IRL COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This meeting is open to the public

May 9, 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 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** (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. **Presentation**

   Update on the IRLNEP Seagrass Nursery Network and Planning for Future Needs

   Tyler Provoncha, Conservation Manager, Restore Our Shores, Brevard Zoo
   Krista McCoy, Director of Conservation and Research, Florida Oceanographic Society
   Richard Mulroy, Research Technician, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
   Tess Sailor-Tynes, Conservation Science Coordinator, Marine Discovery Center
   John Than, Director of Marine Aquaculture, Sea & Shoreline
8. **IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports**
   a. Management Board Report (Beth Powell, Indian River County)
   c. STEM Advisory Committee (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Florida Flood Hub)
   d. Citizens' Advisory Committee (Captain Frank Catino)

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

   Approval of February 14,2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes

   Requested Action: Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

10. **Old Business**

    None

11. **New Business**

    a. Independent Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024

       (Introduction by Daniel Kolodny, Presentation by TBD from Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPAs and Advisors)

       Required Action: Motion to accept the audit report.

    b. Fiscal Year 2025 Priority Communities RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

       Requested Action: (By separate motions)

       1. Accept the IRLNEP Management Conference recommendations and approve the final ranked list of 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.

    c. 2025 Small Grants (Daniel Kolodny)

       Requested Action: Motion to accept 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.

    d. Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget (Daniel Kolodny)

       Requested Action: Motion to review and adopt the Final Budget for FY 2026 by Resolution 2025-02, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

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 (Kathy Hill)

13. **IRL Council Member Reports**

14. **IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcement** (Joe Earman, Chair)
    August 22, 2025, 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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