



Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee and Procedures Committee Annual Joint Meeting

April 17, 2024, FINAL Meeting Minutes

Attendance

SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT (SMC) MEMBERS

Doug Sphar, Jim Burney, Jennifer Thompson, Maryann Civil, Jon Shepherd, Lisa Toland, Jason Miller, Curt Smith, Paul Schmalzer (emeritus member)

PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (PC) MEMBERS

Diane Stees, Rick Follet.

ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM STAFF

Mike Knight, Petra Geretz.

GUESTS

Yvonne Minus



Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Jim Burney called the meeting to order due to the Chair and Vice Chair being unable to participate in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

The SMC January 17, 2024, minutes were tabled for approval to the next meeting due to lack of an in-person quorum. One correction was noted on page 2, 2nd paragraph to change “lease terns” to “least terns”.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 1

Annual Report Presentation

Mike Knight provided the Annual Report Presentation focusing on the accomplishments of the EEL Program for Fiscal Year 2023. Specific topics included the following:

- Referenda History and EEL Program Mission
- EEL Advisory Committee Responsibilities
- Land Acquisition
- Land Management Activities
- Environmental Education Programs
- Public Access and Site Visitation
- Special Events
- Youth Camping
- Volunteer Efforts
- Program Financial Overview

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Approved by SMC on January 15, 2025

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Debt and Operational Expenses
Millage History
Funding Status for Acquisition and Operations
Proposed Public Use Improvements

A copy of the Annual Report Presentation is available upon request.

A discussion followed related to the County Commission's interest in having staff develop a methodology for determining the net positive benefit of acquisitions to the Indian River Lagoon and St. Johns River. Mike provided an overview of these efforts so far which focus on comparing nutrient off-loading in a current versus future-developed conditions.

Mike provided a brief summary of a recent 10-month species survey conducted at the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary.

NEXT MEETING

July 17, 2024, at 9:30 AM

ADJORNED