# Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee Meeting Minutes

**March 6, 2019**

## *Attendance*

### SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

* Elizabeth Becker
* Tammy Foster
* Oli Johnson
* Randy Parkinson
* Paul Schmalzer
* Laurilee Thompson

### EEL PROGRAM STAFF

* Laura Clark
* Evan Hall
* Damien Keene
* Mike Knight
* Brad Manley
* Ray Mojica
* Chris O’Hara

### GUESTS

* Bo Platt, Procedures Committee
* Rick Follet, Procedures Committee

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*Through Responsible Stewardship of Brevard County’s Natural Resources*

## *Meeting Minutes*

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Randy Parkinson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

It was noted that Kim Zarillo and Dave Breininger provided advance notice they would be unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES

**January 9, 2019 SMC Minutes**

The January 9, 2019 Selection and Management Committee (SMC) minutes were presented for approval.

It was noted that the original draft minutes had required several revisions so they were reformatted and redistributed prior to the meeting.

Clarification was provided that Paul Schmalzer had submitted 5 comments including:

* Page 1, typo
* Pages 2-3, clarification added that the highlighted information was prior to the Board of County Commissioners’ meeting and not as a result of the Board meeting.
* Clarification was provided that both the Selection and Management Committee and Procedures Committee have a role in revision of the Land Acquisition Manual and the Procedures Committee alone also reviews candidates for the Selection and Management Committee.
* Page 9: remove “US”
* Page 11, incorrectly named cactus

The following additional change has also been made to the original draft minutes:

* Pinkerton Exchange proposal needs to be added to the end of the January 9, 2019 SMC minutes.

**MOTION ONE**

**Paul Schmalzer moved to approve the January 9, 2019 SMC minutes, as amended.**

**Tammy Foster seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**February 6, 2019 minutes**

The February 6, 2019 SMC minutes were presented for approval.

No corrections were needed.

**MOTION TWO**

**Paul Schmalzer moved to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes, as presented.**

**Oli Johnson seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Additional Discussion**

Staff introduced Rick Follet, a new Procedures Committee member.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

**Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Items**

Florida Forest Service Timbering Agreement

Mike noted that during County Attorney’s Office review of the agreement, a question had been raised regarding the percentage of timbering proceeds which would be retained by the Forest Service. Staff is waiting for a revised agreement which provides this clarification.

Pinkerton Property Exchange

Mike stated that the Agenda Report for the BOCC’s consideration of this land exchange has been submitted to the Board for consideration, but has not yet moved forward. The property being requested in the exchange is in State title, so this item will also need to be submitted to the Acquisition and Restoration Council in Tallahassee, for final approval, if it receives approval from the BOCC.

Mike noted that one of the Commissioners had requested a meeting to discuss this topic prior to it being placed on the BOCC’s agenda for their consideration. He stated that he is not aware of any mechanism in the Land Acquisition Manual for staff to stand in the way of a recommendation from the Committee from going to the Board. Paul stated all considerations and discussions are supposed to be done in a public meeting and that there is nothing in the Land Acquisition Manual that provides for the County Manager, or the Director of Parks and Recreation to veto a recommendation of the Selection and Management Committee (SMC).

SMC Appointments

Mike explained that although the Call for SMC Applicants press release did not include any reference to acquisition as being one of the responsibilities of the SMC, the other documents included the word because they were submitted by different people at different times.

Clarification was provided that the word acquisition was also removed from public meeting notice language relating to the purpose of SMC meetings. Randy noted his feeling that someone was changing language related to the intent of the meeting and he felt that should be addressed. Liz agreed. It was determined that the Committee should make an inquiry to the County Manager regarding the changes.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate language for a motion.

**MOTION THREE**

**Paul Schmalzer made the following motion:**

**The Selection and Management Committee would request clarification from the County Manager behind the removal of the term acquisition from public information releases of the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program related to the activities of the Selection and Management Committee.**

**Laurilee Thompson seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Additional Discussion

The Selection and Management Committee has eight members. Five members were not reappointed in January 2019 (4 science and 1 ecotourism). There are currently four science openings and one ecotourism opening. Three SMC members reapplied during the Call for Applicants (two science and 1 ecotourism). Laurilee Thompson noted that she had been appointed as the original ecotourism member of the SMC and that although she was not reappointed, she had reapplied during the recent Call for SMC Applicants and it is her understanding that they may reappoint her. Additional information will be provided as it is received.

### Action Items

**10/5/2018 Tree Thinning proposal for United States Fish and Wildlife Service funding**This has been on hold pending outcome of the Board approval of the amended Florida Forest Service Memorandum of Agreement for timber services.

**10/5/2018 Timber removal bids for north border of Micco Scrub Sanctuary**

The contractor has started work but was injured by a falling tree. He is anticipating resuming work this week.

**11/15/2018 Continue efforts to locate rare plants along fire lines**

Staff is planning to discuss ideas to further this effort at our March 18th Team Meeting.

### COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Paul noted he will be leading a hike to the Fox Lake Sanctuary, in Titusville, on March 30th for the Florida Native Plant Society and other members of the public.

### STAFF REPORTS

None.

### LAND ACQUISITION STATUS UPDATE

None.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**Scrub Prioritization Matrix**

The group reviewed maps of each Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program region and discussed priority rankings for areas included in newly identified scrub parcels in order to determine if any of the areas should be included in the overall proposed acquisition list which will be brought back to the Committee at a later date.

### LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

South Region: Chris O’Hara, South Region Land Management Superintendent confirmed that the Crane Creek management plan processing has not moved forward.

South Beach Region: Ray Mojica, South Beach Land Management Superintendent noted that they originally planned to do the Hog Point Sanctuary and Coconut Point Sanctuary Public Access Plans at the Archie Carr Working Group meeting, but they have decided to do all the South Beach Public Access Plans at a single meeting, hopefully some time during April. The meeting has not yet been advertised.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

### ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

### SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS

1. Motion to approve the January 9, 2019 Selection and Management Committee (SMC) minutes, as amended.
2. Motion to approve the February 6, 2019 SMC minutes, as presented.
3. Motion to request clarification from the County Manager behind the removal of the term acquisition from public information releases of the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program related to the activities of the Selection and Management Committee.