

Acquisition and Restoration Council Meeting Results

Council Meeting: June 12, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Webinar meeting

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 1: Call to Order at 9:00 am

Item 2: Consider the February 14, 2020 meeting and May 20, 2020 public hearing summaries.

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the February and May meeting summaries with Ms. Peppers 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 2020 ARC meeting.

ARC Action: No action required.

Item 4: Quarterly status report on Land Management Reviews completed by the Division of State Lands from January to March 2020.

ARC Action: No action required.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Item 5: Consider a 10-year update to the Silver Springs Conservation Area Management Plan (Lease No. 4519).

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the management plan with Dr. Eason seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 6: Consider the Silver Springs Sandhill Management Plan (Lease No. 4807).

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

Item 7: Consider a 10-year update to the Hillsborough River State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 3623).

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

Item 8: Consider a 10-year update to the Lake Talquin State Park Management Plan (Lease No. 2537).

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

Item 9: Consider a 10-year update to the Picayune Strand State Forest Management Plan (Lease No. 3927).

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

Item 10: Consider a Management Plan for Fort Pickens State Park Aquatic Preserve.

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

FLORIDA FOREVER

Item 11: Hear presentations and take Public Testimony on the Florida Forever 2020 Cycle 1 and 2 Proposals and other Florida Forever Projects.

ARC Action: No action required.

Item 12: Consider project evaluation reports for Amtel Farms, Buck Island Ranch, Hendrie Ranch and Withlacoochee River Corridor 2020 Cycle 1 Florida Forever proposals.

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the project evaluation reports with Ms. Peppers seconding. The council discussed a recommendation from Dr. Hilary Swain to add Buck Island Ranch to the boundary of Fisheating Creek Ecosystem Florida Forever Project. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 13: Vote on whether to add four 2020 Cycle 1 Florida Forever Proposals to the 2021 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: ARC voted unanimously by seven members to add the Amtel Farms, Buck Island Ranch, Hendrie Ranch and the Withlacoochee River proposals to the 2021 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC voted unanimously by seven members to amend the Caloosahatchee Ecoscape Florida Forever Boundary to add Amtel Farms.

ARC voted unanimously by seven members to amend the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Florida Forever to add Hendrie Ranch.

Ms. Griner made the motion to add Buck Island Ranch to the Fisheating Creek Ecosystem Florida Forever with Dr. Palmer seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the motion.

Item 14: Consider request to remove approximately 2.53 acres from the boundary of the Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever Project.

ARC Action: Ms. Griner made the motion to approve the proposed removal with Dr. Eason seconding. ARC voted unanimously by seven members to approve the item.

Item 15: Vote on whether to amend the Bombing Range Ridge Florida Forever Project Boundary to add five parcels totaling approximately 995.0 acres in Polk County with a tax assessed market value of \$531,207.

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

Item 16: Vote on whether to amend the Natural Bridge Creek Florida Forever Project Boundary to add seven parcels totaling approximately 170.0 acres in Walton County with a tax assessed market value of \$259,083.

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 17: Vote on whether to amend the Florida Springs Coastal Greenway Florida Forever Project Boundary to add one parcel totaling approximately 149.0 acres in Citrus County with a tax assessed market value of \$863,960.

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 the Abington Ranch, Bluefield to Cow Creek, Crayfish Habitat Restoration, Welannee Watershed Forest and Withlacoochee River Addition 2020 Cycle 2 Florida Forever proposals will proceed through the project evaluation process for potential addition to the 2021 Florida Forever Priority List.

ARC Action: ARC voted unanimously by seven members to initiate a full review of the Abington Ranch, Bluefield to Cow Creek, Crayfish Habitat Restoration, Welannee Watershed Forest and Withlacoochee River Addition proposals.

LAND ADMINISTRATION

Item 19: Consider whether an approximately 2.45-acre road right-of-way easement within Eden Gardens State Park is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

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

Item 20: Consider whether an approximately 3.62-acre private easement within Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

ARC Action: Dr. Palmer made the motion to approve the proposed easement with Mr. Albury seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 21: Consider whether an approximately 0.77-acre public right of way easement within the East Coast Buffer is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

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

Item 22: Consider whether an approximately 0.68-acre private single-family access easement within Withlacoochee 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 Mr. Albury seconding. ARC approved the item unanimously.

Item 23: Consider whether an approximately 3.019-acre private access easement within Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

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

Item 24: Consider whether a 1.35-acre right-of-way easement across a portion of conservation lands managed by the South Florida Water Management District is consistent with the Board of Trustees' Linear Facilities Policy.

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

CLOSING COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.