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# IRL COUNCIL STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## **Minutes from the meeting of March 20, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

*Up the Creek Farms, 3950 Valkaria Road, Grant-Vakaria, FL*

**Attendance:** Kevin Johnson, Megan Stolen, Patti Gorman, Anne Birch, Lisa Krimsky, Chuck Jacoby, Chris Farrell, Dennis Hanisak, Bob Day.

Meeting lacked a quorum.

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

Dr. Chuck Jacoby called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None.

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

Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

### **Agenda Item 4. Introductions and Updates**

Members introduced themselves.

Guests: Matt Shelton, John Windsor, Tom Price, Doug Scheidt, Randy Parkinson, Valerie Seidel.

### **Agenda Item 5. Water Quality Updates**

Chuck Jacoby gave an overview of water quality concerns in the northern and central IRL. Mosquito Lagoon is in relatively good condition. Banana River is blooming with brown

tide. Cell counts are over 4M cells/ml, a record. The height of the 2016 brown tide was 3M cells/ml.

Doug Scheidt noted that horseshoe crabs are apparently spawning in large numbers in northern Banana River and Mosquito Lagoon.

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

None.

### **Agenda Item 7. Presentations**

- a. Risk-Based Vulnerability Assessment Presentation and Discussion  
Dr. Randall Parkinson, R. Parkinson Consulting, and Valerie Seidel, Balmoral Group

Requested Action: No action required. For discussion only.

Randy Parkinson and Valerie Seidel presented an update on their risk-based vulnerability assessment for the IRL, which is currently being conducted. Valerie Seidel conducted electronic polling of the members present to assess their opinions about draft plan specifics. This polling will be made available to other STEM Members.

### **Agenda Item 8: Old Business**

- a. CCMP Update and Revision Discussion  
Duane De Freese and Marcy Frick, Tetra Tech, updated the members on progress toward the revised draft CCMP and reviewed the action plans currently being developed. They asked STEM Members to review the draft and submit comments by May 15.

Marcy circulated an information sheet to the members so they could provide input on individual action plans, provide primary literature references, and other pertinent information.

Duane asked the members to keep in mind the things staff is looking for:

- Do we have it right? Comment on what is done well and what needs improvement.
- STEM help in fine-tuning action plans and their suggestions for lumping and splitting actions.

- Additions for items that still need to be considered, point out redundancies, things that need to be more developed.
- Please copy both Duane and Kathy with any comments.

John Windsor asked about the draft dashboard icon used in the draft. He feels that as-is, it will not be helpful to the public.

Anne Birch suggested holding a webinar when draft rolls out to the entire Management Conference so everyone will start from the same place, be able to ask questions, and make better comments

Dr. Windsor stressed to those present that STEM must be actively engaged or the effort will fail.

Duane De Freese stated he'd like to see a signature page for the document, though he noted obtaining compete sign off will likely be a problem.

b. RFP Update and process

Frank Sakuma briefed those present on where the RFP Process stands, noting that the Management Board will be recommending the projects to be funded to the Board of Directors at their April meetings.

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

None.

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

Duane De Freese updated the members on the 2 bills in the Florida Legislature over the past session, neither of which was heard in committee. He noted DEP's contribution to the IRLNEP is strong and that there could be additional funding opportunities through the new DEP Coastal Resiliency Program.

He also summarized where staff efforts will be made over the next 3 months. Almost the entire focus will be on CCMP development, but he noted that completion of the RFP review process and selection of projects will be one in April, and the preliminary Budget and business plan development for FY 2018-2019 is due in April.

Frank Sakuma provided a brief update on progress toward completing the annual independent audit.

**Agenda Item 11. Final Comments (Committee, Public, Staff)**

No additional comments were offered.

**Agenda Item 12. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned.