

**FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST GOVERNING BOARD
QUARTERLY MEETING SUMMARY
MARCH 7, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mara Gambineri (Chair), Noah Valenstein, Deborah Denys, Frank Mingo, (All in-person).

STAFF PRESENT

Linda Reeves (Program Manager); Christina Omran (Operations Manager); Lois La Seur (Senior Attorney); Patricia Henry (Program Attorney); Erin Roaza (Planner, Region 1); Bill Bibby (Planner, Region 2); William McMahon (Planner, Region 3); Callie DeHaven (Director of State Lands); Andy Fleener (Deputy Director of State Lands); Lauren Cruz (Division of State Lands); Ramsey Jones (Division of State Lands); Shadaria Jackson (Division of State Lands).

OTHERS PRESENT

James Parker (Office of Environmental Services); Karen Armstrong (Office of General Counsel); Rebecca Robinette (Office of General Counsel).

VIRTUAL VIA GOTOWEBINAR

Byron Ward; Carla Gaskin; Matt Culver; Shauna Allen; Terry Bentley; Janet Zimmerman.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gambineri called the March 7, 2023 meeting of the Florida Communities Trust Governing Board to order at 10:00 AM.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Gambineri welcomed those present and introduced FCT Board members and FCT Staff. Chair Gambineri recognized a quorum was present. Christina Omran followed the welcome and introductions with meeting instructions.

MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Presentation by Christina Omran on housekeeping rules and instructions for webinar and public testimony.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Gambineri called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Annual Revenue and Annual Report Update

Erin Roaza discussed the requirement of FCT Staff to prepare and submit both an Annual Revenue report as required by the Department of Environmental Protection and an Annual Report as required by Chapter 380.512, Florida Statutes.

The Annual Revenue report is based on revenue earned on FCT sites through private use as required by DEP. The data collection is complete and includes figures from each FCT region.

Chapter 380.512, Florida Statutes requires the FCT Staff to submit an Annual Report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and the minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The final report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was made available to the Board when finished.

No comments or questions from the Board.

Item 3: Acquisition Update

Erin Roaza presented the acquisition project updates.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the FF19 Parks and Open Space Cycle. City of Fellsmere (FCT #18-011-FF19) was withdrawn by the Applicant. Staff has reached out to other potential FCT project sites.

Projects from Fiscal Year 2020-2021 priority list are currently under contract.

The Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront project, Fisherman's Village Conch Key (FCT # 21-001-WW22) Islamorada Working Waterfront is currently being processed. This FCT project was approved by the Board of Trustees at the cabinet meeting in March 2022. The Board will consider FCT Project 22-001-WW23, Blue Crab Cove Phase 2 (Brevard County) later in this agenda.

No comments or questions from the Board.

Item 4: Post-Completion Webinar

William McMahon presented an annual post completion webinar summary.

The FCT Staff must ensure that our project partners understand their responsibilities as recipients of Florida Communities Trust financial assistance. The webinar platform is an ideal way to reach the maximum number of potential participants in the most cost-effective manner.

The 2022 Post Completion Webinar was conducted on November 2nd, 2022. Mr. McMahon provided an update of this webinar to the Board.

No comments or questions from the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 5: Consider the Upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates

Chair Gambineri announced the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 meeting dates. Due to the revised Board of Trustee's meeting schedule, the approved meeting date of May 17th needs to be rescheduled. The Governing Board members were asked to vote to approve the proposed date of May 24th and, in addition, add the date of August 23rd.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Meeting Date:

- **May 24, 2023**

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Meeting Dates:

- **August 23, 2023**
- **December 13, 2023**
- **February 14, 2024**
- **May 15, 2024**

No comments or questions from the public.

Motion by: Noah Valenstein to approve the Upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates.

Second by: Frank Mingo

No comments or questions from the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE

APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:

- WITHDRAW
- NOT APPROVE
- OTHER:

Item 6: Consider the August 10, 2022, Meeting Summary

Staff recommends approval of the August 10, 2022 Meeting Summary.

No comments or questions from the public.

Motion by: Noah Valenstein to approve the meeting summary.

Second by: Deborah Denys

No comments or questions from the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

- APPROVE
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:
- WITHDRAW
- NOT APPROVE
- OTHER:

Item 7: Consider Preliminary Scoring and Evaluation Report of FY 2022-2023 Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Application, Preliminary Ranking List Consideration & Approval

The one (1) eligible applicant project was introduced by Bill Bibby. Mr. Bibby presented the project, provided staff remarks and additional information.

Staff recommends approval of the 2022-23 Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts Grant Application Cycle Preliminary Ranking List for consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

Ms. Denys inquired about remaining Stan Mayfield Working Waterfront program funds. Staff replied that \$2,391,216.91 remained available for grants. Staff plan to conduct another application cycle later in 2023, after the legislative session concludes and the State Budget for FY 2023-2024 is enacted. There was further discussion about the program.

No comments or questions from the public.

Motion by: Deborah Denys

Second by: Noah Valenstein

No comments or questions from the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

- APPROVE**
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:**
- WITHDRAW**
- NOT APPROVE**
- OTHER:**

Item 8: Consider the establishment of the Delegations of Authority from the FCT Governing Board to the Chair of FCT Governing Board and FCT Staff

Lois La Seur presented the proposed Delegations of Authority for Board consideration.

Staff recommends adding the following delegations to allow FCT Staff authority to:

- Plan and carry out FCT grant application cycles when funds are appropriated through the legislative budget process or when appropriated funds remain unexpended from a previous grant cycle.
- Approve the application of program funds to projects that are lower on an approved project priority list in the event program funds become available because a project is withdrawn from consideration or when a funded project does not expend all of the allocated funds.
- Approve the application of program funds from a previously approved grant cycle to a newer grant cycle when all projects in an older grant cycle have either been closed or withdrawn from consideration and there is a board-approved project priority list in place for the newer cycle.

The remaining delegations will remain as previously approved.

Staff recommends approval of the Delegations of Authority as presented.

No comments or questions from the public.

Motion by: Noah Valenstein

Second by: Deborah Denys

The motion passed unanimously.

- APPROVE**

- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:
- WITHDRAW
- NOT APPROVE
- OTHER:

Item 9: Public Comment

Chair Gambineri opened the meeting to public comment.

Comments from Public (In-Person):

No comments or questions from the public.

Comments from Public (Online):

No comments or questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Noah Valenstein

Second by: Frank Mingo

Mr. Valenstein requested staff to include in the Board packets all supporting documents for Agenda items requiring Board action.

The motion passed unanimously.

- APPROVE
- APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS:
- WITHDRAW
- NOT APPROVE
- OTHER:

Chair Gambineri adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM.