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# Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Recreation and Education Advisory Committee (REAC)

## May 9, 2019 Minutes

## Attendance

### RECREATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY (REAC) COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Karen MacArthur

Suzanne Valencia

Doug Sphar

### ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM STAFF

* Laura Clark
* Brad Manley
* David DeMeyer

### GUESTS

Paul Schmalzer

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Through Responsible Stewardship of Brevard County’s Natural Resources*

**Meeting Minutes**

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Doug Sphar called the meeting to order at 6 PM and noted there is not a quorum.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### MINUTES

The minutes were tabled.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Laura Clark noted the date on the agenda should be May 9, 2019. Doug Sphar was recognized for the 40 Year Award received from Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

David DeMeyer presented the Proposed Conceptual Public Access Plan Summary for the Sykes Creek Management Area Plan. This presentation is available upon request.

Brad Manley provided an update on staffing. The program is down five positions as follows: Martha Pessaro, Corrianne Conway, Donna Lee Crawford, full-time land management tech, and a part-time land management tech. The committee discussed turnover in the part-time naturalist position, fewer full-time positions, and cuts to consider. Doug Sphar suggested this is a discussion for another time. Four staff members passed the test and are drone certified.

### COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Schmalzer suggested looking at future funding if the program is not getting what it needs from the part-time positions.

Paul Schmalzer stated if the quorum is missed, don’t wait four months for another meeting.

### NEXT MEETING

June 13, 2019.

### ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. None