



IRL COUNCIL STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022
1:30 – 4:30 pm**

Up the Creek Farms, 3590 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950

This meeting is open to the public

***** Masks are encouraged *****

The order of items appearing on the agenda is subject to change during the meeting and is at the discretion of the presiding officer. Anyone wishing to speak on any item is requested to complete a speaker's card.

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

2. Agenda Revisions (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.

3. Introductions (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

4. Minutes Approval (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from STEM meeting on May 11, 2021, August 10, 2021, November 16, 2021, and February 8, 2022.

5. Public Comment

6. Water Quality Report

- a. Northern and Central Lagoon (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD)
- b. Southern Lagoon (Stacie Flood for Melanie Parker, SFWMD)

7. Presentation

IRL BMAP Update, Stacy Cecil, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

8. Old Business

- a. Attendance Policy Update (Kathy Hill)

Required Action: No action required. For information only.

9. New Business

- a. Bipartisan Congressional Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Law (“BIL”) (Duane De Freese)

Executive Director to present a strategy to integrate new BIL funding and allocations into the IRL Council 5-year budget with specific recommendations for Board actions.

- i. FY 2022 BIL Funding (Duane De Freese)
Requested Action: Review and adopt staff recommendations for FY 2022 BIL funding allocations. Authorize staff to develop and submit FY 2022 EPA BIL Workplan, revise FY 2022 budget as necessary, and revise IRLNEP FY 2022 business plan accordingly.
 - ii. FY 2022 - 2026 BIL Funding - Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (Duane De Freese)
Identify qualified applicants ready and willing to build institutional and infrastructure capacity for seagrass restoration.
Requested Action: Review and adopt RFQ recommended vendor list; authorize staff to negotiate and enter into service contracts with recommended vendors.
 - iii. FY 2023 - 2026 BIL Funding - Request for Proposals (RFP) for Water Quality and Habitat Restoration Projects (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Review and adopt RFP recommended project list; authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with recommended applicants.
 - iv. FY 2022 Amended Budget (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Review and adopt the amended budget for FY 2022 by Resolution 2022-02, pursuant to Florida Statutes.
 - v. FY 2023 Final Budget (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Review and adopt the final budget for FY 2023 by Resolution 2022-03, pursuant to Florida Statutes
- b. Discussion of public concerns regarding water quality and loss of seagrasses (Dr. Chuck Jacoby)
Requested Action: Information and discussion only. No action required.

10. IRLNEP Staff Reports

- a. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)
- b. Communications Report (Kathy Hill)
- c. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

11. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

12. Adjourn

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 2, 2022

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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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