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ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY PATRONIS
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE NIKKI FRIED

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1 mean you've saved the State a lot of money, so thank
2 you.

3 MR. WATKINS: Thank you, sir.

4 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Board of Trustees
5 of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. Shawn
6 Hamilton.

7 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND
8 Shawn Hamilton, Portia Sapp, and Erin Albury

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10 MR. HAMILTON: Good morning, Governor.

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: It's your first presentation
12 as a confirmed secretary.

13 MR. HAMILTON: Yes, sir.

14 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Congratulations.

15 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. I appreciate it.

16 Well, I'll bring a robust agenda then to
17 celebrate the occasion.

18 But in the interest of time, though, I would like
19 to offer to combine items 1 through 4 for approval,
20 which consists of the minutes and statutory rule
21 mandate reports.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I'll move to
23 approve items 1 through 4. Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objections, the

1 motion carries.

2 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. Item 5 is
3 consideration of a delegation of authority to the
4 Secretary of the Department of Environmental
5 Protection, our designee to approve placing perpetual
6 protections on Board of Trustees on lands when land
7 and our water conservation fund grant money is used,
8 the department recommends approval.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to approve
10 the item. Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

12 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
13 motion carries.

14 Six.

15 MR. HAMILTON: Item 6, pursuant to a settlement
16 agreement, the board is asked to select one concerned
17 citizen from the list of candidates provided by the
18 Fisheating Creek Settlement Agreement Advisory Board.
19 The two candidates in alphabetical order are Nancy
20 Dell, Ph.D. and Margaret England.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to appoint
22 Margaret England to the Fish Eating Creek Expanded
23 Border Citizen Advisory Board. Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Any comments or objection?

1 Hearing none, motion carries.

2 MR. HAMILTON: Item 7 is a consideration of an
3 application for modification of a five-year sovereign
4 submerged lands to extend the lease term 25 years with
5 an option to renew for an automatic 8 years with BAE
6 Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair, LLC, for the
7 authorization of a commercial docking facility. BAE
8 intends to make considerable upland capital
9 improvements to the current facility, which includes a
10 state of the art ship lift in partnership with Space
11 Florida.

12 In order to effectively operate the ship lift,
13 BAE is requesting ownership of 7,263 square feet of
14 sovereign-submerged lands that is adjacent to the
15 uplands. The Department staff have been diligently
16 working with the applicant to find suitable
17 replacement lands for the exchange. The support
18 critical project construction timelines and funding
19 for improvements a specific delegation authority is
20 requested to authorize an exchange of 7,263 square
21 feet of sovereign-submerged lands with the applicant
22 for operation of the ship lift. The department
23 recommends approval.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to approve
25 the item. Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

2 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Are there any objections?

3 Okay. Jimmy seconded. I think we need three
4 votes. Ashley, yes?

5 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Yes.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion carries.

7 MR. HAMILTON: Item eight is consideration of an
8 application for an after-the-fact lease for a 51,154
9 square feet in the authorization of long-term
10 liveboards at Harbour Cay Club, Incorporated for a
11 private multi-slip docking facility. The marina has
12 been in existence since the 1940s, and the year-round
13 liveboard activity has taken place at the facility
14 since the 1960s. The applicant has requested to
15 continue the liveboard activity. The department
16 recommends approval.

17 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. Do you have a
18 question?

19 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Yes, sir.
20 Congratulations. Great seeing you here.

21 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: I feel like we've been --
23 are we going to create some inconsistency here on
24 liveboards? I know in the past when we've taking up
25 this issue, different times it becomes a very hard

1 line approach. I'm okay with it. You've all got best
2 practices with pump out stations and a number of good,
3 positive solutions that are affecting this, I'm just
4 kind of curious. You know, moving forward are we
5 going to entertain these ideas? If so, I'm fine with
6 that, I just want you to elaborate a little bit.

7 MR. HAMILTON: Yes, sir. And you did get hit a
8 key point. The environmental safeguards are here.
9 The thing too that's unique, the historical presence
10 of this activity, as documented and as associated with
11 their historical request to be grandfathered, you know
12 you're talking about a very unique circumstance here.
13 So you're right, that is a fair concern, but I
14 wouldn't expect that this will open a floodgate for
15 this particular scenario.

16 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Okay.

17 MR. HAMILTON: We would expect those lease
18 provisions that you're speaking of that limits that
19 activity to continue in the majority of these leases.

20 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: I understand. How long
21 has this one been, 55 years; is that right?

22 MR. HAMILTON: Yes, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Okay. Well, thank you.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve the
25 item.

1 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

2 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Second.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Motion carries.

4 MR. HAMILTON: Item 1 is a consideration of a
5 request to extend Palm Beach State College's sublease
6 term for an additional 28 years to the year to the
7 year 2073. Palm Beach State College continues to
8 complete capital improvements to the sublease area to
9 include classroom facility and a parking structure.
10 The extension of signed lease will assist in securing
11 funding for the capital improvements. Department of
12 Revenue recommends approval.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the item.
14 Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Second.

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection. The motion
17 carries.

18 MR. HAMILTON: Item 10 is a request for
19 determination that a private sub-lease between the
20 City of Pahokee and JPDT's Holdings Corporation is not
21 contrary to the public interest, and an approval of
22 JPDT's bids to redevelop and operate the sublease the
23 premises for profit. The term sublease for the
24 restaurant will be for a period of 10 years with an
25 option for 2 5-year renewals. Previously, the Board

1 of Trustees approved several agenda items that contain
2 similar lease provisions and fee structures with the
3 city and their previous provider. The City of Pahokee
4 is designated within a south central rural area of
5 opportunity. The department recommends approval.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to approve
7 the item. Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

9 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection. Motion
10 carries.

11 We've got the mayor back there. Welcome. Thank
12 you for coming. Congrats.

13 MR. HAMILTON: Item 11 is consideration of an
14 after-the-fact approval of a conveyance from the City
15 of Jacksonville to RD River City Brewery. In approval
16 of a partial lease of restriction and a right of
17 revocation and the acceptance of deed restriction and
18 right of revocation from the City of Jacksonville. RD
19 River City Brewery plans to redevelop this location in
20 conjunction with St. John's River Park and Friendship
21 Fountain. To ensure no loss of dedicated public use
22 lands the consideration is a parcel for parcel deed
23 restriction with 24,000 in cash to be deposited in
24 into the internal improvement trust fund. Department
25 recommends approval.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
2 approve. Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

4 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
5 motion carries.

6 MR. HAMILTON: Item 12 is a determination of
7 exchange of 6,789 square feet of sovereign-submerged
8 field lands owned by the Board of Trustees for 6,789
9 square feet of privately-owned submerged lands owned
10 by RSVC Real Estate Company, LLP is in the public
11 interest. The consideration is a parcel for parcel
12 exchange and will effectively align
13 sovereign-submerged lands with the lease. Department
14 recommends approval.

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve the item.
16 Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Second.

18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
19 motion carries.

20 MR. HAMILTON: Item 13 is consideration of a
21 request to convey 8.4 acre parcel of non-conservation
22 land owned by the Board of Trustees to the United
23 States Navy NAS -- I'm sorry, NSA Panama City for the
24 base buffering purposes. This parcel deemed a Tier 1
25 priority, was acquired and approved by the Board in

1 2017 with funds appropriated for the Department of
2 Economic Opportunities for a Defense Support Task
3 Force Military Base Protection Program. Under today's
4 consideration, the conveyance with allow NSA Panama
5 City's effectively secure and protect the insulation
6 from encroachment and manage the property
7 appropriately. A deed restriction in favor of the
8 board will be recorded for base buffering purposes
9 only. The department recommends approval.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to approve
11 the item. Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
14 motion carries.

15 MR. HAMILTON: Item 14 is consideration of two
16 option agreements to acquire conservation easements
17 over the combined 354 acres within the Lake Wells
18 Ridge Ecosystem Florida Federal Project from Douglas
19 Miller Sr. and Douglas Miller Jr. for \$1,469,100.
20 Acquiring less than fee protection of the subject
21 property will provide a valuable buffer to Highlands
22 Hammock State Park by permanently limiting
23 development. Both parcels are within the wildlife
24 corridor of the Florida Ecological Greenways Network.
25 The conservation easement will be monitored by DEP's

1 Office of Environmental Services. Department
2 recommends approval.

3 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
4 approve. Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

6 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection. Motion
7 carries.

8 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Although I will note it was
9 Douglas Miller and Catherine Miller, and Douglas
10 Miller Jr. and Sara Miller. Not Doug Sr. and Jr.

11 MR. HAMILTON: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Women's History Month and
13 all.

14 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. Item 15 is
15 consideration of an option agreement to acquire a
16 conservation easement over 4,132 acres within the Red
17 Hills Conservation Florida Federal Project and Gem
18 Land Company for \$4,675,000. With approximately three
19 miles of shoreline on Lake Miccosukee, the
20 conservation easement will provide protection of water
21 supply for current and future needs of natural
22 systems, and increase the amount of natural forest
23 land develop for sustainable management of natural
24 resources. This parcel is within the wildlife
25 corridor of the Florida Ecologic Greenways Network.

1 The conservation easement will be monitored by DEP's
2 Office of Environmental Services. Department
3 recommends approval.

4 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
5 approve. Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
8 motion carries.

9 MR. HAMILTON: Item 16 is a consideration to
10 acquire a conservation easement over 6,864 acres
11 within the Fisheating Creek ecosystem project from
12 Lykes Brothers, Incorporated, for \$10,600,000. The
13 subject parcel is 11 miles long and a mile wide, and
14 will provide a vast landscape connection to other
15 conservation lands in the area, and will ensure
16 protection for watershed and wetlands, as well as a
17 wide range of wildlife. This parcel is within the
18 wildlife corridor of the Florida Ecological Greenways
19 Network as well. This easement will be monitored by
20 DEP's Office of Environmental Services.

21 I think Lindsay Stevens or Gary Wallace with
22 Nature Conservancy of Florida would like to make a few
23 brief comments concerning the item.

24 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay.

25 MS. STEVENS: Good morning, Governor.

1 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

2 MS. STEVENS: Members of the cabinet. Thank you
3 for giving me a couple of minutes to speak on this
4 item. I know you have a full slate of amazing
5 projects this morning, so congratulations with that.

6 The Nature Conservancy, we're thrilled to be here
7 today to provide our full support for today's proposed
8 action of placing a conservation easement on Chaparral
9 Slough. Using the Florida Forever Program, the
10 conservation easement at Chaparral Slough is a
11 significant expansion of a wildlife passageway
12 supporting the Florida Wildlife Corridor. For more
13 than 30 years, the Nature Conservancy has worked to
14 protect the habitat of the Florida panther, by
15 collaborating with private landowners to purchase
16 property development rights through conservation
17 easements.

18 Chaparral Slough is a prime example of a
19 functional wildlife corridor, and it is critical for
20 the protection of the Florida panther. The Lykes
21 family, they have stewarded this land since the 1930s,
22 and it's really been an outstanding blend of a working
23 cattle ranch, sustainable forestry operations, and
24 private hunting with tremendous wildlife habitat that
25 supports some of the rarest species in Florida, not

1 only the Florida panther but a host of other species.

2 We feel really privileged to be able to work with
3 the Lykes family to protect this land, and we want to
4 fully recognize the essential role that the Florida
5 Forever Program administered by the Florida Department
6 of Environmental Protection has played in bringing
7 projects like Chaparral Slough to fruition and to
8 completion. So we just want to salute the Lykes
9 family for their commitment to protecting Florida's
10 environment and agriculture, and we want to thank you,
11 Governor and the Cabinet for your support of the
12 program and for projects like this. Thank you.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Thank you. Okay. I move to
14 approve the item. Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
17 motion carries.

18 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. Item 17 is
19 consideration of an option agreement to acquire a 2.85
20 acre parcel of land within the Florida Keys Ecosystem
21 Florida Federal Project for Monroe County
22 Comprehensive Plan Land Authority for \$540,000. The
23 subject property will be, in addition to the Florida
24 Keys wildlife and environmental area and managed by
25 FWCC for passive recreation. At the discretion of the

1 board, the second request of this item includes an
2 increase in delegation to DEP's secretary or designee
3 to approve contracts and agreements for an acquisition
4 up to \$1 million. Department recommends approval.

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
6 approve.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIED: I have some questions.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Just really quickly -- first
10 of all, congratulations.

11 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER FRIED: The separation. We have two
13 action items in this issue. Why did we put it all
14 under item 17 and didn't separate it out, and separate
15 standalone item for us to vote on? And then two, why
16 that increase? What is it at now, and what would be
17 the additional changes from \$500,000, if I'm correct,
18 to the million dollar threshold? And how many actual
19 projects would that not have to come before the
20 trustees that would have authorizations without us?

21 MR. HAMILTON: Yes, ma'am. So the delegation
22 typically, and the one predates this similar was
23 packaged with an item. It does a couple -- it frames
24 a point of reference to give you an idea of the type
25 of item that the delegation would be able to allow.

1 So that's typically the concept historically.

2 Right now by rule, the actual statute limits the
3 acquisition up to one million dollars of the items
4 that typically could be approved at my level. Right
5 now by department, or in this case, trustee's policy,
6 that is limited to \$500,000. So we're just trying to
7 bring it up to the rule. And again, keep in mind this
8 policy is over 10 years, that limit is over 10 years
9 ago of that \$500,000 limit.

10 And then you asked about this too, one of the
11 things, if you think about calendar year 2021, 23
12 acquisitions came before the Board of Trustees, seven
13 of those would have been below this delegation, as you
14 think about historical approvals. And of note,
15 monthly though each one of those acquisitions are
16 supplied to the Cabinet as a part of our monthly
17 reporting of acquisitions.

18 COMMISSIONER FRIED: And then just the last part,
19 why was it not a standalone item and coupled into
20 action item 17?

21 MR. HAMILTON: That's again, goes back to the
22 historical item packaging. Again, like I said, the
23 authorization that limited us to 500 was historically
24 packaged with an item as a point of reference. So
25 yes, you're right, it could be separated, but the

1 thought process was to package it with an item as was
2 historically done with previous items as this that set
3 the delegation to give a point of reference.

4 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
5 approve. Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Second.

7 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
8 motion carries.

9 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. So the next one is
10 item 18, it's consideration of an adoption agreement
11 acquiring 160 acres within a strategic managed areas
12 lands list Florida Federal Project from Alachua
13 conversation trust and a request to waive the survey
14 requirement. The Board's purchase price of
15 \$1,190,943. The acquisition of this property will
16 eliminate a private future development and an existing
17 established private access easement. And of course, a
18 substantial in holding within the river rise preserve
19 of state park, which will allow better management by
20 park staff. The department recommends approval.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Yes, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Shawn, out of all of the
23 projects, this is probably the only one that's giving
24 me any heartburn. The price per acre is multiple, the
25 project is 100 percent isolated in the middle of the

1 park. This is probably the first time -- I've been on
2 here five years, this is the first time I've ever
3 written no on the project. I just feel like there's
4 some -- I can see there's a reason you want to have it
5 totally encompassed, but I don't see development
6 talking place on something that's isolated in the
7 middle of the park. So I'll just point out my
8 concerns and why I'm going to vote no.

9 MR. HAMILTON: Yes, sir.

10 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Anyone else?

11 COMMISSIONER MOODY: Do you want to offer any
12 further comment on that?

13 MR. HAMILTON: I don't mind, and again, I
14 appreciate this discussion point, because it's, again,
15 it's relevant to other items that are isolated. I
16 will just offer back that this one -- and if you think
17 about it, if you look at the map, it is totally
18 enclosed, right, but one thing, this is all uplands.
19 So it's not a matter of them having to contend with
20 wetlands on the property for development and anything
21 that would limit that, and there is an existing access
22 easement to this parcel. So it's not one that is is
23 sort of speculative that there's access to be given,
24 it is there. So again, we are fortunate that
25 development hasn't taken place, and of course, the

1 trust acted upon this when it's brought to the market.
2 So I appreciate your concerns with that, I just would
3 like to offer that as a point, as consideration.

4 COMMISSIONER MOODY: I think one of the concerns
5 was the price differential compared to other projects.
6 Did your team review that as to the market and feel
7 comfortable that we're paying a fair price?

8 MR. HAMILTON: Yeah, that's one of the things
9 with this, again, we defer on third-party appraisals
10 that, you know, basically are set on those industry
11 standards, so this is, again, I think 93 percent of
12 the appraised value.

13 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: I don't want to belabor
14 it, but I look at if there's an easement, that's
15 great, but the cost of business to do something, to
16 bring utilities, anything else into such a remote area
17 inside of a state park I just, again, I just don't
18 think that's as good of a value as the other amazing
19 projects that you all have brought forward.

20 MR. HAMILTON: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: That's it.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve.

23 COMMISSIONER MOODY: I'll second it.

24 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: No.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: So the motion carries. Next

1 item.

2 MR. HAMILTON: Item 19 is consideration of an
3 option agreement to acquire 241 acres within the
4 Pumpkin Hill Creek Florida Federal Project from the
5 Trust of Public Lands for \$5,800,000. The project,
6 the subject project will have four known archeological
7 sites on the property to date, and there's at least
8 4,000 years of history associated with those
9 archaeological sites. The area is known as the Seven
10 Creeks recreation area which consists of 5,600 acre
11 collaboration of seven preserves and parks managed by
12 various entities. This particular property will be
13 managed by DEP's Division of Recreation Parks as an
14 addition to the Pumpkin Hill Creek Reserve State Park.
15 The Department recommends approval.

16 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
17 approve. Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. No objection.
20 The motion carries.

21 MR. HAMILTON: Item 20 is consideration of three
22 option agreements to acquire a combined 313 acres from
23 three separate landowners within the Wakulla Springs
24 Protection Zone Florida Federal Project for
25 \$2,163,000. The U.S. Florida Forest Service through

1 the Forest Legacy Program intends to contribute
2 \$1,622,000 towards the acquisition and may reduce the
3 Board's consideration to \$540,750 or 25 percent of the
4 cost. The acquisition of these parcels will further
5 provide public access and recreational opportunities
6 for residents and businesses, as well as protect vital
7 water resources to Wakulla Springs and other important
8 water bodies in the area. This parcel is within the
9 wildlife corridor of the Florida Ecological Greenways
10 network, and will be managed by the Florida Forest
11 Service as an addition to the Wakulla State Forest.
12 The Department recommends approval.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Move to approve. Is there a
14 second?

15 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER FRIED: I just have a quick comment.
17 This is another great project. It will certainly
18 protect our Wakulla Springs and certainly bring a lot
19 of added protections to the area regarding the sink
20 holes, and create about 373 acre pass of recreational
21 area. So we are delighted that we'll be able to
22 manage this land and put it back into recreational
23 usage.

24 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. Hearing no objection,

1 the item is approved.

2 MR. HAMILTON: Item 21 is consideration of an
3 option agreement to acquire 3,610 acres within Wolf
4 Creek Forest, Florida Federal Project from the Trust
5 of Public Lands for \$9,476,250. The U.S. Forest
6 Service through the Forest Legacy Program intends to
7 contribute \$2,900,000 towards this acquisition and the
8 Knobloch Family Foundation intends to contribute an
9 additional \$1,800,000, which will reduce the Board's
10 consideration to \$4,776,250, or 50 percent. This
11 acquisition is part of a large phased landscape
12 strategic partnership between federal, state, local,
13 and private entities with the goal of conservation at
14 the forefront. This parcel is within the Wildlife
15 Corridor of the Florida Ecological Greenways Network
16 and will be managed by the Florida Forest Service as
17 an addition to Blackwater River State Forest. The
18 Department recommends approval.

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
20 approve. Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
23 motion carries.

24 MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. Governor, I would be
25 remiss if I didn't draw attention in all of the hard

1 work of this staff, and I'm very proud of their
2 efforts in the course of the partnerships with our
3 other state and local and private partners to bring
4 these properties to you today. And all that 16,000
5 acres of preservation and conservation of the
6 Florida's Forever Program. So thank you again for
7 your support and the Board's leadership.

8 Items 22 through 25 will be presented by Portia
9 Sapp with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
10 Services Division of Aquaculture. And items 26 and 27
11 will be presented by Erin Albury with the Florida
12 Forest Service. Thank you.

13 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay.

14 Good morning.

15 MS. SAPP: Good morning, Trustees. I'm going to
16 go through each item individually, but just not to be
17 duplicative I will say all of the applications were
18 reviewed by applicable state and federal agencies, and
19 it was determined the activities proposed are not
20 likely to have adverse impacts and are compliant with
21 the Department's general programmatic permitting.

22 So item 22 for your consideration today is a new
23 5-acre lease requested by Indian Lagoon Oyster Company
24 and Indian Lagoon in Gulf County to expand an existing
25 oyster aquaculture business. The proposed site is

1 located in Gulf Sturgeon critical habitat, but the
2 applicant is proposing floating gear which is
3 authorized in our programmatic permit. Staff
4 recommends approval of this item.

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve. Is there
6 a second?

7 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, motion
9 carries.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIED: And Governor, on this
11 aquaculture lease, as well as the next three items,
12 FDACS has conducted our resource assessment and
13 determination that the proposed leases and associated
14 aquaculture activities will not again result in any
15 impacts to seagrass, existing shelf beds, natural
16 lease, and other sensitive habitats, and I know that
17 all of these leases are directly in line with all of
18 the things we've been talking about trying to enhance
19 the aquaculture footprint for our state.

20 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: And we need to do more.

21 COMMISSIONER FRIED: And we need to do more. So
22 we certainly commend all the work that you and your
23 team has done in the Department.

24 MS. SAPP: Thank you.

25 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Item is approved.

1 MS. SAPP: Item 23 for your consideration is a
2 request to modify an existing 5-acre lease requested
3 by Orchid Island Shellfish Company in the Indian River
4 Lagoon in Indian River County to allow use of the full
5 water column, so it's transitioning from clams to
6 oyster culture as well, and staff recommends approval
7 of this item.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Okay. I move to approve. Is
9 there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
12 motion carries.

13 MS. SAPP: Item 24 for your consideration is a
14 new 4-acre water column lease requested by Caloosa
15 Oyster Company, LLC, in lower Tampa Bay in Manatee
16 County to start a new oyster aquaculture industry.
17 And staff recommends approval of this item.

18 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
19 approve. Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Second.

21 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
22 motion carries.

23 MS. SAPP: Finally, item 25 for your
24 consideration is a new 4-and-a-half acre bottom
25 management agreement requested by Sarasota Bay Watch

1 in Sarasota Bay in Manatee County for clam restoration
2 activities. So this is the first new management
3 agreement that we've brought to you all since you
4 passed the rule language for 18.21 to allow us to do
5 restoration. So they're looking to do environmental
6 enhancement and repopulation of the Southern Hard
7 Clam. Staff recommends approval of this item.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: I move to approve. Is there
9 a second?

10 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

11 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
12 motion carries.

13 MS. SAPP: Thank you.

14 MR. ALBURY: Good morning again.

15 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Good morning.

16 MR. ALBURY: We have two rural of family lands
17 protection program items for your consideration. The
18 first is item 26, Charlie Creek Cattle company in
19 Hardee County. We are requesting approval of an
20 option agreement to acquire a 501 acre perpetual
21 conservation easement within the Charlie Creek Cattle
22 Company project, and designation of the Department of
23 Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Forest
24 Service as the monitoring agency. The Trustees'
25 purchase price is \$1,400,000 of which 50 percent or

1 \$700,000 may be provided through a grant from the
2 United States Department of Agriculture Natural
3 Resource Conservation Service. Staff recommends
4 approval of the item.

5 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
6 approve. Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

8 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Hearing no objection, the
9 motion carries.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Governor, I'll just add
11 quickly. The Rural and Family Lands program has been
12 of one my top priorities of my administration. The
13 FDAC and Florida Forest Service programs are vital in
14 our efforts to conserve our state's natural resources.
15 It is an this easement, as approved, as you just did,
16 approximately 67 percent of the Charlie Creek Cattle
17 Company Rural and Family Lands Project protection will
18 be protected. \$700,000 of acquisition costs may be
19 provided through our grant with the USDA and the
20 Natural Resource Conservation Services. So I want to
21 thank our commitment as well as to this project.

22 The project site has been enrolled in the FDAC
23 Special Management Practices Program since the
24 beginning of the program, and there are several
25 species that are threatened or are a special concern

1 including the Gopher Tortoise, Sherman's Fox Squirrel,
2 the Burrowing Owl and the Florida Sandhill Crane. So
3 these are certainly opportunities for us to protect
4 all of those. So thank you for bringing this item
5 before us.

6 MR. ALBURY: Yes, ma'am.

7 Second item, item 27, Todd Clemons Unit 1 in
8 Okeechobee County we are requesting approval and
9 option agreement to acquire 932 acre perpetual
10 conservation easement within the Todd Clemons Unit 1
11 Project and designation, once again, of the Florida
12 Forest Services, the monitoring agency. The Trustees'
13 purchase price is \$2,260,000 of which 89 percent or
14 \$2 million may be provided through the U.S. Air Force
15 Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative
16 Grant for the Avon Park Air Force Rangers Sentinel
17 Landscape Program. Staff recommends approval of the
18 item.

19 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: All right. I move to
20 approve. Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second.

22 GOVERNOR DESANTIS: No objection, the motion
23 carries. Think, sir.

24 MR. ALBURY: Thank you all. Zingale.

25 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

ERRATA SHEET

Meeting of the Governor and Cabinet

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Page	Line	Error or Change	Reason for Change
75	13/14	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Congratulations'	
75	15	Insert a second 'Thank you' prior to 'I appreciate it.'	
76	5	Change 'our' to 'or'	
76	6	Change 'on' to 'owned'	
76	7	Change 'and our' to 'and/or'	
76	22	Change 'Fish Eating' to 'Fishing— Fisheating'	
76	23	Change 'Border' to "Corridor"	
77	1	Insert 'Okay.' prior to 'Hearing none'	
77	3	Change 'sovereign' to 'sovereignty'	
77	4	Insert 'lease' following 'submerged lands'	
77	7	Change 'authorization' to 'operation'	
78	19	Insert 'And' following 'Yes, sir.'	
78	20	Change 'seeing' to 'to see'	
78	24	Change 'taking' to 'taken'	
78	25	Change 'different times it becomes a' to 'there becomes this'	
79	1	Change 'You've all' to 'You know we— y'all'	
79	6	Change 'a little bit' to 'on that'	
79	8	Insert 'Right, obviously' prior to 'The environment' and lowercase 'The'	
79	8	Change the last period to a comma	
79	9	Change 'The thing' to 'but I think'	
79	20	Change 'I understand.' to 'Fair enough, and' eliminate the period, and lowercase 'How'	
80	3	Insert 'Okay.' Prior to 'Motion'	
80	4	Change '1' to '9'	
80	7	Change 'continues' to 'intends'	
80	10	Change 'extension' to 'extended term'	
80	11	Insert 'The' prior to 'Department' and eliminate 'of'	
80	12	Eliminate 'Revenue'	

80	13	Insert 'All right,' prior to 'I move'	
80	19	Remove hyphen in 'sub-lease'	
80	22	Change 'bids' to 'bid'	
81	4	Insert 'as a community' prior to 'within a'	
81	8/9	Insert 'CFO PATRONIS: Second'	
81	10/11	Insert line 'MR HAMILTON: Item 11 is'	
81	11	Insert 'GOVENOR DESANTIS:' at the start of the line and add 'Mayor, I think' prior to 'We've got'	
81	11	Insert 'So' prior to 'Welcome'	
81	12	Insert 'Yep.' following 'Congrats.'	
81	23	Change '24,000' to '\$24,000'	
82	4	Insert 'Okay.' prior to 'Hearing no'	
82	16/17	Insert Line 'COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second'	
83	4	Change 'with' to 'will'	
83	5	Change 'City's' to 'City to'	
83	7	Add 'inverter' prior to 'in favor'	
83	12/13	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
84	1	Add 'The' prior to 'Department'	
84	5/6	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
84	6	Add 'Okay, the motion—' prior to 'No objection.' and add 'the' prior to 'Motion'	
84	10	Change 'Doug' to 'just'	
84	11	Change 'Yeah' to "Gotcha"	
84	17	Change 'Federal' to 'Forever'	
84	23	Change 'develop' to 'available'	
85	2	Insert 'The' prior to 'Department'	
85	6/7	Insert line 'CFO PATRONIS: Second'	
85	9	Following 'consideration' add 'of an option agreement'	
85	11	Insert 'Florida Forever' prior to 'project'	
86	4	Insert 'really' prior to 'amazing'	
86	5	Change 'with' to 'for'	
87	14/15	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
87	21	Change 'Federal' to 'Forever'	
88	12	Change 'The separation' to 'But the separation—'	
88	13	Insert 'actually' prior to 'in this'	
88	14	Change 'and' to 'on a'	
88	16	Eliminate 'and'	
89	4	Insert 'you know' prior to 'typically'	

89	18	Insert 'is' following 'last part' and eliminate the comma following 'part'	
89	19	Change 'not a standalone' to 'not as a separate standalone'	
89	19	Insert 'then' prior to 'coupled'	
89	21	Insert 'that' prior to 'goes'	
90	2	Change 'as' to 'of'	
90	6/7	Insert line 'CFO PATRONIS: Second'	
90	9	Insert 'Alright' prior to 'So' and lowercase 'So'	
90	10	Change 'it's' to 'is'	
90	10	Change 'adoption' to 'option'	
90	12	Change 'Federal' to 'Forever'	
90	17	Insert 'you know' prior to 'of course'	
90	21	Change 'Yes, sir' to 'You wanna'	
90	22	Insert 'Yes, sir.' prior to 'Shawn'	
90	24	Change 'multiple,' to 'multiples of'	
90	25	Change 'project is' to 'projects that's'	
91	1	Insert 'I just' prior to 'This' and lowercase 'This'	
91	1	Change '—' to 'since'	
91	2	Insert 'probably' prior to 'this'	
91	3	Change 'written' to 'voted'	
91	3	Change 'the' to 'a'	
91	3	Eliminate 'there's'	
91	4	Eliminate 'some'	
91	4	Change 'a reason' to 'some reasons why'	
91	5	Insert 'you know' prior to 'I'	
91	6	Change 'talking' to 'taking'	
91	8	Insert 'just explain' prior to 'why'	
91	13	Insert 'know and I can' following the second 'I'	
91	19	Change 'them' to 'their'	
91	22	Insert 'And' prior to 'So' and lowercase 'So'	
91	22	Change 'that is is' to 'of those where it's'	
91	23	Eliminate 'sort of'	
91	25	Insert 'then' prior to 'the'	
92	1	Change 'it's' to 'it'	
92	1	Insert 'you know' prior to 'brought'	
92	1	Insert 'and' following 'market'	
92	2	Lowercase 'So'	
92	3	Change ', as' to 'of'	
92	3/ 4	Insert line "CFO PATRONIS: Sure.'	
92	4	Insert 'raised' following 'concerns'	

92	19	Insert 'So that's it.' following 'forward.'	
92	21	Eliminate this line.	
92	22	Insert 'Okay, well' prior to 'I move'	
92	22	Insert 'We' following 'approve.'	
93	4	Change 'Federal' to 'Forever'	
93	24	Change 'Federal' to 'Forever'	
94	14/15	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
95	4	Change 'Federal' to 'Forever'	
95	21/22	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
95	24	Insert 'Alright, well' prior to 'Governor'	
96	3	Insert 'and federal' prior to 'and local'	
96	4	Change 'And' to 'In'	
96	5	Change 'of' to 'for'	
97	5	Insert 'Alright.' prior to 'I move'	
97	7/8	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
97	10	Insert 'And on this-' prior to 'And Governor'	
97	18	Change 'we've' to 'we have'	
97	22	Eliminate 'all'	
98	9/10	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
98	20/21	Insert line 'COMMISSIONER FRIED: Second'	
99	9/10	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
100	6/7	Insert line 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY: Second'	
100	10	Insert 'And' prior to 'Governor'	
100	10	Change 'I'll just add' to 'may I just add'	
100	13	Change 'FDAC' to "FDACS"	
100	19	Change 'with' to 'through'	
100	21	Change 'our' to 'their'	
100	21	Eliminate second 'as'	
100	22	Change 'FDAC' to "FDACS"	
100	23	Change 'Special' to 'Best'	
100	25	Change 'or' to 'of, or'	
100	25	Change 'a' to 'of'	
101	16	Change 'Rangers' to 'Range's'	
101	23	Change 'Think' to 'Alright, thank you'	
101	24	Eliminate 'Zingale.'	
101	24/25	Insert 'GOVERNOR DESANTIS: Zingale.'	

75-101		Change 'MR. HAMILTON' to 'SECRETARY HAMILTON'	
75-101		Change 'COMMISSIONER PATRONIS' to 'CFO PATRONIS'	
75-101		Change 'COMMISSIONER MOODY' to 'ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY'	