



IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2018

9:30 AM

Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, Sebastian, FL

Attendance:

Doug Bournique, Susan Adams, Drew Bartlett, Deb Denys, Chris Dzadoovsky, Ed Fielding, Curt Smith, Kathy LaMartina.

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2. Agenda Revisions

Duane De Freese requested the addition of Item 9g under New Business to address new appointments to the Management Board.

Agenda Item 3. Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards

Chair, Chris Dzadoovsky presented an IRLNEP Service Award to Curt Smith, for his leadership as past Chair throughout 2017. He also recognized the presence of Jennifer DiMaio, EPA Region 4.

Agenda Item 4. Public Comment

- a. Bob Stephen spoke about his concerns regarding Glyphosate spraying in the canals of the City of Sebastian.

- b. Kelli McGee introduced Margaret Stewart, Director of Barry University Law School's Center for Earth Jurisprudence as a future resource for the IRLNEP. The Center is an advocacy center that has a full staff of fellows, staff attorneys and researchers and they are happy to provide resources needed.

Agenda Item 5. IRLNEP Management Conference Reports

- a. STEM Advisory Committee (Dr. Chuck Jacoby)

Dr. Chuck Jacoby noted the May 8, 2018 STEM Advisory Committee meeting had been cancelled but that work was proceeding on the Climate-Ready Estuaries project that is providing coastal resiliency information to the Program; he reviewed the Science 2030 plan and CCMP and that discussions about a potential flushing study in the IRL were ongoing.
- b. Citizens' Advisory Committee (Frank Catino)

Kathy Hill gave an update on the Citizens' Advisory Committee, which meets on April 18, 2018 to review the 27 applications that were received in response to the Small Grants Program RFP. They will produce a ranked list of projects for review at the next IRL Council Board of Directors meeting.
- c. Management Board Report (Bob Ulevich)

Bob Ulevich reviewed the proceedings from the April 10, 2018 Management Board. He endorsed the membership of Dr. Jim Sullivan and Jennifer DiMaio as new members of the Management Board. He noted there was much discussion of Dr. Leesa Souto's IRL Health Assessment, which will be presented under Item 6. He recommended that the report be continued into the future. He advocated for continued monitoring by St. Johns and South Florida Water Management Districts to not lose data collection locations.

He noted the Board reviewed the RFP results, recommending that the process can be fine-tuned somewhat to improve the process. He advised that applicants were not always diligent in their proposal writing. He stated that the Board felt it was paramount to maintain the integrity of the RFP process, which the Board of Directors had previously approved.

Chris Dzadovky suggested a workshop to handle the concerns.

Agenda Item 6. Presentations

- a. Water Quality Reports
 - Dr. Chuck Jacoby (SJRWMD)

Dr. Jacoby gave an overview of current conditions in the central and northern IRL.
 - Dianne Hughes (Martin County)

Dianne Hughes, Martin County, gave an overview of conditions in the southern IRL.

b. IRL Report Card Update (Duane De Freese to introduce)

- Dr. Leesa Souto, Marine Resources Council

Duane De Freese introduced Dr. Souto, noting that all obligations for the project's contract have been completed. He asked the Board of Directors for direction on how they wish to proceed in the future.

Dr. Souto reviewed the findings from data analysis for the IRL Report Card and welcomed input from the Board.

Requested Action: IRLNEP staff requesting board discussion and direction regarding next steps related to this project.

Agenda Item 7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of January 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Requested Action: Motion to approve January 12, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 8. Old Business

a. Contract Renewal for CCMP Development Support – Tetra Tech (Frank Sakuma)
Frank Sakuma briefed the Board that the contract renewal was previously approved under the FY 2017-2018 Business Plan and Budget. Staff is required under procurement guidelines to bring contracts in excess of \$25,000 to the Board for approval.

Requested Action: Motion to approve Tetra Tech contract renewal for CCMP development support.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY CURT SMITH, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR CCMP DEVELOPMENT WITH TETRA TECH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. CCMP Progress Report: (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: For discussion. No motion requested. Staff will present draft CCMP to Management Board and IRL Council in July.

Duane De Freese briefed the Board that a draft CCMP will be forthcoming in June for consideration in the July meetings. During August – October, the CCMP will be vetted through the stakeholder community to bring to the EPA for formal acceptance by the Board in early 2019.

Agenda Item 9. New Business

a. RFP 2018-01 (Restoration Projects) Proposal Scores and Funding Recommendation (Frank Sakuma)

Duane De Freese briefed the members about the process of RFP review and thanks those who volunteered to review proposals. Frank Sakuma reviewed the Restoration projects.

Requested Actions (By separate motions):

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation and approve the final ranked list of proposals.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS.

CHRIS DZADOVSKY ASKED THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE:

MR. BOURNIQUE: YES

MS. ADAMS: YES

MS. DENYS: YES

MR. DZADOVSKY: YES

MR. SMITH: YES

MR. FIELDING: YES

MS. LAMARTINA: YES

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation to fund the top eight proposals contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE TOP EIGHT PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. RFP 2018-02 (Science and Innovative Technologies Projects) Proposal Scores and Funding Recommendation (Frank Sakuma)

Frank Sakuma reviewed the applications for the Science RFP and asked for approval of the Management Board's recommendations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING TO ACCEPT THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LIST OF PROJECTS BUT DELETING THE UCF SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT AND THAT THEY COMBINE THEIR FUNDING WITH THE MICROPLASTICS PROJECT INTO ONE PROJECT. THE \$117,000 FROM THE DELETED PROJECT WOULD GO TOWARDS RESTORATION PROJECTS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEB DENYS.

DEB DENYS WITHDREW HER SECOND OF THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO OTHER SECOND, AND THE MOTION DIED.

Requested Actions (By separate motions):

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation and approve the final ranked list of proposals.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATHY LAMARTINA, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS. ED FIELDING VOTED NO. ALL OTHERS VOTED YEA.

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation to fund the top four proposals contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATHY LAMARTINA, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE TOP FOUR PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. ED FIELDING VOTED NO. ALL OTHERS VOTED YEA.

c. RFP 2018-03 (Citizen Engagement and Education Projects) Proposal Scores and Funding Recommendation (Frank Sakuma)

Frank Sakuma reviewed the list of public engagement projects with the Board and asked that they approve the Management Board Recommendations.

Requested Actions (By separate motions):

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation and approve the final ranked list of proposals.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation to fund the top three proposals contingent and consistent with budget authority, and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ED FIELDING, SECONDED BY KATHY LAMARTINA, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE TOP THREE PROPOSALS CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. RFP 2018-04 (Resilient Coastal Communities Planning Project) Proposal Scores and Funding Recommendation (Frank Sakuma)

Frank Sakuma reviewed the listing of proposals submitted for Coastal Communities Resilience Planning and requested approval of the Management Board recommendations.

Requested Actions (By separate motions):

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation and approve the final ranked list of proposals.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURT SMITH, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED LIST OF PROPOSALS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Motion to accept the Management Board recommendation to fund the top proposal contingent and consistent with budget authority and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with the applicant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KATHY LAMARTINA, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO ACCEPT THE MANAGEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE TOP PROPOSAL CONTINGENT AND CONSISTENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THOSE APPLICANTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. FY 2018-2019 Budget Approval (Frank Sakuma)

Frank Sakuma reviewed the draft FY 2018-2019 budget. This was reviewed with the Finance Subcommittee, who recommended to the Management Board that they bring it before the Board of Directors. The tentative FY 2018-2019 was reviewed at the last meeting. This budget will begin on October 1, 2018.

Requested Action:

- Motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 adopting the budget for FY 2018-2019.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURT SMITH, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-02 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FY

2018-2019. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. FY 2018-2019 Business Plan (Duane De Freese)

Duane De Freese summarized the business plan for FY 2018-2019 and noted that the projects just approved form the basis of the EPA Work Plan and IRNEP Business Plan that rolls all projects into a summary document.

Requested Actions (By separate motions):

- Motion to approve the IRLNEP Business Plan for FY 2018-2019 and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts identified in the Plan contingent and consistent with budget authority.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEB DENYS, SECONDED BY KATHY LAMARTINA, TO APPROVE THE IRLNEP BUSINESS PLAN FOR FY 2018-2019 AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN CONTINGENT WITH BUDGET AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Motion to authorize staff to submit the FY 2018-2019 EPA Work Plan Proposal on or before the June 1 EPA deadline.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE FY 2018-2019 EPA WORK PLAN PROPOSAL ON OR BEFORE THE JUNE 1 EPA DEADLINE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

g. Appointments to Management Board

Duane De Freese requested that the Board appoint Dr. James Sullivan of FAU Harbor Branch and Jennifer DiMaio, EPA Region 4, to the Management Board.

Requested Action:

- Motion to approve the appointments of Dr. James Sullivan, FAU-Harbor Branch, and Jennifer DiMaio, EPA Region 4, to the Management Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURT SMITH, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF DR. JAMES SULLIVAN AND JENNIFER DIMAIO TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 10. Informational Reports

- a. Monthly financial Statements
 - b. 2nd Quarterly Report: IRLNEP Progress
 - c. 2017 Annual Report
- Requested Action: No motion required. Information only.

Agenda Item 11. IRLNEP Executive Director Report

- a. Executive Director
Duane De Freese briefed the Board about the FDOT expansion of SR 528 and the desire for them to consider removing the causeway in favor of a high span bridge. IRLNEP and Port Canaveral have partnered to fund modeling of the potential benefits of removing the causeways.

Requested Action: No motion required. Information only.

Agenda Item 12. IRL Council Board of Directors Reports

Deb Denys reported that the Volusia County Reasonable Assurance Plan has been finalized and submitted to FDEP with 13 strategies to reduce loading to the IRL. The plan is a good starting point and Volusia is encouraged to go forward. She also noted that Boston Whaler and Marine Consultants Architects DME will sign on as IRLI² members.

Curt Smith mentioned that Duane De Freese's presentation in Brevard County was impressive and that NEP success is dependent on gaining funding support to address wastewater issues. Matching funding from the state is important. He expressed disappointment in state officials who have not delivered on securing recurring funding. He would propose 3 motions:

Chris Dzadovsky asked Carolyn Ansay if a motion is required, or if consensus of the Board is enough. She replied either way is fine, but that consensus is enough.

CURT SMITH MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECT DR. DE FREESE TO WORK WITH DREW BARTLETT AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO DEVELOP POLICY POSITION(S) TO SECURE MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS DIRECTED AT REPAIRING THE IRL IN ORDER TO CREATE LEVERAGE. THIS FUNDING COULD COME OUT OF AMENDMENT 1 MONIES, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF WHICH GO

UNUSED FOR THEIR PURPOSES EACH YEAR. DEB DENYS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURT SMITH, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, FOR THE BOARD TO DIRECT DR. DE FREESE TO WORK WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELGATION AND ANEP TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION TO INDIVIDUAL NEPS TO 1 MILLION PER YEAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURT SMITH FOR THE BOARD TO DIRECT DR. DE FREESE TO TAKE POINT ON A POTENTIAL SCIENCE-BASED FLUSHING STUDY; AND THAT DR. DE FREESE UPDATE THE BOARD ABOUT PROGRESS ON LOGISTICS AT THE NEXT MEETING IN JULY.

Chris Dzadovsky asked if Mr. Smith would be comfortable just having Dr. De Freese come back to the Board with an overview of the issue and potential solutions.

MR. SMITH AGREED AND WITHDREW THE MOTION.

Chris Dzadovsky noted that St. Lucie County has decided to move forward with a referendum on a half-cent sales tax for the lagoon, drainage, and roads. It is expected that would generate about \$15M per year, not entirely for the IRL, but it will certainly help.

Deb Denys asked if the county had gotten through the OPAGA requirements. St. Lucie will be a test case. Ms. Denys noted that Volusia County may go forward with a sales tax referendum as well and are wondering how to get past this new law.

Duane De Freese thanked Ron Jon's Surf Shop and Doug Bournique for participating in a photo opp at Ron Jon's to accept a \$5,000 donation to the IRL Council from the Beach and Boards Festival event.

Agenda Item 13. Next Meeting Announcement

Next IRL Council Meeting

Friday July 13, 2017 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Sebastian City Chambers,
1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL 32958.

Agenda Item 14. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned.