

Acquisition and Restoration Council Meeting Results

Council Meeting: April 8, 2022

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: Department of Environmental Protection
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building
Conference Room 137
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399

And via Webinar

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Tim Parsons, DHR
Mr. Erin Albury, FFS
Ms. Lynetta Griner, Citizen Member
Dr. Thomas Eason, FWC
Dr. Bill Palmer, Citizen Member
Ms. Elva Peppers, Citizen Member
Ms. Callie DeHaven, DEP for Ms. Mara Gambineri, ARC Chair

Ms. Deborah Burr, DEP for Ms. Shauna Allen, ARC Staff Director

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARING

- Welcome and Introductions
- ARC Role in Project Selection and Ranking Process
- Overview of 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Project Proposals
- Public Testimony

COUNCIL MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order at 10:06 a.m.

Item 2: Consider the February 11, 2022, meeting and March 2022 regional hearing summaries.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the summaries with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

ARC STAFF REPORTS

Item 3: Items approved by the Division of State Lands via the online negative response process since the February 2022 ARC meeting.

ARC Action: No action required.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Item 4: Consider a 10-year update to the Rainbow Springs State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 3900).

ARC Action: Dr. Palmer made the motion to approve the management plan update with Ms. Peppers seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 5: Consider a 10-year update to the Weeki Wachee Springs State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 4817).

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the management plan update with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

FLORIDA FOREVER

Item 6: Consider project evaluation reports for the Aucilla River Corridor, Bar-B Ranch, Charlie Creek, Eight Mile Property, Foshalee Slough, Johnson Homestead, Lake Sampala Timber & Land, River Property, and South Prong of the St. Mary's River 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the project evaluation reports with Dr. Parsons seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 7: Vote on whether to add nine 2022 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals to the 2023 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: Dr. Eason made the motion to approve all nine proposals with one vote with Ms. Peppers seconding. Dr. Palmer recused himself from the vote. ARC voted by six members to add the nine proposals to the 2023 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC voted unanimously by seven votes to amend the Old Town Creek Watershed Florida Forever project boundary to add the Charlie Creek project.

ARC voted unanimously by seven votes to amend the Red Hills Conservation Florida Forever project boundary to add the Foshalee Slough project.

ARC voted unanimously by seven votes to amend the Peace River Refuge Florida Forever project boundary to add the Johnson Homestead project.

ARC voted unanimously by seven votes to amend the San Pedro Bay Florida Forever project boundary to add the Lake Sampala Timber & Land project.

ARC voted unanimously by seven votes to amend the Raiford to Osceola Greenway Florida

Forever project boundary to add the South Prong of the St. Mary's River project.

Item 8: Vote on whether to amend the Florida's First Magnitude Springs Florida Forever Project Boundary to add five parcels totaling approximately 486 acres in Levy County with a tax assessed market value of \$1,745,229.

ARC Action: Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Dr. Eason seconding. Ms. Griner recused herself. ARC voted by six members to approve the amendment.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.