IRL COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT BOARD

This meeting is open to the public.

May 7, 2024

10:15 AM - 1:00 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 presiding officer's discretion. Anyone wishing to speak on any item is requested to complete a speaker's card.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Beth Powell, Chair)
2. **Introductions** (Beth Powell, Chair)
3. **Agenda Revisions** (Beth Powell, Chair)

   Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
4. **Minutes Approval** (Beth Powell, Chair)

   Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the Management Board meeting on February 6, 2024.

   Minutes
5. **Finance Sub-Committee Report** (Stu Glass, Chair Finance Sub-Committee)

   Requested Action: Accept Committee Report.
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Water Quality Reports**
   a. Northern IRL (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)
   b. Southern IRL (Kathy LaMartina, SFWMD)
8. **Presentation**

   Monitoring Improved Hydrology, Water Quality, and Mangrove Recovery in the Jensen Beach Impoundment

   Kara Radabaugh, PhD, Research Scientist Coastal Wetlands Research, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
9. **Old Business**

   None
10. **New Business**
    a. Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget (Daniel Kolodny)

    Final Budget

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors review and adopt the Final Budget for FY 2025 by Resolution 2024-03, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

b. Small Grant (Daniel Kolodny) **Small Grant**

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations, approve the final ranked list of proposals, and fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority. Authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contract agreements with those applicants.

c. Fiscal Year 2025 EPA BIL Workplan (Daniel Kolodny) **BIL Workplan**

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to finalize and submit the FY 2025 EPA BIL Workplan and authorize staff to submit the plan to EPA.

d. Science 2030 (Dr. Chuck Jacoby) **Science 2030 Link**

Requested Action: Motion to accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to accept the Science 2030 document.

11. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)
b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (KJ Ayres-Guerra)
c. IRL Project Update (Dan Kolodny)
d. Executive Director Report (Kathy Hill)

12. Final Comments (Management Board, Staff, Public)

13. Next Meeting

Management Board meeting: August 20, 2024, at 10:15 a.m.
Historic Sebastian Elementary School, 1235 Main St, Sebastian, FL 32958

14. Adjourn

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MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes from the meeting of

February 6, 2024

10:15 AM

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

Attendance: Brian Benton, Terri Breeden, Tom Campenni, Tony Catanese, Donald Dankert, Joseph Falzone, Jake Fojtik, David Fuss, James Gray, Carter Henne, Chuck Jacoby, George Jones, Elizabeth Kelly, Bill Kerr, Kathy LaMartina, Mike McCabe, Jim Moir, Robert Musser, Judy Orcutt, Marina Owens, Brion Pauley, Beth Powell, Keith Ramos, Kevin Shropshire, Diane Turner, Charles Vogt III

Guests: Jim Cannon, Lauren Hall, Holly Sweat, Amy Eason, Janet Zimmerman, Melisa Diolosa, Mike McMunigal, Tim Waln, Jennifer Spain, Kelli McGee

1. **Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Bob Musser, Vice Chair)

   Mr. Musser called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Introductions** (Bob Musser, Vice Chair)

   Mr. Musser led the group in introductions.

3. **Election of Officers** (Kathy Hill)

   Ms. Hill listed the candidates for Chair and Vice Chair; the floor was open for additional candidates. Chair: Beth Powell, Indian River County and Terri Breeden, Volusia County.
   Beth Powell received the majority (12) votes for Chair by a show of hands.
   Vice Chair: Bob Musser, Canaveral Port Authority and Terri Breeden, Volusia County.
   Terri Breeden received the majority (20) votes for Vice Chair by a show of hands.

4. **Agenda Revisions** (Bob Musser)

   No agenda revisions were brought forward.

5. **Minutes Approval** (Bob Musser)

   Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the Management Board meeting on November 14, 2023.

   A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI TO APPROVE THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2023. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STU GLASS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Finance Sub-Committee Report** (Stu Glass, Chair)

Mr. Glass noted that two requested actions were recommended for approval: Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment.

Requested Action: Accept Committee Report

7. **Public Comment**

None

8. **Water Quality Reports**

a. Northern and Central IRL (Lauren Hall)

Ms. Hall reported that the data collection is from the continuous monitoring sondes in the north and central lagoon areas. The water depth throughout shows a gradual decline, which is typical for this season. Salinity remains in the brackish ranges for all stations; dips are due to rainfall events. Temperature drops coincide with cold fronts but rise quickly. Chlorophyll remains under ten RFU, with the exception of Eau Gallie. Spikes of *pseudo-nitzchia* have occurred, but nothing significant currently. Turbidity peaks occur due to wind conditions and rainfall events. Fluorescent dissolved organic matter (FDOM) at Eau Gallie River and Vero are trending upwards due to the proximity of freshwater tributaries. December and January experienced an unusual rainfall event with over seven cumulative inches. Reviewing the same time period for a similar amount, it was noted that 2016 was a strong El Nino year; going further back to the same amount, 2010 was a moderate El Nino year.

A decline in % cover of seagrass has occurred in Mosquito Lagoon; summer recorded a 62 % coverage in July, and early January coverage is at <5% at transects. In 2023, at the same period, recorded the same <5% coverage; this could be a trend. We still have substantial seagrass in Mosquito Lagoon, with dense coverage at some sites.

b. Southern IRL (Kathy LaMartina)

Ms. LaMartina reports the freshwater flow has big spikes due to rainfall events, with the largest amounts from the Tidal Basin; no Lake Okeechobee discharges since April 2023. The salinity at the HR1 site fell into the damaging range at the surface and the stress range at the bottom. The US1 Bridge salinity decreased to the stress level at the surface and optimum level at the bottom. A1A Bridge remained at the optimal level at both the surface and bottom. This week, the salinity has increased at all sites.

The juvenile oyster (spat) recruitment rates showed a small peak from August through October; it is typical to see lower recruitment rates late in the year when water temperatures cool.

9. **Presentation**

The Indian River Lagoon Species Inventory: 30 Years of Cataloging Biodiversity

Dr. Sweat, Smithsonian Marine Station, presented on the topic of "The Indian River Lagoon Species Inventory: 30 Years of Cataloging Biodiversity". She briefly explained the project, which first originated at the Indian River Lagoon Biodiversity Conference in 1994. By 1997, the Smithsonian Marine Station became the repository for information. The IRL Species Inventory online portal went live in 2000, and since then, the inventory has evolved from a simple list to including habitat and ecology information. The project's mission is to create a comprehensive inventory of every living thing in the watershed, including marine, freshwater, and terrestrial

species. Thanks to funding from the IRLNEP, the inventory has been able to expand its development, and emerging technology may improve identification in the future. Dr. Sweat also introduced the website IRLSpecies.org and gave a short tutorial on navigating it to find information.

10. Old Business

Approve revised MOA with Brevard Zoo "Dollar for Conservation" (Duane De Freese)

Dr. De Freese explained the minor revision clarifies the language pertaining to the timeline of the IRLNEP receiving the revenue.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors approve the revised MOA with Brevard Zoo.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE REVISED MOA WITH BREVARD ZOO. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TONY CATANESE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. New Business

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

Mr. Kolodny announced the top two proposals statistically tied. Both projects will be funded. The surplus funding for the Water Quality category will be offered to the third-ranked project; this will not match the requested amount for that project.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Board 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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM MOIR TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT BOARD 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. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TONY CATANESE. MOTION PASSED. JUDY ORCUTT RECUSED.

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

Mr. Kolodny announced the top two proposals statistically tied. Both projects were recommended for funding.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Board 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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF FY 2025 HABITAT RESTORATION PROPOSALS; ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COMPLETELY FUND THE TOP STATISTICALLY TIED

PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND BUDGETARY AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE. MOTION PASSED. CARTER HENNE, KELLI MCGEE AND JIM MOIR RECUSED.

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

Mr. Kolodny announced that funding will cover the top two proposals, with the third-ranked proposal having partial funding. Staff recommends applying $11,974 of the Fund Balance to fund the third project fully. The second, third, and fourth projects scoring in the Community-Based Habitat Restoration category scored within one point of each other.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Board 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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAPENNI TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF FY 2025 COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROPOSALS; ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COMPLETELY FUND THE THIRD-RANKED PROPOSAL CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND BUDGETARY AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BETH POWELL. MOTION PASSED. GEORGE JONES, TONY CANTANESE, JIM MOIR AND TERRI BREEDEN RECUSED.

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

Mr. Kolodny announced the top three ranked proposals could be fully funded, with the fourth proposal receiving partial funding. The staff recommends applying $2,212 of the Fund Balance to fund Project 4 fully.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Board 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.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF FY 2025 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION PROPOSALS; ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COMPLETELY FUND THE FIRST THROUGH FOURTH RANKED PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND BUDGETARY AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BILL KERR MOTION PASSED. GEORGE JONES RECUSED.

e. Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny explained the entries on the tentative budget. A correction was made to the text for 1c. Science and Innovation is an error; the correction is Community-Based.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors review and adopt the tentative budget for FY 2025 by Resolution 2024-01, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STU GLASS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW AND ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2025 BY RESOLUTION 2024-01, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES WITH THE CORRECTION IN 1C. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM CAPENNI. MOTION PASSED. CHARLES VOGT III AND KELLI MCGEE RECUSED.

f. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny explained the changes in the FY 2024 budget, reduced facility expenses, and increased salary and benefits.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors review and amend the final budget for FY 2024 by Resolution 2024-02, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STU GLASS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW AND AMEND THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2024 BY RESOLUTION 2024-02, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BILL KERR. MOTION PASSED. CHARLES VOGT III AND KELLI MCGEE RECUSED.

g. Fiscal Year 2025 EPA Workplan (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the EPA Section 320 Workplan Projects and Activities List.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to finalize and submit the FY 2025 EPA Workplan by June 1, 2024.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BETH POWELL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE STAFF TO FINALIZE AND SUBMIT THE FY 2025 EPA WORKPLAN BY JUNE 1, 2024. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM CAPENNI. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

h. New Request for Qualification (RFQ) solicitations for Accounting Services and Printing Services (Duane De Freese)

Dr. De Freese discussed the difficulty of soliciting printing service bids and ensuring high-quality services. The accounting contract with Special District Services is nearing its end, but the SDS staff understands the intricate IRLNEP's restricted funds well. SDS played a crucial role in securing a higher interest rate, and the IRLNEP staff strongly believes renewing the contract would benefit.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to develop and release RFQs for identified services.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAMES GRAY TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP AND RELEASE RFQS FOR IDENTIFIED SERVICES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GEORGE JONES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. IRLNRP Staff Reports

a. Community Engagement Report (Kathy Hill)

Ms. Hill reported the social media metrics and comparison between the engagement rates of the two quarters. During the holidays, the engagement rate decreased, and it was observed that reels perform better than static photos. The majority of the audience continues to trend to

be women. The CEC metrics included attendance at eight local government meetings and twenty-six events. The team conducted eleven presentations, participated in twenty community meetings, and braved the cooler temperatures while participating in nine fieldwork and project opportunities. Forty-one outreach occasions were facilitated.

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

Ms. Ayres-Guerra reported the Master Project Map has been posted on the One Lagoon website; it includes all projects from Fiscal Year 2016 through Fiscal Year 2023. The map is interactive and contains project information, photos, and a final report from each project. Comments have been collected, and an improved iteration of MPM 2.0 is planned for 2024. Ms. Ayres-Guerra announced projects for 2024 include a digital web application of the Boaters Guide created by FWC and MRC, not to be used as a navigation tool, updating the website, developing a Lagoon History Story Map and publishing lagoon-wide datasets. Requested available geospatial data to be submitted.

c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny announced the first quarter was busy, with five completed projects and forty-five in progress. Mr. Kolodny was happy to report one of the oldest projects, the North Sebastian Phase 2 Septic to Sewer, has been completed. Mr. Kolodny gave an overview of three other completed projects; one completed small grant project was reviewed.

d. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

Dr. De Freese reported that the IRLNEP has partnered with the Southeast and Caribbean Disaster Resilience Partnership (SCDRP) to develop a NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge grant proposal, to be submitted on Tuesday. One focus is on the priority community of Morris Creek in Ft. Pierce. Dr. De Freese discussed attending a field tour and meeting and thanked the Kennedy Space Center and NASA folks for the boat ride and tour of MINWR. Dr. De Freese attended the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA) board meeting and participated in the SCDRP meeting, where he will hold the chair position. The legislative action exemption language for meeting attendance electronically is still alive. Dr. De Freese thanked the Florida legislature members and staff for their work and efforts on this item.

Dr. De Freese joined the ANEP Congressional briefings in Washington, DC, which included nine visits to minority and majority appropriations committee members and stops at delegations' offices. In 2026, the NEPs are up for reauthorization; discussions were started with relevant offices and staff to support the NEPs, and bipartisan support in both the House and Senate was evident. Dr. De Freese alerted those in attendance that the Appropriation letters of request for 2025 may be due before the 2024 budget issue is resolved, be prepared for short notice.

Dr. De Freese announced that he is no longer in remission and will update with the next steps.

13. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

Kevin Shropshire announced the Florida Industrial Pretreatment Association is hosting a conference on Friday, May 3, 2024, in Melbourne Beach. The organization is looking for speakers. Kathy Hill will be speaking on behalf of IRLNEP.

Duane De Freese shared that the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust organization is collecting and studying Redfish tissue samples from the IRL and discovering pharmaceutical and illegal drugs. Also noted, the CCMP will be updated this year, and on a happy note, Congratulations to Carter Henne on the birth of his child.

Jim Moir asked the group: Should the EPA separate the State of Florida from the rest of the country on fish consumption related to ingesting toxins? The challenge is finding the target toxicology.

KJ Ayres-Guerra announced that the live Small Grant Q&A webinar will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. The recording will be posted on the website.

Kathy Hill invited all members to pick up a logo polo shirt before leaving as a thank-you gift.

Mike McMunigal from SJRWMD introduced himself and spoke on the district's new initiative, Strategic Planning Basin efforts throughout the district. The goal is to increase stakeholder communication and coordination and move projects forward.

Melisa Diolosa, SJRWMD, announced the IRL feasibility study for medium-sized stormwater projects.

Beth Powell announced that IRC is looking for a Natural Resource Director; information can be found on the Indian River County website.

George Jones announced ORCA will have a new home on 16th St. in Vero Beach.

Bob Musser thanked Beth and Terry for stepping up in the leadership roles of the Management Board.

14. Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 10:15 a.m.
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15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 a.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRL COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the IRL Council was created via Interlocal Agreement to carry out the goals of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council held a public hearing on February 9, 2024 and adopted a Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council held a public Meeting on May 10, 2024 to consider the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRL COUNCIL, THAT:

Section 1. The Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget is attached as Exhibit "A".

Section 2. The Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget is hereby adopted.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

DONE at_____, Florida, this_____day of_____,2024.

By: _____
Jeff Brower, IRL Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Stacey Hetherington, IRL Council Secretary

Approved as to legal form and sufficiency:

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Glen J. Torcivia
IRL Council, Legal Counsel

IRL Council
FY 2025 Final Budget
Exhibit A

REVENUES	
Federal Section 320	$ 850,000
Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Law	$ 909,800
IRL License Plate	$ 125,000
Member Contributions	$1,500,000
TOTAL REVENUES	$3,384,800
EXPENDITURES	
Other Expenditures	$2,543,326
IRL Council Strategic Program, IRLNEP 2025 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP 2025 Infrastructure Work Plan, Unplanned Contingency Reserve	
Salaries & Benefits	$ 693,777
Facilities Expenses	$ 38,000
Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications	
Administrative Costs	$ 84,000
Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development	
Administrative Services	$ 123,800
Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$3,482,903
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	$ 758,395
Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 660,292

FY 2025 Tentative Budget	Approved 2/9/24	**FY 2025 Final Budget**	Pending	Higher / Lower	(Notes)
REVENUES		**REVENUES**			
Federal EPA 320	$ 850,000	Federal EPA 320	$ 850,000		
IRL License Plate	$ 125,000	IRL License Plate	$ 125,000		
Member Contributions	$1,500,000	Member Contributions	$1,500,000		
Federal Infrastructure	$ 909,800	Federal Infrastructure	$ 909,800		
TOTAL REVENUES	$3,384,800	TOTAL REVENUES	$3,384,800		
EXPENDITURES		**EXPENDITURES**			
Other Expenditures	$2,445,223	Other Expenditures	$2,543,326	$98,103	(1)
IRL Council Strategic Program, IRLNEP FY2025 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP FY2025 EPA Infrastructure Work Plan, Unplanned Contingency Reserve		IRL Council Strategic Program, IRLNEP FY2025 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP FY2025 EPA Infrastructure Work Plan, Unplanned Contingency Reserve			
Salaries & Benefits	$ 693,777	Salaries & Benefits	$ 693,777		
Facilities Expenses	$ 38,000	Facilities Expenses	$ 38,000		
Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications		Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications			
Administrative Costs	$ 84,000	Administrative Costs	$ 84,000		
Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development		Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development			
Administrative Services	$ 123,800	Administrative Services	$ 123,800		
Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads		Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 3,384,800	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 3,482,903	$98,103	(2)
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0	Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0		
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 758,395	$758,395	(3)
Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 0	Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 660,292	$660,292	(4)

FY 2025 Final Budget Expenditure Detail (Narrative)

(1) Increase "Other Expenditures" by $98,103 from $2,445,223 to $2,543,326. This increase represents project funding decisions made by the IRL Council Board of Directors at the February 9, 2024, meeting. Other Expenditures now consists of the following:

1. IRL Council Strategic Program ($768,526) includes the following:
    a. Water Quality Restoration Project(s) - $350,000 (no change)
    b. Habitat Restoration Project(s) -$167,840 (an increase of $17,840)
    c. Community-Based Restoration Project(s) - $198,474 (an increase of $73,474)
    d. Small grants program - $25,000 (no change)
    e. IRLNEP Technical Support of Conferences and Workshops - $25,000 (no change)
    f. Funding to fully fund the FIT sediment project – $2,212 (increase of $2,212)
2. IRLNEP FY2024 EPA Workplan ($850,000) (no change)
3. IRLNEP FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS LAW Workplan ($909,800) (no change)
4. Unplanned Contingency Reserve - $15,000 (increase of $4,577)

(2) Increase "Total Expenditures" by $98,103 from $3,384,800 to $3,482,903. This increase reflects the changes made in "Other Expenditures".

(3) Increase "Fund Balance Beginning of Year" by $758,395 from $0 to $758,395. This increase represents the estimated Fund Balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2024 should all expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 be completed at their fully budgeted amounts.

(4) Increase "Fund Balance End of Year" by $660,292 from $0 to $660,292. This increase represents the anticipated end of year Fund Balance should all budgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 be completed at their fully budgeted amounts.

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2024 Small Grant Scoring
Green is ranked eligible and within allocated funding.
Yellow is ranked eligible but outside the allocated funding amount.
Gray is not eligible for consideration.

Ranked Order	Project Title	Organization	IRLNEP Share	Match Share	Total Project Cost	Project County(s)	Education Restoration Both	Normalized Score	Funds Remaining
1	SWIRL Analysis of contaminating organic compounds in IRL-bound stormwater	SWIRL, previous partial-funding administered by A Poch-USA	$3,326.57	$0.00	$3,326.57	Brevard	Education	84.14	$21,673.43
2	Ballard Park	Surfrider Foundation Space Coast Chapter	$1,250.00	$1,118.00	$2,368.00	Brevard	Both	83.71	$20,423.43
3	ORCA's Buffered Shoreline-Storm Drain Project	ORCA	$4,375.38	$377.20	$4,752.58	Indian River	Both	83.57	$16,048.05
4	Lagoon Quest Environmental Education Program	Brevard Zoo	$5,000.00	$85,924.20	$90,924.20	Brevard	Education	81.71	$11,048.05
5	Stella Maris Exploration Outreach Project	Stella Maris Environmental Research	$5,000.00	$14,339.00	$19,339.00	Brevard Indian River St Lucie	Education	81.43	$6,048.05
6	Atmospheric Deposition: "Plastic Rain" in the Indian River Lagoon	UCF	$2,734.00	$2,941.00	$5,675.00	Volusia	Education	80.50	$3,314.05
7	The Zip Project: An Oyster Restoration Project	The Zip Project	$3,000.00	$1,384.00	$4,384.00	Volusia	Both	78.17	$314.05

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8	Project Plankton	Marine Discovery Center	$4,997.98	$2,258.60	$7,256.58	Volusia	Education	75.40	-$4,683.93
9	Indian River Lagoon Water Quality and Biodiversity	St. Edward's School	$3,402.00	$2,330.00	$5,732.00	Indian River	Education	74.86	-$8,085.93
10	Sykes Creek Kayak Clean-up	Community Advocacy for Merritt Island	$1,012.07	$0.00	$1,012.07	Brevard	Both	73.14	-$9,098.00
11	Little Growers Inc. Summer Earn and Learn Estuary Echo Program	Little Growers Inc	$5,000.00	$21,722.03	$26,722.03	Brevard	Both	73.00	-$14,098.00
12	Importance of Sandy Shorlines in Estuaries	Merritt Island Wildlife Association	$2,250.00	$0.00	$2,250.00	Brevard	Education	65.43	
13	First Church of Nazarene Melbourne Native Garden	Conaradina Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society	$5,000.00	$16,308.50	$21,308.50	Brevard	Both	65.29	
14	BIRLC Local Straight Talks	Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition	$5,000.00	$11,260.00	$16,260.00	Brevard	Education	64.43	
15	Indian River Lagoon Discovery Trail	St. Andrews Episcopal Academy	$4,584.00	$1,000.00	$5,584.00	St. Lucie	Education	64.00	
16	Mosquito Lagoon Trash Cleanup	Lagoon Watermen Alliance	$1,117.17	$0.00	$1,117.17	Volusia Brevard	Both	64.00	
17	RECESS Resource Enhancement, Community Engagement and Sustainable Stewardship	Lagoon Life.org	$4,950.00	$5,400.00	$10,350.00	Brevard	Both	62.29	
18	Short Documentaries Septuagenarian anglers	RWParkinson Consulting, Inc.	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	Brevard	Education	61.43	

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19	Mending Fences on the Martha Wininger Reflection Park, Sebastian	Pelican Island Audubon Society Inc.	$5,000.00	$33,320.00	$38,320.00	Indian River	Both	60.83
20	Odyssey's Magical Journey through the Indian River Lagoon-Education Project	Odyssey Charter School, Inc.	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	Brevard	Edcation	60.43
21	Country Walk Detention Pond Aquatic Plantings	Country Walk Homeowners Association of Melbourne, Inc.	$4,845.00	$13.42	$4,858.42	Brevard	Both	58.14
22	Homeless Children's Summer Camp on the Lagoon	Sunrise Rotary of Vero Beach	$3,140.00	$0.00	$3,140.00	Indian River	Education	54.57
23	Keep the Lagoon Clean - Song and Video	The Motivational Edge	$5,000.00	$1,100.00	$6,100.00	Indian River	Education	52.43
24	An Assessment of Chemical Accumulation and Heath and Stress Markers in American Alligators found in Brevard Waters	EEARSS	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	Brevard	Education	32.43

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FY 2025 EPA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Workplan List of Activities

1. Building Lagoon-wide Capacity for Seagrass Recovery Through Infrastructure Investments. Year 4 of 5. ($500,000)
    a. Includes 5 partners at $100,000 each

2. Priority Community Engagement and Equity Consulting. ($49,000)
    a. Service contract with DOTI Inc.

3. Priority Communities CCMP Implementation. ($360,800)
    a. To be determined by RFP.

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