



IRL COUNCIL STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This meeting is open to the public

February 6, 2024

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Historic Sebastian Elementary School 1235 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958

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. Introductions** (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)
- 3. Election of Officers** (Kathy Hill)
Requested Action: Elect Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2024 for the STEM Advisory Committee.
- 4. Agenda Revisions** (Chair)
Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
- 5. Consent Agenda** (Chair)
 - a. Approve November 14, 2023, STEM minutes
 - b. Approve revised MOA with Brevard Zoo “Dollar for Conservation”
 - c. Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment
 - d. Approve Fiscal Year 2025 EPA Workplan
 - e. Approve Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget**Requested Action:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Water Quality Reports**
 - a. Northern and Central IRL (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)
 - b. Southern IRL (Melanie Parker, SFWMD)
- 8. Presentation**
The Indian River Lagoon Species Inventory: 30 Years of Cataloging Biodiversity
Dr. Holly Sweat, Smithsonian Marine Station

9. Old Business

Science 2030 Document (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: For Discussion only.

10. New Business

- a. Fiscal Year 2025 Water Quality RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2025 Water Quality proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

- b. Fiscal Year 2025 Habitat Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2025 Habitat Restoration proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

- c. Fiscal Year 2025 Community-Based Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2025 Community-Based Restoration proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

- d. Fiscal Year 2025 Science and Innovation RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2025 Science and Innovation proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

11. IRLNEP Staff Reports

- a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)

- b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (KJ Ayres-Guerra)

- c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)

- d. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: No motion is required. Information only.

12. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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14. Adjourn

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