IRL COUNCIL
STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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August 20, 2024

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

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

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

   Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
4. **Consent Agenda**(Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

   a. Approve Minutes from the STEM meeting on May 7, 2024
   b. Independent Audit Report for FY 2023
   c. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment
   d. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment

   Requested Action: Approve the consent agenda.
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Water Quality Reports**

   a. Northern IRL (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)
   b. Southern IRL (Dr. Melanie Parker, SFWMD)
7. **Presentation**

   What is the Florida Flood Hub?
   (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Strategic Program Director, Florida Flood Hub)
8. **Old Business**

None

9. **New Business**

   a. NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award (Dan Kolodny)

   Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to authorize staff to enter into a contract agreement with NOAA and administer all aspects of the 3-year NOAA project (FY 2024 – 2027), including issuing 10 sub-award contracts.

   b. Fiscal Year 2026 Request for Proposals (RFPs) (Daniel Kolodny)

   Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to authorize staff to develop and release RFPs for FY 2026, review and rank proposals and return to the Management Conference for funding approval.

   c. Fiscal Year 2025 Legislative Priorities (Duane De Freese)

   Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to review and adopt IRL Council Legislative Priorities for 2025 and to authorize the Executive Director to represent the IRL Council in legislative policy discussions and appropriations.

10. **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.

11. **Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)**

12. **Next Meeting**

    Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
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13. **Adjourn**

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