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# IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Minutes from the meeting** of January 12, 2018

9:30 AM

*Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, Sebastian, FL*

**Attendance:** Curt Smith, Kathy LaMartina, Doug Bournique, Deb Denys, Susan Adams, Chris Dzadoovsky, Ed Fielding.

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

Curt Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item 2. Agenda Revisions**

None.

**Agenda Item 3. Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards**

None.

**Agenda Item 4. Public Comment**

None.

## **Agenda Item 5. IRLNEP Management Conference Committee Reports**

### a. Management Board Report

Martin Smithson updated the Board of Directors on proceedings at the Management Board meeting, held on January 9, 2018. The Management Board discussed the reorganization of the program and believes this reshaping of the program and its culture is proceeding in the proper direction. Management Board reviewed progress being made on the CCMP revision, recognized the importance of the CCMP in guiding management and funding decisions as well as science and monitoring efforts. The Board spoke at length about tentative budget and particularly focused on salaries and staffing and want the Board of Directors to know that the Management Board wholeheartedly supports the Executive Director in leading the program and feels he is underpaid with respect to other programs.

Discussion followed regarding a raise for Executive Director with members noting the skills brought to the position, but also noting the program's revenue position may be relatively shaky with county, agency, and federal budgets all in flux for the next fiscal year. Executive Director noted he is not seeking an increase for the upcoming renewal of his contract and intends to sign the renewal without further negotiation.

### b. STEM Advisory Committee

Dr. Chuck Jacoby briefed the Board of Directors on the activities of the STEM Advisory Committee. STEM is working on contributing to the CCMP revision and is examining the direction that lagoon science may be heading in the next 10 years, and how science and technology can contribute to lagoon management.

### c. Citizens' Advisory Committee

No report.

## **Agenda Item 6. Presentations**

### a. Water Quality Reports

Dr. Chuck Jacoby summarized the condition of the IRL in its northern and central region, stating that temperatures have dropped approximately 20 degrees, but that small nanoplankton blooms are still occurring in Banana River, particularly around the Sykes Creek area. He noted that SJRWMD will end its contract to identify phytoplankton at the end of the current fiscal year so as to give the Board ample time to be aware and to decide on a course of action for the future.

Dianne Hughes, Martin County, gave an update regarding the southern portion of the IRL and St. Lucie River Estuary. She noted temperatures have dropped and salinities have returned to the 10-15 ppt. range, which was good news, but that, with the months-long discharges that turned the estuary almost entirely to fresh water, recent surveys of the St. Lucie Estuary showed no live oysters.

b. The Year Ahead

Duane De Freese briefed the board on staff's plans for the next year. He outlined where program is heading and strategies for moving forward. Currently, 43 contracts are underway with another 20 – 25 expected in the next funding cycle. Rebranding and enculturation efforts will focus this year on egaging stakeholders and bringing cities to the table to focus on lagoon issues. He noted that all work of the IRLNEP will align with the One Lagoon vision, and that the CCMP revision is on a historically fast timeline. He expects the document to be in full draft form by summer of 2018, with a completed revision accomplished by December.

**Agenda Item 7. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from December 12, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

Requested Action: Approval of December 12, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER, 112, 2017. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item 8. Old Business**

- a. CCMP Progress Update – (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Approve staff progress report and CCMP revision process and direction.

Duane De Freese gave an overview of progress toward developing the CCMP. He walked through the complexity and comprehensive nature of CCMP and reviewed the working draft's Table of Contents.

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

a. 2018-2019 Tentative Budget (Frank Sakuma)

Requested Action: Approve FY 2018-2019 Tentative Budget pursuant to IRL Council Bylaws.

Frank Sakuma briefed the board on the tentative budget for FY 18-19. Budget was reviewed and discussed by Financial subcommittee of the Management Board and the Management Board on January 9, 2018. Both gave unanimous recommendation for approval by the Board of Directors. The Final Approved Budget will be drafted based on results from audited financials from 2017-18. He noted budgeted amounts are placeholders until actual expenses are finalized.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEB DENYS, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS TO APPROVE THE FY 2018-2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deb Denys brought up making an appointment to the Citizen's Advisory Committee as part of New Business, and requested the appointment of Mr. Frank Brownell, a fishing charter captain.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO APPOINT FRANK BROWNELL TO THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Election of Officers

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

Requested Action: Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for Calendar Year 2018.

The Board of Directors discussed and decided to follow the policy they set the previous year of having the Board Chair replaced by the Vice-chair and promoting the Secretary to Vice-chair. This would make Chris Dzadoovsky the Chair and Deb Denys the Vice-chair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, SECONDED BY KATHY LAMARTINA TO ELECT SUSAN ADAMS AS SECRETARY AND APPROVE THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item 10. Informational Reports:**

A. Monthly financial statements

Requested Action: No motion required. Information only.  
Presented in Board package are a summary page, detail report, monthly balance sheet, and monthly budget vs. actual reports.

**Agenda Item 11. IRLNEP Executive Director Report:**

Duane De Freese thanked Martin Smithson who stepped down as Vice -chair of the Management Board. Kathy LaMartina will assume that role with Bob Ulevich remaining as Chair.

Federal funding update: January 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for a government shutdown in lieu of a new Continuing Resolution. National Estuary Program is included in the House and Senate Budgets at full funding, with slight differences between them. He recognized the continuing support from the Management Conference in speaking with legislators to keep the NEP funded.

The Florida legislative session has begun. He asked for support on House 339 and Senate 786, both of which allocate Florida Legacy funding for the lagoon. He is hoping for strong support from IRL state delegations.

Duane also noted that Holly Greening is retiring from TBEP and requested that BOD sign a retirement card being circulated.

## **Agenda Item 12. IRL Council Member Reports**

Doug Bournique: SJRWMD supports the IRLNEP effort 100%. He is interested in revisiting the Executive Director's salary question in the near future.

Deb Denys: Agreed with Doug Bournique and inquired about the annual report. She was informed that it is available online, with hard copies coming in the next 2 weeks.

Chris Dzadovsky: Paradise Park drainage, funded in part by IRLNEP funding, is being finalized. Indian Hills is nearing completion. County is working to replace a number of failed culverts, estimated at \$7 million. County is mandated to do floodplain planning, and is working on updating its comprehensive plan. Capt. Chop Lege is working with Wildcat Cove and the Navy SEAL Museum to highlight and provide tours of county efforts to remediate stormwater and environmental enhancements.

Susan Adams: The City of Fellsmere is moving toward implementing water treatment lakes with the Water Control District. These are small scale but will provide treatment to the downtown area.

Curt Smith: Congratulated new officers.

## **Agenda Item 13. IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcement**

- a. Next IRL Council Meeting will be held on:

**April 13, 2018**

from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sebastian City Chambers, 1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958.

## **3. Adjourn**