthony Grubler, Zach Leibowitz, Ron Brockmeyer, Ali Simpson, Chris Anderson, J. Miller, Claudia Listopad, Virginia Barker, Lori Morris, Lauren Hall, Katie Bowes, Ali Simpson, Bob Sebastian, Ed Buskey, Matt Shelton, Lori Morris, JN

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

Dr. Jacoby called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

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 (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

None

Agenda Item 3: Introductions and New Member Welcome (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

Kaylene Wheeler verbally conducted a role call of all present participants.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes Approval (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

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

MOTION WAS MADE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 WITH CHANGES/CORRECTIONS. MADE BY MITCH ROFFER, SECONDED BY RICH PAPERNO, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 5: Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 6: Water Quality Reports

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

Agenda Item 7: Presentations/Panel Discussion:

- 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. Buskey 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
 - a. Monitoring Plan - Dr. Dennis Hanisak, HBOI: Reviewed 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. State of the Lagoon Technical Report/Asset Mapping - Dr. Claudia Listopad, Applied Ecology, Inc.
 - i. State of the Lagoon Technical Report: Dr. Listopad reviewed progress made in the 2nd quarter, and discussed the challenges of creating vital signs indicators..
 - ii. Asset Mapping: Dr. Listopad reviewed completed wetlands and vacant lands maps within the IRL watershed along with branded map templates.
 - d. 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 Items 7: Old Business

- a. Sewell's Point Project Funding (Duane De Freese)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend inclusion of the Sewell's Point project on FY 2020-2021 funded project list and in FY 2020-2021 Business Plan pursuant to adoption of Resolution 2020-03 under New Business Item b. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contract pursuant to budget authority and availability of funds.

MOTION MADE BY CHRIS DE BODISCO, SECONDED BY LISA KRIMSKY, 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.

Agenda Item 8: 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 ANNE BIRCH, SECONDED BY KEVIN JOHNSON 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 MITCH ROFFER, SECONDED BY CHRIS DE BODISCO TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-03 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FY2020-2021 PURSUANT TO IRL COUNCIL POLICY AND FLORIDA STATUTES 200.065. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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 MITCH ROFFER, SECONDED BY LISA KRIMSKY 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 IRLNEP 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 MITCH ROFFER, SECONDED BY RICH PAPERNO 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 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kathy Hill offered an update on the Small Grant process and that the CAC will be revisiting the application criteria and funding priorities at their next meeting to ensure the program is meeting its goals and engaging the intended target audiences.

- 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 MITCH ROFFER, SECONDED BY BOB DAY TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE RFPs ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 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 ANNE BIRCH, SECONDED BY MEGAN STOLEN 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.

- 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 ANNE BIRCH, SECONDED BY RICH PAPERNO, 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 funding 10 internships contingent and consistent with available funds and budget authority already approved.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DE BODISCO, SECONDED BY ANNE BIRCH 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 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 9: IRLNEP Executive Director Report

- COO Dan Kolodny has submitted the mid-year progress report and the 2021 Work Plan to the EPA. The work plan was the first submitted by any NEP. .
- Kathy Hill is working on the communications plan and it is expected to be available for review in August.
- The science 2030 discussion plan has been revived and will be brought to the STEMAC in draft form in July.

- As of May 30, 2020, onelagoon.org will be the only website of the IRLNEP. The IRL.council.com website will be archived and will redirect users to the onelagoon.org website.
- Both Duane De Freese and Kathy Hill are participating as part of the Mobile Bay NEP's 5-year program evaluation with EPA region 4 and Headquarters staff.

Agenda Item 10: Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

None

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

Dr. Jacoby adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.