# Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

# Selection and Management Committee Zoom Meeting

## June 19, 2020 Minutes *(Approved by SMC on 8/19/20)*

## Attendance

### SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

* Elizabeth Becker
* Dave Breininger
* Tamy Dabu
* Tammy Foster
* Oli Johnson
* Paul Schmalzer
* Lisa Toland

### ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM STAFF

* Mike Knight
* Jenny Warner
* Steve McGuffey
* David Demeyer
* Damien Keene
* Ray Mojica

### GUESTS

* Jon Sheperd
* Erika (last name unknown)
* Vince Lamb

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## Meeting Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Oli Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### MINUTES

August 23, 2019 SMC minutes were approved as presented.

 **-Paul Schmalzer moved to approve.**

 **-Tamy Dabu seconded the motion.**

 **-Motion passed unanimously.**

January 29, 2020 SMC minutes were approved as presented.

 **-Paul Schmalzer moved to approve.**

 **-Lisa Toland seconded the motion.**

 **-Motion passed unanimously.**

February 24, 2020 SMC minutes were approved with minor revisions to page 11.

**-Paul Schmalzer moved to approve with correction on Pg. 11 correct spelling of “South Lake”.**

 **-Tamy Dabu seconded the motion.**

 **-Motion passed unanimously.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

### Annual election of officers will be postponed until next meeting.

Several EEL positions cannot be filled due to a hiring freeze including the Administrative Secretary, Fire Coordinator, 2 Naturalists and one Land Management Technician. As a result committee meetings may need to be scheduled on a more limited basis depending on staffs’ ability to keep up with meeting minutes.

A new management plan tracking spreadsheet was presented to show the progress of each plan through the various stages of development / revision. A flowchart was also created but not presented at the meeting which will be distributed to committee members.

### COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Paul Schmalzer reported on an upcoming survey for *Dicerandra thinicola* along the Titusville area Rail Trail. The survey will include looking at various EEL managed lands that may be suitable for translocation of this species.

### Land Acquisition Report

The FIND exchange has been continued to September 15, 2020 Board of County Commission meeting.

Staff is continuing to review the remaining lands on the proposed lands list to ensure it is accurate. It is hopeful this information will be available soon for the committee to review.

### AGENDA ITEM 1

**Emerald Lakes Mitigation**

Mike Knight provided a summary of the negotiated stipulations for the program to accept the donation of lands as described in the mitigation proposal and requested the committee to confirm that the lands being presented for donation meet the acquisition criteria of the program. The mitigation proposal is available upon request.

### MOTION ONE

**Paul Schmalzer moved that the program accept the proposed lands as donations for mitigation as proposed.**

**Tamy Dabu seconded the motion**

**The motion carried unanimously**

### AGENDA ITEM 2

**State Land Management Review Response**

The Land Management Review which was completed by the State of Florida in January for the Brevard Coastal Scrub Ecosystem Project had been distributed to the committee along with staff responses to each finding. Staff requested input from the committee so the responses to the findings could be returned to the State to close out the review.

Paul Schmalzer stated that it was questionable as to whether or not the Malabar West site ever had a sandhill community. He recommended the program focus on higher priority areas for management rather than using current resources in this particular location.

Paul inquired about the low hydrology rating in the review. Mike clarified it was not clear why this low rating was given and that he would follow up with State staff.

Paul also expressed the need to increase efforts in the south region with scrub habitat restoration.

### AGENDA ITEM 3

**Species Translocation Policy**

It was determined that the revised Species Translocation Policy with the otter addendum was approved by the committee at the February, 24, 2020 meeting. An additional motion was passed to confirm approval.

### MOTION TWO

**Paul Schmalzer moved to accept the revised Species Translocation Policy with Appendix J for rehabilitated otters added.**

**Elizabeth Becker seconded the motion**

**The motion carried unanimously**

### AGENDA ITEM 4

**Regional Land Management Report**

Mike Knight provided a brief history of the various ways land management activities have been reported to the committee in the past. Staff believes that going back to providing regional management presentations at each committee meeting would be more productive and informative. The approach would involve each region providing two presentations annually to the committee. Each presentation would focus on half of the regional properties in an effort to keep the review to an hour or less to allow time for other committee business that needs to take place at each meeting.

Committee members felt comfortable with the approach as long as there are opportunities to address issues as needed between reporting schedules and that management plan progress tracking is being addressed regularly. The Action Items Tracking sheet was noted as an additional mechanism for the committee to request updates on specific items as needed.

### AGENDA ITEM 5

**Florida scrub-jay Population Viability Analysis Report**

David Breininger provide a brief overview of the report purpose and general findings.

It was determined that scheduling a specific meeting for the committee to focus on reviewing and discussing the report findings would be a good idea.

Paul recommended the program continue its plans to apply for TNC scrub jay mitigation funds to assist with scrub management efforts on all EEL sites especially since the Emerald Lakes Development will also be paying into the TNC fund to offset their additional required mitigation needs.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Vince Lamb**

Vince stated there were a number of people in the scrub jay management community that would be interested in attending a special meeting related the population viability analysis. Mike clarified the meeting would be a public meeting.

### NEXT MEETING

Staff will poll the committee for a future meeting date, but the focus would first be on scheduling a special meeting to discuss the Florida scrub-jay Population Viability Analysis.

### ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20pm

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Send new management plan tracking spreadsheet, plan development steps, and flow chart to committee members. Consider adding projected deadlines for step completion.