IRL COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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February 14, 2025

9:30 AM

Sebastian City Hall Complex, 1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958

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** (Jeff Brower, Chair)
2. **Introduction of IRL Council Board of Directors and Special Guests** (Jeff Brower, Chair)
3. **Agenda Revisions** (Jeff Brower, Chair)
   Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
4. **Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards** (Jeff Brower, Chair)
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Water Quality Reports**
   a. Northern and Central Lagoon (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)
   b. Southern Lagoon (Dr. Melanie Parker, SFWMD)
7. **Presentation**
   Runoff to Resilience – Smart Watersheds

   Valerie Y. Strassberg, P.E., Director, Urban Water Infrastructure, Brightstorm program of The Nature Conservancy
8. **IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports**
   a. Management Board Report (TBD)
   b. STEM Advisory Committee (TDB)
   c. Citizens' Advisory Committee (TDB)
9. **Consent Agenda** (Jeff Brower, Chair)
   a. Approve November 15, 2024, Board of Directors meeting minutes
   b. Board of Directors Appointments to IRLNEP Management Conference:
      <u>Appointments</u>

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- Olivia Escandell, affiliation change from Brevard Zoo to FWC, STEM Advisory Committee
- Chandler Keenen, FDEP, to Management Board, replacing Diana Turner
- Jennifer Thera, FDACS, to Management Board, replacing Yesenia Escribano
- Adam Dyer, Space Coast League of Cities, to Management Board, as new representative replacing Stu Glass, who will remain as an at-large member

Requested Action: Approve Consent Agenda.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

a. Election of Officers (Ruth Holms, Legal Counsel)

Requested Action: Motion to elect nominated Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the Calendar Year 2025.

b. Communicating new financial risks at the Federal level (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Board discussion and potential motions to provide guidance to staff on moving forward with Federal contracts.

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

Requested Action: (By separate motions)

1. Accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 Water Quality Restoration proposals.
2. 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 Habitat Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: (By separate motions)

1. Accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 Habitat Restoration proposals.
2. 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 Community-Based Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: (By separate motions)

1. Accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 Community-Based Restoration proposals.

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2. 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.

f. Fiscal Year 2026 Science and Innovation RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: (By separate motions)

1. Accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked list of FY 2026 Science and Innovation proposals.
2. 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.

g. Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Review and adopt the tentative budget for FY 2026 by Resolution 2025-01, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

h. Fiscal Year 2026 EPA Workplan (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Authorize staff to develop and submit the FY 2026 EPA Workplan by June 1, 2025.

i. Fiscal Year 2026 EPA BIL Workplan (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to authorize staff to develop and submit the FY 2026 EPA BIL Workplan to EPA.

j. Invitation to Bid 2024-01: One 2025 Tidewater 2210 Carolina Bay Boat with motor and trailer

Requested Action: Motion to accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations to authorize staff to enter into negotiations and contracting with the lowest bidder in accordance with established procurement procedures.

12. 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)

13. IRL Council Member Reports

14. IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcement (IRL Council Chair)

May 9, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sebastian City Hall, Council Chambers, 1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958.

15. Adjourn

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