



**ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) PROGRAM
SELECTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SMC)
October 31, 2006
Attendance List**

SELECTION & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

EEL PROGRAM STAFF

Sandy Carnival
Laura Clark
David Drake
Mike Knight

GUESTS

Susan Gosselin, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office

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Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Ross Hinkle called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

No minutes were presented for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

None.

TNC REPORT:

A report from TNC was not scheduled to be presented at this meeting. Danika Feodoroff contacted EEL staff prior to the meeting and explained that she was on her way to the meeting, but there was a difficult traffic situation, and that she might not be able to arrive before the meeting was completed. She also indicated she would be available by phone, if needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Review of Contract for Ag Ventures Property

Mike explained that, as per the EEL Land Acquisition Manual: "Prior to presenting the acquisition contract to the Board, EEL staff, or the acquisition agent will present the general contract terms to the EEL Selection and Management Committee for final review and authorization to proceed to the Board. The basic question to be answered in the discussion is: Does the proposed action meet the Program objectives and needs, and should the EEL Selection and Management Committee recommend the acquisition for Board approval?"

Copies of the Board of County Commissioners (Board) Agenda Report, Option Agreement, and map of the property were distributed to SMC members prior to the meeting. Due to the fact that the agenda package had recently been distributed to the BOCC, staff was able to share the appraisal information with the Committee. Confirmation was received that all members in attendance received the information.

Discussion

This 669.60 ± property is located on the northwest corner of Interstate 95 and Rose Marie Place and on the east side of Interstate 95 and the south side of County Road 5A in Brevard County. The property received a first majority vote on February 16th (as Gen Development) and a second majority vote on April 13, 2006 (as Ag Ventures). An Option Agreement for the purchase of the property was negotiated by The Nature Conservancy's land acquisition staff pursuant to a contract with Brevard County for land acquisition and management services. The purchase price does not

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exceed the appraised value. There will be a final review of the property by the County's Land Acquisition Review Committee as the purchase price exceeds \$750,000.00. It is anticipated that the Option Agreement will be presented to the Board on November 14, 2006.

Clarification was provided that this was a fee simple purchase for acquisition of the property and that it was an important purchase that would contribute significantly to the future creation of an east / wildlife corridor from the Indian River Lagoon to the St. Johns River floodplain.

Motion One

Paul Schmalzer moved to proceed with the Ag Ventures contract as presented.

Kim Zarillo seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously,

Additional Discussion

The following points were also noted during additional discussion:

- ❖ Unregulated ATV use is prevalent in this area.
- ❖ It was suggested that it might be beneficial to encourage the appropriate County organization to establish a dialog with folks who have used the area historically in an effort to determine if we could help them find a place where they could continue to ride.
- ❖ There are liability concerns related to possible injuries that may be sustained related to the use of ATVs.
- ❖ ATVs are loud, and frequently destructive to the places where they are used.
- ❖ Many of the property owners in this area are absent, and therefore not enforcing the illegal access to their properties.
- ❖ People who spend a lot of time outdoors are generally in favor of the preservation of open space and might be willing to work together to find ways for everyone to experience the various types of activities that different groups enjoy.

NEXT MEETING:

The next SMC meeting has already been scheduled for November 30, 2006. Location to be determined.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

SUMMARY OF MEETING MOTIONS:

- Motion to proceed with the Ag Ventures contract as presented.