# Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

## Procedures Committee Meeting

**February 18, 2020**

**Attendance**

### Procedures Committee

* Sil Crespo
* Rick Follet
* Bo Platt
* Rocky Randal
* Diane Stees

### Program Staff

* Laura Clark
* Mike Knight

### Guest

* Paul Schmalzer, Selection and Management Committee

Protecting and Preserving Biological Diversity
Through Responsible Stewardship of Brevard County’s Natural Resources

**Meeting Minutes**

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Bo Platt, Vice- Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM as Linda Behret, Chairman, had provided advance notice she would be unable to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES

It was noted that the following Procedures Committee (PC) draft minutes are incomplete: August 1, 209 PC, August 23, 2019 SMC/PC, November 14, 2019 PC. The March 29, 2019 and May 2, 2019 PC minutes were presented for approval.

**March 29, 2019 PC Minutes**The March 29, 2019 minutes were presented for approval.
No corrections or comments were received.

**Motion One
Kim Zarillo moved to approve the March 29, 2019 minutes, as presented.
Rick Follet seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.**

**May 2, 2019 PC Minutes**The May 2, 2019 minutes were presented for approval.
No corrections or comments were received.

**Motion Two
Kim Zarillo moved to approve the May 2, 2019 minutes, as presented.
Rick Follet seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.**

### AGENDA ITEM

**Program Update**Mike Knight, Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program Manager, provided the following presentation:

**Brevard County**

**Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program**

**Program Update**

**Procedures Committee**

**February 18, 2020**

**Staffing**

* South Region Land Management Superintendent Chris O’Hara resigned. Steps are underway to fill the position.
* Martha Pessaro, Education Center Coordinator at Sams House is retiring shortly. Steps are underway to fill the position.

**Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem Project**

* 5-Year Land Management Review
* Staff from the Division of State Lands and other team members from various conservation agencies participated in a 5-year review of the management accomplishments of the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem Project.
* Sites included the Cruickshank Sanctuary, Malabar Scrub, Jordan Scrub, Micco Scrub and Grant Flatwoods.
* Staff has not yet received the initial review report.

**Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival**

* January 22-27
* 10 field trips were held on EEL sites around Brevard.
* Not all trips were led by EEL staff. Attendance data is still forthcoming.

**Economic Benefit Analysis**

* Contractor (Closewaters LLC) began work in Late September.
* Intended to be a 4-month project but due to holiday season, we anticipated completion by January or February. Work is still ongoing with hopes to wrap it up by late March.
* Currently working with County GIS team to evaluate land values adjacent to EEL lands.

**Land Acquisition**

* The advertisement of the Florida Inland Navigation District land exchange was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on February 11th. It should be advertised in Florida Today on Thursday, February 20th and Thursday, February 27th. Following the public advertisement, the exchange agreement is anticipated to go back to the BOCC for approval on March 10.
* Remaining proposed lands are being evaluated to estimate potential acquisition cost. Selection and Management Committee will be using information to evaluate and prioritize remaining lands on acquisition strategy list. Information has also been requested by The Nature Conservancy to assist with evaluating remaining acquisition needs in Brevard.

**Volunteers (Centers)**

* October - December 2019:
	+ Total Volunteers: 106
	+ Total Hours: 2725

**Public Access / Eagle Scout Projects**

* Crane Creek Paddling Trailhead (in planning)
* Fox Lake plank-walk replacement (in planning)
* Enchanted Forest plank-walk (complete)

**EEL Video**

The group reviewed a draft video compiled by Prominence Films on the Program which featured former Selection and Management Committee member Ross Hinkle. The film was created by a production company owned by his daughter and son-in-law. Members of the committee expressed their appreciation for their efforts.

**EEL Manual Revisions**

* Staff submitted a resolution for the revisions to the EEL Land Acquisition Manual and Sanctuary Management Manual to the Parks Director and County Manager’s office on October 3rd.
* Revisions are related to the changes to EEL advisory committees.
* Staff has been informed that the County Attorney’s Office is recommending that the BOCC rescind four previous resolutions (89-464, 90-266, 05-053 and 10-269).
	+ 89-464 Established the Land Acquisition Procedures Committee
	+ 90-266 Amended the Procedures Committee memberships requirements.
	+ 05-053 Established the Recreation Education Adv. Committee
	+ 10-269 Revised the SMC member appointment process??

### Discussion

It was noted that there has never before been a time in the EEL Program’s history that resolutions regarding the Program have been rescinded (considered deleted). In the past, revisions were noted as being updated on specific dates, not rescinded. This is a matter of concern for some committee members.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

### ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

### SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS

1. Motion to approve the March 29, 2019 Procedures Committee minutes, as presented.
2. Motion to approve the May 2, 2019 Procedures Committee minutes, as presented.

### ACTION ITEMS

### None.