IRL COUNCIL
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This meeting is open to the public

August 22, 2024

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

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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** (Frank Catino, Chair)
2. **Introductions** (Frank Catino, Chair)
3. **Agenda Revisions** (Frank Catino, Chair)

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

   Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the CAC meeting on May 2, 2024.
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Presentation**

   Kayaks and Cameras for Audubon Advocate and RiverKidz Students
   Donna Halloran, Executive Director, Pelican Island Audubon Society
7. **Old Business**

   None
8. **New Business**

   a. NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award (Daniel 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 2024 Final Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny)

Minutes

FY 2024

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget Amendment for FY 2024 by Resolution 2024-04, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

c. Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny)

FY 2025

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment for FY 2025 by Resolution 2024-05, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

d. 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.

e. 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.

9. 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)

Exe Dir Activities

Requested Action: No motion is required. Information only.

10. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

11. Next Meeting

Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting: November 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
Historic Sebastian Elementary School, 1235 Main Steet, Sebastian, FL 32958

12. Adjourn

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IRL COUNCIL
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting of

May 2, 2024

1:30 PM

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

Attendance: Christine Bamberger, Greg Braun, Frank Brownell, Cheryl McPhillips, Linda Roberts, Suzanne Scheiber, Tess Sailor-Tynes, Barbara Schlitt Ford, Ashley Weber, Keith Winsten,
Guests: Steven Schlitt

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Tess Sailor-Tynes, Vice Chair)

   Ms. Sailor-Tynes called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Introduction** (Tess Sailor-Tynes, Vice Chair)

   Ms. Sailor-Tynes led the group's introductions.

3. **Agenda Revisions** (Tess Sailor-Tynes, Vice Chair)

   No agenda revisions were brought forward.

4. **Approval of Minutes** (Tess Sailor-Tynes, Vice Chair)

   Minutes from the Citizens Advisory Committee on February 8, 2024.

   Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the CAC Meeting on February 8, 2024.

   MOTION WAS MADE BY GREG BRAUN TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2024. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHERYL MCPHILLIPS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Public Comments** (Tess Sailor-Tynes, Vice Chair)

   No public comments were made.

6. **Old Business**

   Moving the CAC meeting time to 1:00 p.m. (Erin Bergman)

   Ms. Bergman suggested moving the meeting's start time from 1:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. because the meeting location had changed.

   Requested Action: Motion to move the start time of the meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

   MOTION WAS MADE BY LINDA ROBERTS TO MOVE THE START TIME OF THE MEETING FROM 1:30 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHRISTINE BAMBERGER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. New Business

a. 2024 Small Grant (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny presented the twenty-four Small Grant proposal scores and rankings. Seven of the proposals were ranked within the funding allocation. An additional four projects ranked above the funding threshold of 70% but fell outside the budget allocation. Discussed using reserve funds to fully fund the additional four projects without jeopardizing the fund balance.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY LINDA ROBERTS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS, APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS, ADDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COMPLETELY FUND THE FIRST THROUGH ELEVENTH 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 CHERYL MCPHILLIPS. MOTION PASSED. TESS SAILOR-TYNES AND KEITH WINSTEN ABSTAINED.

b. Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny outlined the changes from the tentative budget to the final budget. Changes included expanding the strategic program based on the decisions made at the February meeting by approving additional projects in the RFPs.

Requested Action: Review and adopt the Final Budget for FY 2025 by Resolution 2024-03, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH WINSTEN 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. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FRANK BROWNELL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Science 2030 (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny explained that the Science 2030 document will be a living document with two parts: the first part targets scientific investigations to support the IRL protection plan, and the second part is a compendium of scientific questions raised by the STEM committee. The goal is to document the issues raised by the scientists.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to accept the Science 2030 document.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FRANK BROWNELL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE SCIENCE 2030 DOCUMENT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHERYL MCPHILLIPS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Fiscal Year 2025 EPA BIL Workplan (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny explained that the EPA is reviewing the 2024 EPA BIL Workplan. A concern was noted in the contractual portions of the procurement guidelines for a for-profit company. To maintain compliance, the 2025 EPA BIL Workplan submitted in the STEM packet was edited.

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendation to authorize staff to develop and submit the FY 2025 EPA BIL Workplan and authorize staff to submit the plan to EPA.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTINE BAMBERGER TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT THE FY 2025 EPA BIL WORKPLAN AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO EPA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GREG BRAUN. MOTION PASSED.

8. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)

Ms. Heather Stapleton, reporting for Kathy Hill, noted that the social media metrics for this quarter show a distinction between organic interactions and those generated by ads. The ads focused on the IRL license plate and were created by IDEAS. It was observed that the ads performed better on Facebook than on Instagram. Facebook continues to experience more interactions and has an older demographic than Instagram. The interactions of the Community Engagement Coordinators in various activities increased this quarter compared to the previous one.

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

Ms. Heather Stapleton, reporting for KJ Ayers-Guerra, announced that Ms. Ayers-Guerra participated in the ESRI Southeast User Conference and presented the IRL Council Master Project Map 1.0. Feedback was obtained. Interviews have been ongoing for the IRL Fishing Tales Project, and suggestions for future interviews were requested. The Boater's Guide is proceeding as an app and a paper version.

c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Daniel Kolodny announced that 41 CCMP projects/activities are in progress. Four projects were completed in the second quarter, and a brief overview was given: *Indian River Drive and Dixon Blvd.*, the City of Cocoa, *Tucker Cove Seagrass Restoration*, Sea and Shoreline*, Using Genetic Tools to Boost Seagrass Restoration Success in the IRL,* Mote Marine Lab and *One Health Fish Monitoring -PFAS,* ORCA.

d. Executive Director Report (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Daniel Kolodny, reporting for Duane De Freese, thanked Florida state Senators Wright and Mayfield, Representative Altman and their staff for assisting in the passage of CS/CS/SB 224. The IRLNEP staff will arrange the communications media technology needed for public meetings. Mr. Kolodny announced that the Association of National Estuary Programs is working on legislative and appropriation issues. Reviewed the list of presentations and activities of this past quarter.

9. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

Daniel Kolodny announced he recently attended the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting, presented on the IRL and the issues affecting its habitat health, and presented at a SORIL event.

Heather Stapleton announced that the Emerson Center is hosting an art display created from litter by children from the St. Lucie Boys and Girls Club. The evening reception is May 9, 2024, and the sculptures will be displayed throughout the month.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
Historic Sebastian Elementary School, 1235 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Return

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRL COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2024 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 previously amended the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 on August 11, 2023 and February 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council finds it necessary and essential to amend the Budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year as set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2024 Fiscal Year budget amendments set forth in this Resolution serves a valid public purpose.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are ratified and incorporated into this resolution.

Section 2. The funds and available resources and revenues that are set out in Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, are appropriated to provide the monies to be used to pay the necessary operating and other expenses of the IRL Council.

Section 3. Except as amended in Exhibit "A" the remainder of the Budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year remains in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

DONE at_____, Florida, this_____day of_____,2024.

By: _____
Jeff Brower, IRL Council Chair

ATTEST:

_____
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 2024 Amended 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	$4,735,025
IRL Council 2024 Strategic Program, IRLNEP 2024 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP 2024 Infrastructure Work Plan, Prior FYs Strategic Program, Prior EPA 320 Workplans and Prior FYs EPA Infrastructure Work Plans, Unplanned Contingency Reserve	
Salaries & Benefits	$ 669,020
Facilities Expenses	$ 40,500
Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications	
Administrative Costs	$ 71,000
Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development	
Administrative Services	$ 123,405
Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$5,638,950
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	$3,261,090
Fund Balance – End of Year	$1,006,940

FY 2024 Amended Budget	Approved 2/9/2024	**FY 2024 Amended 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	$2,480,875	Other Expenditures	$4,735,025	$2,254,150	(1)
IRL Council Strategic Program, IRLNEP FY2024 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP FY2024 EPA Infrastructure Work Plan, Unplanned Contingency Reserve		IRL Council Strategic Program, IRLNEP FY2024 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP FY2024 EPA Infrastructure Work Plan, Prior FYs Strategic Program, Prior EPA 320 Workplans and Prior FYs EPA Infrastructure Work Plans, Unplanned Contingency Reserve		
Salaries & Benefits	$ 669,020	Salaries & Benefits	$ 669,020		
Facilities Expenses	$ 40,500	Facilities Expenses	$ 40,500		
Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications		Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications			
Administrative Costs	$ 71,000	Administrative Costs	$ 71,000		
Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development		Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development			
Administrative Services	$ 123,405	Administrative Services	$ 123,405		
Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads		Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 3,384,800	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 5,638,950	$2,254,150	(2)
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0	Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0		
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 758,395	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 3,261,090	$2,502,695	(3)
Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 758,395	Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 1,006,940	$248,545	(4)

FY 2024 Amended Budget Detail (Narrative)

(1) Increase "Other Expenditures" by $2,254,150 from $2,480,875 to $4,735,025. This increase represents the reconciling of active projects from prior FYs from the audited Fund Balance into the current budget. "OTHER EXPENDITURES" now comprises the following:

a. 2024 IRL Strategic Program - $714,098 (increase of $14,098)
   i. Water Quality Restoration Projects - $401,000 (decrease of $49,000, part of project funding moved to BIL)
   ii. Habitat Restoration Projects - $100,000 (no change)
   iii. Community Based Restoration Projects - $0 (no change)
   iv. Small Grants - $39,098 (Increase of $14,098)
   v. IRLNEP Technical Support of Conferences and Workshops - $25,000 (no change)
   vi. Science and Innovation eligible Projects - $100,000 (no change)
   vii. Priorities Communities Consulting service contract - $49,000 ($49,000, moved from BIL due to EPA procurement audit)

b. 2024 EPA Section 320 Work Plan – $850,000 (no change)
   i. Tox 3 Impact study with SJRWMD - $0 (decrease of $100,000, SJRWMD not moving forward with study)
   ii. State of Lagoon Technical Report Year 5 - $0 (decrease of $76,125, 5th year of funding not required)
   iii. IRLNEP Communication Initiative - $161,375 (no change)
   iv. Biodiversity Inventory Year 5 - $25,000 (no change)
   v. Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring Central Station - $30,000 (no change)
   vi. Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring North and South Stations - $60,000 (no change
   vii. HAB Monitoring with UF and FAU Year 5 - $150,000 (no change)
   viii. EPA mandatory travel - $10,000 (no change)
   ix. CCMP Priority inventory and economic analysis - $191,125 (increase of $176,125; funding from i. and ii. above reallocated to support NOAA grant award)
   x. Three (3) community engagement coordinator's salary - $202,500 (no change)

c. 2024 EPA Infrastructure (BIL) Work Plan - $909,800 (no change)
   i. Seagrass Nursery Network - $500,000 (no change)
   ii. Priority Communities Projects - $360,800 (no change)
   iii. Priority Communities Consulting service contract - $0 (decrease of $49,000, moved to Strategic due to EPA procurement audit)
   iv. FPUA septic to sewer project - $49,000 (increase of $49,000 due to reallocation from strategic program funding)

d. Prior FY Projects in Progress - $2,240,052 (increase of $2,240,052)
    i. License Plate Projects – $51,600
        1. Brevard County Micco Sewer Line - $11,600
        2. City of Cocoa: Dixon Blvd at Indian River Drive WQ and Resiliency Project - $40,000
    ii. Strategic Projects - $773,643
        1. Sea and Shoreline Tucker Cove Seagrass Restoration - $85,000
        2. Indian River County North Sebastian Phase 2 Septic to Sewer - $104,018
        3. Martin County: Hobe Heights Jimmy Graham Stormwater Park - $150,000
        4. Indian River Land Trust Validation of Inexpensive and Effective Modifications of Mosquito Impoundment Management Strategies to Increase Their Value as Vital Fish Nurseries Y2 - $8,918
        5. Small grants FY 2022 - $8,919
        6. Martin County Connect to Protect Year 3 - $200,000
        7. City of Stuart Illinois Avenue Living Shoreline Project - $85,000
        8. 2 NEW Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring Stations Construction - $50,000
        9. Small grants FY 2023 - $25,000
        10. UCF Charge On: ML Habitat Restoration: $56,788
    iii. EPA Section 320 Projects - $430,065
        1. One Lagoon Boaters Guide - $25,000
        2. Harmful Algal Bloom Science - $4,400
        3. Grant Writing FY 2021 - $16,675
        4. FWC Monitoring Improved Hydrology, Water Quality, and Mangrove Recovery in the Jensen Beach Impoundment - $15,628
        5. CCMP Project Inventory and Economic Analysis FY 2022 - $48,905
        6. CCMP Project Inventory and Economic Analysis FY 2023 - $18,000
        7. State of the Lagoon Technical Report Year 4 - $58,355
        8. EPA surplus from under budget projects reallocated to other projects - $38,525
        9. FIT Preliminary Characterization of Microcystin in Coastal Dwelling Mammals in the IRL - $30,039
        10. Applied Ecology State of the IRL Technical Report Year 4 - $77,506
        11. Atmospheric Deposition Monitoring North and South Stations - $60,000
        12. One Lagoon Comprehensive Communication Initiative FY23 - $37,032
    iv. EPA Infrastructure (BIL) Projects - $984,744
        1. Indian River County North Sebastian Phase 2 Septic to Sewer - $100,000

2. Brevard County Micco Sewer Line - $100,000
3. BCU IRL Seagrass Restoration using Mosquito Control Impoundment - $32,500
4. IRLNEP Vessel purchase to support restoration and education activities - $60,000
5. UCF Charge On: ML Habitat Restoration - $70,925
6. St. Lucie County Sheraton Plaza STA - $100,000
7. FOS Seagrass Nursery FY 2022 - $63,720
8. FOS Seagrass Nursery FY 2023 - $100,000
9. FAU Seagrass Nursery FY 2022 - $81,409
10. FAU Seagrass Nursery FY 2023 - $100,000
11. Brevard Zoo Seagrass Nursery FY 2023 - $79,437
12. MDC Seagrass Nursery FY 2023 - $96,753

e. Unplanned Contingency Reserve - $21,075 (no change)

(2) Increase "Total Expenditures" by $2,254,150 from $3,384,800 to $5,638,950. This increase reflects the increase in "Other Expenditures, Item 1, above.

(3) Increase "Fund Balance Beginning of Year" by $2,502,695 from $758,395 to $3,261,090. This increase represents the FY 2023 Audited Fund Balance value.

(4) Increase "Fund Balance End of Year" by $248,545 from $758,395 to $1,006,940. This increase represents if all budgeted expenditures were fully expended after reconciling Audited Fund Balance to prior FY project expenditures brought into this current FY budget.

Agenda Return

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRL COUNCIL AMENDING 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 May 10, 2024 and adopted a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the IRL Council finds it necessary and essential to amend the Budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year as set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2025 Fiscal Year budget amendments set forth in this Resolution serves a valid public purpose.

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

Section 1. The above recitals are ratified and incorporated into this resolution.

Section 2. The funds and available resources and revenues that are set out in Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, are appropriated to provide the monies to be used to pay the necessary operating and other expenses of the IRL Council.

Section 3. Except as amended in Exhibit "A" the remainder of the Budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year remains in full force and effect.

Section 4. 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 Amended Budget
Exhibit A

REVENUES	
Federal Section 320	$ 850,000
Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Law	$ 909,800
NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration	$5,266,116
IRL License Plate	$ 125,000
Member Contributions	$1,500,000
TOTAL REVENUES	$8,650,916
EXPENDITURES	
Other Expenditures	$7,809,442
IRL Council Strategic Program, IRLNEP 2025 EPA 320 Work Plan, IRLNEP 2025 Infrastructure Work Plan, IRLNEP 2025 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award, Unplanned Contingency Reserve	
Salaries & Benefits	$ 594,777
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	$8,597,994
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	$1,006,940
Fund Balance – End of Year	$1,059,862

FY 2025 Tentative Budget	Approved 5/10/24	**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	NOAA Transformational Habitat	$5,266,116		
		Federal Infrastructure	$ 909,800		
TOTAL REVENUES	$3,384,800	TOTAL REVENUES	$8,650,916	$5,266,116	(1)
EXPENDITURES		**EXPENDITURES**			
Other Expenditures	$2,543,326	Other Expenditures	$7,809,442	$5,214,091	(2)
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, IRLNEP 2025 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award Unplanned Contingency Reserve			
Salaries & Benefits	$ 693,777	Salaries & Benefits	$ 594,777	$99,000	(3)
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	$ 3,482,903	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 8,597,994	$ 5,115,091	(4)
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0	Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0		
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 758,395	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 1,006,940	$248,545	(5)
Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 660,292	Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 1,059,862	$399,570	(6)

FY 2025 Amended Budget Expenditure Detail (Narrative)

(1) Increase "TOTAL REVENUES" by $5,266,116 from $3,384,800 to $8,650,916. This increase represents the first year workplan for the NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award if all expenditures are reimbursed.

(2) Increase "Other Expenditures" by $5,214,091 from $2,543,326 to $7,809,442. This increase represents all the expenditures of the NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award minus the allowed and budgeted indirect the IRL Council is allowed to invoice for of $52,025. Other Expenditures now consists of the following:

1. IRL Council NOAA Transformational Habitat Year 1 Workplan: $5,214,091
    a. Personnel Costs: $124,000
    b. Contractual Costs: $131,245
    c. Equipment Costs: $15,000
    d. Other (10 subrecipients): $4,943,846
2. IRL Council 2025 Strategic Program - $768,526 (no change)
3. IRLNEP FY2024 EPA Workplan ($850,000) (no change)
4. IRLNEP FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS LAW Workplan ($909,800) (no change)
5. Unplanned Contingency Reserve - $15,000 (no change)

(3) Decrease "Salaries and Benefits" by $99,000 from $693,777 to $594,777. This decrease reflects the amount of staff salary being covered in the NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration grant.

(4) Increase "TOTAL EXPENDITURES" by $5,115,091 from $3,482,903 to $8,597,994. This increase represents the increase of "Other Expenditures" and decrease of "Salaries and benefits" as indicated in items 2 and 3 above.

(5) Increase "Fund Balance Beginning of Year" by $248,545 from $758,395 to $1,006,940. This increase represents the Fund Balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2024 should all expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 be completed at their fully budgeted amounts.

(6) Increase "Fund Balance End of Year" by $399,570 from $660,292 to $1,059,862. This increase represents the anticipated end of year Fund Balance should all Fiscal Year 2025 budgeted revenues be received, and all budgeted expenditures be completed at their fully budgeted amounts.

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Activity Summary (May-July 2024)

Water Quality and Habitat Restoration

- Support to state agency partners implementing the Indian River Lagoon Protection Program.
- NOAA proposal revisions and technical support to partners (IRLNEP team effort).
- Florida HAB Task Force Quarterly Meeting.
- Monthly intergovernmental IRL HAB condition Zoom calls.

Scientific/Technical Support to Stakeholders

- Space Florida – Wharf study Environmental Focused Working Group.
- East Central FL Regional Planning Council, Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) and meetings with federal partners.
- SJRWMD – Stormwater Capture and Treatment Project Development and Feasibility Study 2024 Update. Provided document review and comments.
- Brevard Zoo Aquarium Project meetings and workshops.
- Space Coast EDC advisory role for regional wastewater treatment plant to serve central Brevard and KSC complex.
- Industry inquiries (numerous including: Jacobs, iSENSYS, Unabara Hydrographics, Ultratech International, Ocean Space Sensors, Pinnacle Ozone, Moleaer Inc. Nano-Bubbles.
- Technical review of scientific manuscripts. Provided numerous letters of support for stakeholder proposals. Responded to citizen inquiries and interviewed by NSF for evaluation of Smart Rain Garden Project, City Cape Canaveral.

Media Engagements

- "Explore the IRL with Fred Goldstein"; PBS (Emma Johnson); FL Today (Jim Waymer); Tight Line Media (Kris Millgate); Florida Oceanographic Society 60th Anniversary brief video; CMG Orlando press coverage of NOAA award (Melonie Holt);Everything Brevard Magazine dedicated issue for Economic Development Commission Florida Space Coast "The Space Coast Water Economy: An opportunity to restore the Indian River Lagoon and advance our regional tourism, innovation and technology economy".

Leadership Activities

- Association of National Estuary Programs Board and Chair, External Affairs Committee.
- Chair, Southeast and Caribbean Disaster Recovery Partnership Advisory Board.
- Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association Advisory Board
- Florida Ocean Alliance board member.
- Florida Estuaries Alliance board member.
- Aquarium Project, Florida Zoological Foundation (dba Brevard Zoo) Campaign Cabinet and Founder.

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