IRL COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT BOARD

This meeting is open to the public.

November 12, 2024

10:15 AM - 1:00 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** (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) **Minutes**

   Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the Management Board meeting on August 20, 2024.
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 (Sherry McCorkle, SFWMD)
8. **Presentation**
   a. *Space Florida Wharf Study Update (TBD)*
   b. *NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award Update* (Duane De Freese, Kevin Walker)
9. **Old Business**

   None
10. **New Business**
    a. Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment (Duane De Freese) **FY 2025**

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment by Resolution 2024-07, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

b. 2025 IRL Council Meeting Calendar (Erin Bergman) **2025 Calendar**

Requested Action: Motion to recommend the IRL Council Board of Directors approve the 2025 IRL Council Meeting Calendar.

c. Request for Qualification (RFQ) solicitations for Grant Writing Services to replace vacancies and expand list of contractors
(Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to develop and release RFQs for Grant Writing services to replace vacancies and expand list of contractors.

11. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)
b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (KJ Ayres-Guerra)
c. IRL Project Update (Duane De Freese)
d. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese) **Exe Dir Activities**

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

13. Next Meeting

Tentative: February 11, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

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14. Adjourn

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Minutes from the meeting of

August 20, 2024

10:15 AM

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In-person Attendance: Brian Benton, Terri Breeden, Tom Campenni, Tony Catanese, Donald Dankert, Melisa Diolosa, Amy Eason, Jake Fojtik, David Fuss, Stu Glass, James Gray, Carter Henne, Chuck Jacoby, George Jones, Bill Kerr, Kathy LaMartina, John Leslie, Mike McCabe, Melissa Meisenburg, Jim Moir, Robert Musser, Marina Owens, Beth Powell, Keith Ramos, Gary Ritter, Kevin Shropshire, James Sullivan, Laurilee Thompson, Diana Turner, C.V. Vogt

Online Attendance: Yesinia Escribano, Judy Orcutt, Brion Pauley, Jennifer Spain, Janet Zimmerman

In-person Guests: Sherry McCorkle, Pete Eggert, Lauren Hall, Laura Wilson, Tiffany Smith, Thomas Heller

Online Guests: Mike McMunigal, Amy Griffin, Kristen Kneifl, Gus Francisco

1. **Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance** (Terri Breeden, Vice Chair)

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

2. **Introductions** (Beth Powell, Chair)

   Ms. Powell led the group in introductions. Dr. De Freese announced and congratulated Kathy LaMartina on her upcoming retirement. Ms. LaMartina introduced Sherry McCorkle as the SFWMD replacement representative.

3. **Agenda Revisions** (Beth Powell, Chair)

   No agenda revisions were brought forward.

4. **Minutes Approval** (Beth Powell, Chair)

   Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the Management Board meeting on May 7, 2024.

   MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI TO APPROVE THE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2024. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TONY CATANESE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Glass reported that the Finance Sub-Committee approved the Independent Audit Report, the final budget for FY 2024, and the final budget for 2025.

Requested Action: Accept Committee Report

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI TO ACCEPT THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Water Quality Reports

a. Northern and Central IRL (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)

Ms. Hall reported that six continuous monitoring sondes at a 1.5-meter depth collect water data every hour. The water depth for the current reporting period is stable, and a fall rise is expected. Salinity is reported as good, with slight declines attributed to the rainfall from Hurricane Debby, which rebounded in a short time. The water temperature has remained normal, along with the dissolved oxygen level. Chlorophyll-a levels are below 10 RFU, and turbidity spikes in Mosquito Lagoon are due to Hurricane Debby. Fluorescent Dissolved Organic Matter (FDOM) changes occurred at the Vero sonde due to Hurricane Debby. Water clarity data shows improvement from May to July. Rainfall is consistent for the season. Seagrass comparison from 2021 to 2023 indicates an increase in hectares. The *Caulerpa* mapping focus area took place in northern IRL and the Banana River, which shows an increase of >15,000 hectares. Due to the importance of Caulerpa as a habitat now, the 2025 mapping will include *Caulerpa*. Ms. Hall has noted that the 2024 mapping has been completed and that dense seagrass beds are located in Mosquito Lagoon and the Banana River north of the 528 causeway. Fort Pierce and Jupiter have an increase of *Syringodium filiforme* and *Thalassia testudinum.* A video of the dense seagrass meadow south of Big Flounder Creek was shown. The extended period of water clarity has helped the seagrass.

b. Southern IRL (Kathy LaMartina, SFWMD)

Ms. LaMartina reported the data presented is through August 11th, and weekly averages cover August 5-11th. The greatest freshwater inflow has occurred from the tidal basin and the C-23/C-24 basins, but there has been no inflow from Lake Okeechobee. The salinity for the most recent 7-day period fell into the damaging range for oysters at the HR1 bottom and lower stressful ranges on the surface. The US1 Bridge site was in the lower stressful range. The salinity at the A1A bridge remained in the optimal range. All sites are showing an increase in salinity. The average water temperature for the most recent week is at the threshold of temperatures that are more stressful for oysters. Juvenile oyster (spat) recruitment rates have shown a peak in May and June; a July decrease is normal for late summer, and another peak is expected during the fall months.

8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

a. Independent Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2023 (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the findings of the single-year audit. Due to the Federal Grant Awards expenditures being over $750K, a single-year audit was performed, which has additional

requirements. Internal control findings in relation to the federal single audit have been addressed and corrected. The audit received an unmodified opinion, the highest level of audit assurance. No compliance issues were noted.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL KERR TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE IRLNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Award (Duane De Freese, Dan Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the findings of the single-year audit. Due to the Federal Grant Awards expenditures being over $750K, a single-year audit was performed, which has additional requirements. Internal control findings in relation to the federal single audit have been addressed and corrected. The audit received an unmodified opinion, the highest level of audit assurance. No compliance issues were noted.

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TONY CATANESE 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 2024-2024), INCLUDING ISSUING 10 SUB-AWARD CONTRACTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JAMES GRAY. MOTION PASSED. THE FOLLOWING DECLARED CONFLICTS AND ABSTAINED: MELISSA DIOLOSA, DAVID FUSS, CARTER HENNE, KELLI MCGEE, MELISSA MEISENBURG, BRION PAULEY, BETH POWELL, KEITH RAMOS. CONFLICT FORMS WERE SIGNED AND FILED.

c. Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget Amendment (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the changes in the FY 2024 Amended Budget. Total expenditures increased due to reconciling the fund balance from the FY23 Audited financial statements. This reconciliation brings prior FY projects and activities in progress into the current year budget.

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE MCCABE 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. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STU GLASS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Kolodny reviewed the changes in the FY 2025 Final Amended Budget, which reflect the increase in expenditures from the NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant.

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE 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 STATUES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BILL KERR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Mr. Kolodny outlined the changes in Water Quality, Habitat Restoration, Community-Based Restoration, Science and Innovation categories and Small Grants. Mr. Kolodny thanked the Priority Community Taskforce for the work done on developing the Priority Communities RFP and summarized the RFP structure, which included a 2-step process of submitting a letter of intent before being invited for a full proposal.

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI 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. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MIKE MCCABE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Dr. De Freese outlined the legislative goals at the federal and state levels. Dr. De Freese requested that local governments and other organizations having legislative budget requests concerning funding for IRL-related projects should touch base with him to ensure he can provide proper information and support.

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 authorize the Executive Director to represent the IRL Council in legislative policy discussions and appropriations.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STU GLASS 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 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE IRL COUNCIL IN LEGISLATIVE POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KEVIN SHROPSHIRE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)

Ms. Kathy Hill reviewed the metrics for Facebook and Instagram social platforms, noting the top-performing posts. A partnership with Saville Visuals, a local Florida photographer, created an educational reel on seagrass and one on monitoring efforts. Both videos were shared across

accounts and garnered positive attention. The Community Engagement Coordinators continue interacting with stakeholders across the watershed in numerous ways, even through the summer heat.

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

Ms. KJ Ayres-Guerra reported on the recent projects. These included a NOAA Monitoring Plan and Data Sharing Plan, updating the functionality of the Master Project Map 2.0, mapping Linear Park in St. Lucie County, and creating a Disadvantage Community Map for the Statewide Shoreline Restoration Plan Steering Committee. Ms. Ayres-Guerra announced the completion of the ADA Accessible Documents course.

c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)

Mr. Daniel Kolodny announced that 47 projects were in progress for the third quarter, seven of which were completed. This included the City of Stuart: *Illinois Avenue Living Shoreline Project,* Bethune Cookman University: *IRL Seagrass Restoration using a Mosquito Control Impoundment,* the City of Sebastian Small Grant: *Tulip Pond Habitat Restoration,* the Brevard Zoo Small Grant *Lagoon Quest,* the Indian River County Small Grant: *Jone's Pier 2023 Student Field Guide Development,* the Marine Discovery Center Small Grant: *Project Plankton,* and the University of Central Florida Small Grant: *Virtual Reality Program for engaging Coastal Restoration Volunteers.*

d. Executive Director Report (Duane De Freese)

Dr. Duane De Freese discussed the 2025 expectations for the IRLNEP, which will be the 10th Anniversary of the reorganized IRL Council. The packet included a summary of Executive Director activities. Dr. De Freese outlined the shift in the workload of the IRLNEP staff with respect to the NOAA grant. The staff will participate in National Estuaries Week this month, the RAE Coastal & Estuarine Summit in October and the Annual NEP Tech Transfer in November.

11. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

Duane De Freese welcomed and introduced Dr. Laura Wilson, Executive Director of the Marine Resource Council.

George Jones, ORCA, announced OceanXplores, a Nat Geo program has focused on local talent. The new ORCA location in Vero Beach is now open.

Terri Breeden, Brevard County, announced that the Citizen Oversite Committee is seeking new members.

Bob Musser, Canaveral Port Authority, announced that a sand renourishment project would begin in November.

Jim Sullivan, FAU, announced the creation of the Office of Ocean Economy to be housed at FAU.

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 10:15 a.m.
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13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

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 previously amended the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 on August 23, 2024; 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 2025 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	$7,895,556
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	$ 623,047
Facilities Expenses	$ 38,000
Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications	
Administrative Costs	$ 84,883
Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development	
Administrative Services	$ 126,800
Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$8,716,261
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	$1,006,940
Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 941,595

FY 2025 Final Budget	Approved 8/23/24
REVENUES	
Federal EPA 320	$ 850,000
IRL License Plate	$ 125,000
Member Contributions	$1,500,000
NOAA Transformational Habitat	$5,266,116
Federal Infrastructure	$ 909,800
TOTAL REVENUES	$8,650,916
EXPENDITURES	
Other Expenditures	$7,809,442
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	$ 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 Final Budget	Pending
REVENUES	
Federal EPA 320	$ 850,000
IRL License Plate	$ 125,000
Member Contributions	$1,500,000
NOAA Transformational Habitat	$5,266,116
Federal Infrastructure	$ 909,800
TOTAL REVENUES	$8,650,916
EXPENDITURES	
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Facilities Expenses	$ 38,000
Rent, Utilities, Equipment Maintenance, Communications	
Administrative Costs	$ 84,883
Postage, Office Supplies, Insurance, Printing, Travel, Licenses & Subscriptions, Dues, Professional Development	
Administrative Services	$ 126,800
Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT Services, Legal Ads	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 8,716,261
Agency Balance Beginning of Year	$ 0
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	$ 1,006,940
Fund Balance – End of Year	$ 941,595

Higher Lower	(Notes)
$86,114	(1)
$28,270	(2)
$883	(3)
$3,000	(4)
$118,267	(5)
$118,267	(6)

FY 2025 Amended Budget Expenditure Detail (Narrative)

(1) Increase "Other Expenditures" by $86,114 from $7,809,442 to $7,895,556. This increase represents the addition of two (2) line items to the IRL Strategic Program and the reduction of the Unplanned Contingency Reserve. "Other Expenditures now includes the following:

1. IRL Council NOAA Transformational Habitat Year 1 Workplan: $5,214,091 (no change)
2. IRL Council 2025 Strategic Program - $869,640 (increase of $101,114)
    a. Water Quality Restoration Projects - $350,000 (no change)
    b. Habitat Restoration Projects - $167,840 (no change)
    c. Community-Based Restoration Projects - $198,474 (no change)
    d. Small Grants Program - $25,000 (no change)
    e. IRLNEP Technical Support of Conferences and Workshops - $25,000 (no change
    f. Additional funding to fully Fund the Science and Innovation sediment project to FIT - $2,212 (no change)
    g. Diversity of Thought Inc Consulting Contract Final Year - $49,000 (increase of $49,000)
    h. USF Water Quality Evaluation and Technical Support for IRL Year 2 of 3 - $52,114 (increase of $52,114)
3. IRLNEP FY2025 EPA Workplan - $850,000 (no change)
4. IRLNEP FY2025 FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS LAW Workplan - $909,800 (no change)
5. Unplanned Contingency Reserve - $0 (reduction of $15,000)

(2) Increase "Salaries and Benefits" by $28,270 from $594,777 to $623,047. This increase reflects adjustments due to workload increase from the NOAA Transformational Habitat Grant Award.

(3) Increase "Administrative Costs" by $883 from $84,000 to $84,883. This increase represents the difference from the estimated cost of insurance coverage to the actual cost received in the renewal binder.

(4) Increase "Administrative Services" by $3,000 from $123,800 to $126,800. This increase represents the negotiated rate for Accounting Services over the renewed 5-year term.

(5) Increase "TOTAL EXPENDITURES" by $118,267 from $8,597,994 to $8,716,261. This increase is reflected in the sum of all the changes made in items 1 thru 4 above.

(6) Decrease "Fund Balance End of Year" by $118,267 from $1,059,862 to $941,595. This decrease 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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2025 Meeting Calendar

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Board of Directors
Meetings are held on Fridays at
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Friday, February 14, 2025
Friday, May 9, 2025
Friday, August 22, 2025
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Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meetings are held on Thursdays at
Historic Sebastian Elementary School at 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 13, 2025
Thursday, May 1, 2025
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Thursday, November 13, 2025

STEM, Management Board and Financial Subcommittee
Meetings are held on Tuesdays at
Historic Sebastian Elementary School

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Financial Sub Committee 9:00 am
Management Board 10:15 am
STEM Advisory Committee 1:30 pm

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Executive Director Report
Activity Summary - Implementing the IRL CCMP
November 2024 Management Conference and Board of Director's Meetings

Team IRLNEP – Major Program Deliverables at end of year

- $9.4 million NOAA Habitat Restoration and Coastal resilience grant award
- Completion of State of the Lagoon (DRAFT by Applied Ecology, Inc.; In IRLNEP staff technical review)
- Development of final draft One Lagoon Habitat Restoration Plan (D. De Freese)
- Completion of Environmental Resources Permitting Flow Chart (V. Carpenter)
- Completion of IRL Federal and State Laws Summary (V. Carpenter)
- Leadership for proposal development of a regional coastal resilience project with the Southeast and Caribbean Disaster Resilience Partnership (not funded)
- 5-year Renewal IRL Council Interlocal Agreement
- $50,000 private donation restricted to benefit fishing in Mosquito Lagoon
- Expanded IRLNEP social media presence including 20 subject matter podcasts

DeFreese CCMP Implementation Activities 4th Quarter

State and Federal Leadership Activities.

- Association of National Estuary Programs Board member, Chair Government Affairs Committee and member of Executive Committee
- Southeast and Caribbean Disaster Recovery Partnership, Chair Advisory Board and Florida Representative
- Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association, Board of Directors
- Florida Ocean Alliance, Board member
- Florida Estuaries Alliance, IRLNEP representative

Water Quality and Habitat Restoration

- NOAA proposal revisions and technical support to partners (IRLNEP team effort)
- Florida HAB Task Force quarterly meetings
- Monthly intergovernmental IRL HAB condition Zoom calls
- Editorial review support for manuscripts submitted to a special Frontiers in Marine Science research topic "Science Supporting Management of Eutrophication: Lessons Learned from a Barrier Island Lagoon"

Science/Technical Support to Stakeholders

- Space Florida – Wharf study Environmental Focused Working Group
- East Central Florida Regional Planning Council – Military Installation Resilience Review study MIRR
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Meeting with federal partners about the MIRR
- Brevard Zoo Aquarium Project meetings and workshops
- Space Coast EDC advisory support of 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, and others)
- Technical review comments on scientific manuscripts, numerous letters of support for stakeholder proposals, and responses to citizen/student inquiries
- Support for Fall 2024 meeting federal Southeast Natural Resources Leadership Group

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