IRL COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This meeting is open to the public

November 7, 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** (Joe Earman, Chair)
2. **Introduction of IRL Council Board of Directors and Special Guests** (Joe Earman, Chair)
3. **Agenda Revisions** (Joe Earman, Chair)
   Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.
4. **Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards** (Joe Earman, Chair)
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Water Quality Reports**
   a. Northern and Central Lagoon (Lauren Hall, SJRWMD)
   b. Southern Lagoon (Dr. Melanie Parker, SFWMD)
7. **Presentations**
   a. *NOAA Habitat Restoration Project Year 1 Update* (Kevin Walker)
   b. *2025 Indian River Lagoon Economic Valuation* (Cortney Cortez, The Balmoral Group)
   c. *Looking Back 10 Years* (Dr. Duane De Freese, Executive Director, IRLNEP)
8. **IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports**
   a. Management Board Report (Beth Powell, Indian River County)
   b. STEM Advisory Committee (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Florida Flood Hub)
   c. Citizens' Advisory Committee (Captain Frank Catino)

9. **Consent Agenda** (Joe Earman, Chair)

   Approval of August 22, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes.

   Requested Action: Approve Consent Agenda

10. **Old Business**

    None

11. **New Business**

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

       Requested Action: Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment by Resolution 2025-05, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

    b. 2026 IRL Council Meeting Calendar (Kathy Hill)

       Requested Action: Motion to adopt the proposed 2026 IRL Council Board of Directors and Management Conference meeting calendar.

    c. Contract Amendment IRL2024-10, Coastal Connections, Inc. (Daniel Kolodny)

       Requested Action: Board review and discussion of final project financial submission and determination of action regarding potential modification of cost share match proportions.

    d. IRL Council Executive Director Annual Evaluation (Ruth Holmes, ESQ.)

       Requested Action: Motion to review and accept the Executive Director's Annual Performance Review.

12. **IRLNEP Staff Reports:**

    a. Community Engagement Update (Kathy Hill)
    b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (K.J. 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** (Joe Earman, Chair)

    Tentative: February 13, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sebastian City Hall, Council Chambers, 1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958.

15. **Adjourn**

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