IRL COUNCIL
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This meeting is open to the public

February 13, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Remote Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87054557595

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** (Frank Catino, Chair)
2. **Introductions** (Frank Catino, Chair)
3. **Elections of Officers** (Kathy Hill)

   Requested Action: Motion to elect nominated Chair and Vice Chair for the Calendar Year 2025.
4. **Agenda Revisions** (Chair)

   Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
5. **Minutes Approval** (Chair)

   Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the CAC meeting on November 14, 2024.
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Presentation**

   Let's Tackle Fishing Line Debris
   Olivia Redding, Rescue and Research Coordinator, Coastal Connections, Inc.
8. **Old Business**

   None
9. **New Business**

   a. Fiscal Year 2026 Water Quality Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

      Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 Water Quality 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.

   b. Fiscal Year 2026 Habitat Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 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 2026 Community-Based Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 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 2026 Science and Innovation RFP (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 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.

e. Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors review and adopt the tentative budget for FY 2026 by Resolution 2025-01, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

f. Fiscal Year 2026 EPA Workplan (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to finalize and submit the FY 2026 EPA Workplan by June 1, 2025.

g. Fiscal Year 2026 EPA BIL Workplan (Daniel Kolodny)
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to develop and submit the FY 2026 EPA BIL Workplan to EPA.

h. Invitation to Bid 2024-01: One 2025 Tidewater 2210 Carolina Bay Boat with motor and trailer
Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into negotiations and contracting with the lowest bidder in accordance with established procurement procedures.

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)

11. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

12. Next Meeting

Citizens' Advisory Committee: May 1, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
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13. Adjourn

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