

# Acquisition and Restoration Council Meeting Results

**Public Hearing:** December 10, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Webinar meeting

**Council Meeting:** December 11, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Webinar meeting

---

## DECEMBER 10, 2020

### Members in Attendance:

Dr. Tim Parsons, DHR

Mr. Erin Albury, FFS

Ms. Lynetta Griner, Citizen Member

Mr. Tom Houston, FWC

Dr. Bill Palmer, Citizen Member

Ms. Elva Peppers, Citizen Member

Mr. Shawn Hamilton, ARC Chair, DEP

ARC Staff Director: Ms. Shauna Allen, DEP

**Item 1:** Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.

**Item 2:** Florida Forever 2021 Cycle 1 Proposal Presentations for Big Pine Preserve and Wilson Ranch Property.

**ARC Action:** No action required.

**Item 3:** Florida Forever Project Boundary Amendment Presentations for St. Johns River Blueway, Annatteliga Hammock, Pinhook Swamp, Middle Chipola River, Wekiva-Ocala Greenway and Hardee Flatwoods Florida Forever Projects.

**ARC Action:** No action required.

**Item 4:** Take Public Testimony on the Florida Forever 2021 Cycle 1 Proposals, Florida Forever Project Boundary Amendments and other Florida Forever Projects.

**ARC Action:** No action required.

The hearing was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

## DECEMBER 11, 2020

### 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  
Mr. Shawn Hamilton, ARC Chair, DEP

ARC Staff Director: Ms. Shauna Allen, DEP

**Item 5:** Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.

**Item 6:** Consider the October 9, 2020 meeting summary.

**ARC Action:** Chair Hamilton made the motion to approve the October meeting summary with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

**Item 7:** Consider the proposed 2021 Acquisition and Restoration Council Calendar.

**ARC Action:** Chair Hamilton made the motion to approve the 2021 ARC calendar with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

### ARC STAFF REPORTS

**Item 8:** Items approved by the Division of State Lands via the online negative response process since the October 2020 ARC meeting.

**ARC Action:** No action required.

### FLORIDA FOREVER

**Item 9:** Develop the 2021 Florida Forever Priority List.

**ARC Action:** Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the 2021 Florida Forever Priority list with Ms. Peppers seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

**Item 10:** Consider a request to remove approximately 2,213 acres from the boundary of the Caloosahatchee Ecoscape Florida Forever Project.

**ARC Action:** Chair Hamilton made the motion to approve the owner-requested deletion with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously by seven members.

**Item 11:** Vote on whether the Big Pine Preserve and Wilson Ranch 2021 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals will proceed through the project evaluation process for potential addition to the 2022 Florida Forever Priority List.

**ARC Action:** ARC members voted unanimously by seven members to initiate a full review of the Big Pine Preserve and Wilson Ranch proposals.

**Item 12:** Vote on whether to amend the St. Johns River Blueway Florida Forever Project Boundary to add five parcels totaling approximately 112 acres in Clay County with a tax assessed market value of \$556,815.

**ARC Action:** Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Ms. Peppers seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

**Item 13:** Vote on whether to amend the Annutteliga Hammock Florida Forever Project Boundary to add two parcels totaling approximately 48.3 acres in Hernando County with a tax assessed market value of \$620,220.

**ARC Action:** Dr. Palmer made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

**Item 14:** Vote on whether to amend the Pinhook Swamp Florida Forever Project Boundary to add four parcels totaling approximately 147.5 acres in Hamilton County with a tax assessed market value of \$254,070.

**ARC Action:** Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Dr. Eason seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

**Item 15:** Vote on whether to amend the Middle Chipola River Florida Forever Project Boundary to add one parcel totaling approximately 49.41 acres in Jackson County with a tax assessed market value of \$142,940.

**ARC Action:** Dr. Eason made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

**Item 16:** Vote on whether to amend the Wekiva-Ocala Greenway Florida Forever Project Boundary to add 9 parcels totaling approximately 9 acres in Seminole County with a tax assessed market value of \$6,400.

**ARC Action:** Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

**Item 17:** Vote on whether to amend the Wekiva-Ocala Greenway Florida Forever Project Boundary to add one parcel totaling approximately 170 acres in Volusia County with a tax assessed market value of \$745,725.

**ARC Action:** Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

**Item 18:** Vote on whether to amend the Hardee Flatwoods Florida Forever Project Boundary to add one parcel totaling approximately 160 acres in Hardee County with a tax assessed market value of approximately \$510,400.

**ARC Action:** Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the boundary amendment with Ms. Peppers seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the amendment.

## **MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**Item 19:** Consider a 10-year update to the L. Kirk Edwards Wildlife and Environmental Area (Lease No. 4619).

**ARC Action:** Chair Hamilton made the motion to approve the management plan with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

**Item 20:** Consider an update to the Belmore State Forest Management Plan (Lease No. 4482).

**ARC Action:** Chair Hamilton made the motion to approve the management plan with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

**Item 21:** Consider an update to the Bahia Honda State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 3609).

**ARC Action:** Chair Hamilton made the motion to approve the management plan with Ms. Peppers seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

## **LAND ADMINISTRATION**

**Item 22:** Consider (1) whether an 8-acre parcel of state-owned land currently owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BOT) and managed by Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/Florida Forest Service as part of the Blackwater River State Forest is no longer needed for conservation purposes, and (2) recommend exchanging 8-acres of state-owned land for 16-acres of privately-owned land to the BOT.

**ARC Action:** Ms. Peppers made the motion to approve the recommendation to the Board of Trustees with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC concurred with seven members in favor of the recommendation.

**Item 23:** Consider whether an approximately 0.68-acre private single-family access easement within Blackwater River State Forest is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

**ARC Action:** Dr. Palmer made the motion to approve the proposed easement with Ms. Griner seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.