

**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
SELECTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SMC)
February 17, 2004
Attendance List**

SELECTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Breininger
Mark Bush
Ron Hight
Ross Hinkle
Randy Parkinson
Paul Schmalzer
Kim Zarillo

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

Anne Birch
Laura Clark
Mike Knight
Nicole Leotaud
Tami Robison
Kit Van Wagner

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Keith Fountain
Lori Thoms

GUESTS

Diane Barile
Don Heiden
Gloria Heiden
Shirley McMullen
Tom McMullen
Maureen Parent
Amy Tidd

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Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER:

Ross Hinkle called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ross asked if any members of the public wished to provide comment. No one desired to make comment at that time.

MINUTES:

The December 17, 2003 and January 15, 2004 minutes are pending approval and were e-mailed to the Selection and Management Committee (SMC) prior to the meeting. Ross asked for comments to the December minutes.

Paul Schmalzer noted that the dollar figure stated on Page 5 should be changed from \$410.000 to \$410,000.

MOTION ONE:

Paul moved to approve the December 17, 2003 minutes as amended.
Ron Hight seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Ross asked for comments to the January 15, 2004 minutes.

MOTION TWO:

Paul moved to approve the January 15, 2004 minutes as presented.
Ron seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

The Administrative Review was reviewed.

The Nature Conservancy

Keith Fisher and Lori Thoms from The Nature Conservancy provided an overview of the Acquisition and Reimbursement Summary.

The Nature Conservancy will be contacting landowners in the North Indian River Lagoon area by phone to determine if there is any current interest in selling their land. Previous acquisition success in this area has not been strong. The SMC will dedicate part of the April meeting to determining which parcels would provide for connectivity with conservation

lands to the north. These areas will be considered priority for acquisition. Lori and Ron will provide additional information for review in April.

Additional discussion on the Abounehme parcel will be scheduled for the April meeting.

Keith will research the possibility of additional options for the appraisal process.

OLD BUSINESS:

Old Oak Lodge – Diane Barile

Diane Barile made a presentation regarding the Old Oak Lodge property. The SMC provided suggestions for possible funding sources for the property as the EEL Program is not in a position to assist with funding at this time.

EEL Referendum – Amy Tidd

As discussed at previous meetings, the SMC and the Procedures Committee (PC) have agreed in principle that if the sales tax referendum did not pass, consideration should be given to pursuing a funding referendum for the EEL Program when the Beach and Riverfront referendum sunsets in 2004.

Amy Tidd was introduced to the SMC. She will be working with the Political Action Committee (PAC), which is being formed to present an EEL Program funding referendum to the Board of County Commissioners. If approved by the Board, the referendum will be presented to the voters in November.

A joint meeting between the SMC and the PC was scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

BCSE - Hersh Property

The 122.25 ± Hersh property in Titusville is made up of two parcels. Mr. Hersh owns each parcel with a different co-owner. The SMC determined that negotiations for each sale should be contingent on both properties being acquired.

BCSE Fox Lake Property (Modern Inc.)

Anne asked the SMC to determine if there were any portions of the Modern, Inc. property that they would like for TNC to investigate, as negotiations for the entire area have not been successful. This topic will be scheduled for further discussion at the April meeting. Lori will provide maps for review by the SMC.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Property Application (73.26 acres) Maureen Parent

Maureen Parent provided a handout on a property in the Titusville area owned by B. S. Holloway. The SMC discussed the property and determined that acquisition efforts should go forward contingent upon the parcel being financed with 100% State funds and the EEL Program as managing authority. This property is located within the BCSE Project.

NEXT MEETING:

The SMC will have their next meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. A joint meeting of the SMC and PC will follow from 2:00- 4:00 PM. Location to be determined.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve the December 17, 2003 minutes as amended.
- Motion to approve the January 15, minutes as presented.