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# IRL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## Minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2018

10:30 AM

*Up the Creek Farms, 3590 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950*

**Attendance:** Chris Ferraro, Charles Vogt III, Stu Glass, mike McCabe, Tom Campenni, Chuck Jacoby, Bill Tredik, Chris Hendricks, Vanessa Bessey, Kathy LaMartina, Dianne Hughes, Judy Orcutt, Marty Smithson, Bob Ulevich, Joel Zwemer, Anton Post for Megan Davis, Vince Lamb, Bob Musser, Kelli McGee, George Jones, Tome Carey, Lynne Phillips.

### **Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Bob Ulevich called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda Item 2. Agenda Revisions**

None.

### **Agenda Item 3. Minutes Approval**

Edits to the previous minutes of October 10, 2017: Add Charles Vogt III and Vince Lamb to attendees.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM CAMPENNI, SECONDED BY TOM CAREY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2017 MANGEMENT BOARD MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **Agenda Item 4. Introductions and New Member Welcome**

Members introduced themselves. Duane De Freese announced new members Kevin Shropshire from City of Rockledge and Mayor Doug Gibson, representing Volusia League of Cities.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Awards**

The IRLNEP presented Jess Watson of Up the Creek Farms an Award for providing meeting space at a discounted rate to the IRLNEP Management Conference.

#### **Agenda Item 6. Public Comment**

None.

#### **Agenda Item 7. Committee Reports**

a. STEM Advisory Committee:

Dr. Chuck Jacoby briefed the Board on STEM Proceedings including the presentation at the last meeting to discuss refinement of TMDLs, revision of the CCMP and STEM's work to focus on 10 major science questions to guide lagoon research for the next 10-15 years.

b. Citizens' Advisory Committee:

Duane De Freese updated the Board regarding the activities of the CAC including finalization of the Small Grants Program and upcoming series of 5 Lagoon Listening Meetings to be held in each lagoon county.

c. Financial Subcommittee:

Joel Zwemer updated the Board on the Financial Subcommittee meeting just held. The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the monthly financial statements and FY 2018-19 tentative budget. The voted to approve recommending adoption of the tentative budget to the Management Board and IRL Council Board of Directors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOEL ZWEMER, SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI, TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Agenda Item 8. Old Business**

- a. IRLNEP Transformation – Year 3 (Duane De Freese and Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: Management Board discussion, recommendations and motion to approve pathway forward.

Duane De Freese briefed the Board on the first 2 years of reorganization and looked ahead to activities occurring in the current fiscal year and beyond. Kathy Hill summarized the communications efforts underway for the current fiscal year and highlighted 2 upcoming events that will provide funding for IRLNEP programs. Staff requested discussion regarding future direction for the program. Board members commented and were in general agreement regarding the pathway forward.

### **Agenda Item 9. New Business**

- a. 2018-2019 Tentative Budget (Frank Sakuma)

Requested Action: Management Board recommendation to IRL Council to approve FY 2018-2019 Tentative Budget.

Frank Sakuma summarized the FY 2018-2019 tentative budget and requested the Management Board send a recommendation to the IRL Council Board of Directors for approval.

Bob Ulevich turned the meeting over to Marty Smithson for the following:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB ULEVICH TO INCREASE SALARIES AND BENEFITS CATEGORY BY \$35,000 FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. SECONDED BY CHARLES VOGT III.

Discussion followed focused on attracting and keeping quality staff including Executive Director who need to be adequately compensated. Since Executive Director is in contract negotiations the opportunity exists to put this before the IRL Council Board of Directors as the budget is being developed. Executive Director informed the Board that he is not seeking an increase under his renewed contract.

Bob Ulevich state it is his intention to send the IRL Council Board of Directors a message that good staff needs to be attracted, retained and adequately compensated. Tom Carey suggested rewording the motion so that an exact number is not included but that the message comes across. Tom Campenni suggested that budgets are not the places to be making statements. He suggested making a motion to state the concern and send the message separate from tying it to budget approval.

Suggestions for an amended motion ensued.

AN AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB ULEVICH, SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI, TO STATE IT IS THE BELIEF OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD THAT THE STAFF AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF IMPENDING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VINCE LAMB, SECONDED BY JOEL ZWEMER, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2018-2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bob Musser suggested that adding a draft contract to the RFP when issues could reduce legal fees further because having draft language available and comments back to that language helps to settle issues in advance of actual contracting.

b. Election of Officers

As required by IRL Council By-Laws, officer elections occur annually.

Requested Action: Election of Chair, Vice-Chair for calendar year 2018.

Vince Lamb inquired as to whether existing officers are willing to continue serving an additional year. Marty Smithson indicated he is stepping down, Bob Ulevich indicated his willingness to continue to serve.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOEL ZWEMER, SECONDED BY TOM CAREY, THAT BOB ULEVICH CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CHAIR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vince Lamb nominated Clay Henderson as Vice-Chair, but as Clay was absent, Vince withdrew the nomination. Discussion among those present ensued.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANNE HUGHES, SECONDED BY BILL TREDIK, TO NOMINATED KATHY LAMARTINA AS VICE-CHAIR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Agenda Item 10. IRLNEP Executive Director and Staff Reports**

Duane De Freese requested that members send to him any existing management plans in their regions for use in CCMP development. He thanked the members on their support of his leadership of the program.

Duane summarized discussions of DOT's 6-lane expansion of SR 528 and the Port and his request for them to consider a high span bridge to replace existing causeways to improve flow in the IRL. He informed the Board that the IRLNEP and the Port are partnering to model flow data and will make sure that DOT see data to make the best decision.

Duane informed the Board that Jim David had resigned from the Board and staff will be reaching out to Cmr. Dzadovsky for a new appointment.

### **Agenda Item 11. Final Comments (Management Board, Public)**

Tom Camenni inquired how those interested in the IRLI<sup>2</sup> could approach the program to inquire about participation. Duane requested they get in touch with him. If it is event participation, please contact Kathy.

Charles Vogt III discussed the Bethel Creek sewage spill and brought out that the infrastructure in the area was in such bad shape that it seems like an issue was inevitable. He asked whether the Board could involve more utilities and other departments that have infrastructure responsibilities in the lagoon conversation so that infrastructure can be looked at and remediated.

Judy Orcutt mentioned that saltwater intrusion could be a factor in degrading infrastructure and needs to be examined.

Chuck Jacoby gave an update on IRL water quality. Small blooms continue to occur in Banana River, but temperatures and salinities are in the good range.

Tom Campenni suggested that as the IRLNEP continues to communicate, coordinate and move the One Lagoon concept forward then we will see progress continue.

Mike McCabe suggested sharing project results on the IRLNEP website so that good methods could be zeroed in on to avoid implementing ineffective projects.

Stu Glass encouraged the group to pay close attention to the legislative session as it moves toward conclusion.

Lynne Phillips reported that only minor sea turtle impacts were experienced during the last cold event. Only 15 turtles were found.

Judy Orcutt reported on the upcoming Transforming Florida Landscapes seminar in Indian River County.

Dianne Hughes inquired about the stormwater feasibility study that is available on the irlcouncil.com website. She also mentioned that several Martin County 298 districts are interested in changing their gate structures and work will be underway.

Kathy LaMartina echoed that 298 districts are working toward remediating gate structures.

Bill Tredik reported that Crane Creek dredging is approaching design finalization. District cost share applications are due Feb. 15, 2018. He encouraged those interested in construction projects to attend upcoming webinars and submit their projects. Up to 1.5 million will be awarded per project. Eau Gallie de-watering is still in progress due to Hurricane Irma. Dredging is unlikely to resume until May. Projects is close to 50% complete.

Bob Ulevich encouraged Board members to make public comments on their personal opinions but that comments on behalf of the program should always come from Duane. He thanked Marty Smithson for his service on the Board.

Marty Smithson congratulated Kathy LaMartina on becoming Vice-Chair and is looking forward to participating in other ways on the Management Board.

### **Agenda Item 12. Adjourn**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE MCCABE, SECONDED BY TOM CAMPENNI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND MEETING ADJOURNED.