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# IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **Minutes from the meeting of July 13, 2018**

**9:30 AM**

*Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, Sebastian, FL*

**Attendance:** Chris Dzadovsky, Brandon Tucker, Drew Bartlett, Doug Bournique, Susan Adams, Deb Denys, Ed Fielding, Curt Smith, Cesar Zapata, EPA Region 4.

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

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

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

Chris Dzadovsky noted he had another commitment and would need to leave at 11:30. Deb Denys agreed to chair the meeting at that point.

New appointment to Management Board (Paul Carlisle, City of Sebastian) was added to New Business, Item 10d.

Item 10c, Legislative Position Statement was moved up in the agenda to come after Item 8, Consent Agenda.

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

None.

### **Agenda Item 4. Public Comment**

Cesar Zapata, EPA Region 4, recognized the work going on to revise the IRLNEP CCMP and other efforts ongoing throughout the watershed.

### **Agenda Item 5. Audit Findings Report**

Frank Sakuma introduced James Halloran from James Moore and Co. to give a summary of the audit findings report for FY 2016-2017.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS TO ACCEPT THE FY 2016-2017 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT AND FINDINGS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **Agenda Item 6. IRLNEP Management Conference Reports**

Dr. Chuck Jacoby gave the STEM report, stating that the STEM committee had examined the flushing study question and decided that more information was needed before committing to a course of action; had participated in the risk-based vulnerability assessment; and had provided input into the most recent draft of the CCMP.

No Report from the Citizens' Advisory Committee, however, Kathy Hill would provide an update later in the meeting regarding funding of projects for the Small Grants Program.

Kathy LaMartina gave the Management Board report from the July 10, 2018 meeting. She reviewed discussions held during the meeting and noted a lack of consensus on the potential pilot project for flushing the IRL; she reported that the Management Board had reviewed the 2 budget resolutions, and the recommendations for Small Grants funding that are coming before the Board today and recommended approval.

## **Agenda Item 7. Presentations – Water Quality Reports**

Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD, gave the water quality report for the northern and central lagoon, reporting that the brown tide bloom in Banana River is still ongoing. He showed data comparing water quality parameters at several locations and he showed a graph that notes that seagrass transect lengths have become shorter than they had been in the past several years. This is being used as a predictor that 2017 seagrass maps will show less seagrass recovery than had been hoped for.

Dianne Hughes, Martin County, gave the water quality report for the southern IRL, noting that Lake Okeechobee discharges began on June 2. As of June 28, an algal bloom of *Microcystis* covered 90% of the Lake. She stated Martin County staff are monitoring conditions, advocating for pulsed discharges, and working closely among agencies to communicate well with the public. She reported that since the Governor has declared a state of emergency, additional water quality testing, deviation from regular storage schedules, and mobilization of the health department to provide cautionary signage can now occur.

## **Agenda Item 8. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from April 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting
- b. New Appointments
  1. Ellyn 'Mel' Bromberg to the Management Board
  2. Greg Wilson to the Management Board and Financial Subcommittee

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

Deb Denys recognized Greg Wilson, who was in attendance, stating he will be a great addition to the Management Board.

## **Agenda Revision: Item 10 c. Legislative Position Documents inserted:**

**Requested Action:** Motion to accept and approve the Federal and Florida Legislative Position Statements.

Duane De Freese reviewed the draft position statements and requested feedback and comments. Drew Bartlett requested the Federal document include a request to authorize \$200 million in federal funding annually for CERP; and reauthorization of WRDA 2018 with the Rubio amendment that includes funding for the EAA reservoir.

CURT SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DRAFT POSITION STATEMENTS AS REVIEWED AND INCLUDE THE ADDITIONS REQUESTED BY DREW BARTLETT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **Agenda Item 9. Old Business**

### **a. IRL Enhanced Circulation and Flow**

**Requested action:** No action requested, the update is intended to cover progress to date.

Duane De Freese gave a presentation to update the Board regarding the status of a potential flushing study of the IRL and noted that neither the STEM or Management Board came to any consensus as to a pathway forward.

### **b. CCMP Draft rollout**

**Requested Action:** Motion to authorize staff to post draft CCMP to the website and solicit comments from the Management Conference.

Duane De Freese, Marcy Frick and Matt Shelton gave a presentation outlining the draft CCMP, which was distributed to the Board at the meeting. Cesar Zapata noted that EPA is supportive of the process and timeline and that EPA is counting on the Management Conference to oversee and involve the community in vetting the plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEB DENYS, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RELEASE THE DRAFT CCMP TO ITS WEBSITE AND COLLECT COMMENTS FROM THE MANAGEMENT BOARD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chris Dzadovsky excused himself at this point and Deb Denys took over as Chair.

## **Agenda Item 10. New Business**

### **a. Budget Revisions and Business Plan Reconciliation**

#### **1. FY 2017-2018 Budget Amendment**

**Requested Action:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03 amending the FY 2017-2018 budget, based on annual audit reconciliation and projections to year-end. Frank Sakuma briefed the Board regarding the budget resolution for the current fiscal year in accordance with the audit report and findings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURT SMITH, SECONDED BY BRANDON TUCKER TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AMEND THE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment**

**Requested Action:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04 amending the FY 2018-2019 budget, identifying funds available after reconciliation of annual financial audit.

Frank Sakuma briefed the Board on the FY 2018-2019 budget and reviewed the staff recommendation to go deeper into the ranked restoration projects list to fund the Marine Discovery Center Shuck and share, and City of Fellsmere microbasin treatment projects. Shuck and Share would be funded at \$50,000. Fellsmere would be fully funded at \$50,000 after bringing in \$23,324 from Reserves.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, SECONDED BY SUSAN ADAMS, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AMEND THE BUDGET, ACCEPTING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND 2 ADDITIONAL PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. **Small Grants Program Projects**

**Requested Action (by separate motions):** 1) Motion to accept and approve the final ranked list of projects. 2) Motion to fully fund the top 12 ranked projects and offer \$1,000 each to the 2 projects tied at #13; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY CURT SMITH TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE FINAL RANKED PROJECTS LIST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY BRANDON TUCKER, TO FULLY FUND THE TOP 12 RANKED PROJECTS AND OFFER \$1,000 TO EACH OF THE 2 PROJECTS TIED AT THE #13 POSITION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item 11. Informational Reports**

- a. Monthly Financial Statements
- b. 3rd Quarterly Report: IRLNEP Progress
- c. IRLNEP Workload to End-of-Year

**Requested Action:** No Action Requested – for information only

**Agenda Item 12. Executive Director Report**

**Requested Action:** No Action Requested – for information only

Duane De Freese introduced Reed Coffey to the Board as the program's first student intern, who will be working on water technology and development of a business directory; summarized the Biosolids Symposium held in June; reminded the Board of the Special Meeting to be held August 14; and reviewed progress in the IRLI<sup>2</sup> network, noting new additions of Coldwell Banker Paradise, Dredging and Marine Consultants, Groundswell Startups, and Florida Air Tours.

Drew Bartlett added that DEP is in the process of establishing a technical advisory committee to assist in policy for managing biosolids in Florida. He noted meetings will begin in August and stated that the Department had sent a letter to the vendor spreading biosolids around Blue Cypress Lake to cease activity for the next 6 months as policy is set to define how, where and when biosolids may be spread.

### **Agenda Item 13. Board of Directors Reports**

Drew Bartlett announced that DEP is funding the remainder of the West Wabasso septic to sewer project. He noted that IRLNEP funding is not large enough to accommodate construction projects but IS large enough to get projects ready to be constructed. He would like to see IRLNEP funding more directed toward teeing projects up for funding through funding for design and engineering phases of potential projects.

Susan Adams announced a biosolids discussion at the next Commission meeting and thanked DEP for stepping in for the West Wabasso Project.

Brandon Tucker announced that SFWMD projects in the north end of Lake Okeechobee will treat 480 acre feet of water; the EAA project is moving forward; C44 STA will be on line by the end of the year; and Caulkins Water Farm is up and running.

Doug Bournique stated that in water farming, the desire of citrus farmers to eventually return to farming was a roadblock for bringing new projects to fruition. He was excited to see an FWC document that is circulating for review that is fair and equitable to all parties. He feels now that landowners who have not participated thus far may now be persuaded to. He also mentioned his desire to see a plot flushing study move forward.

Deb Denys stated that Volusia County had approved their BMAP update. She also noted the water funding workshop held in June was successful and well thought of.

### **Agenda Item 14. Adjourn**

#### **Next IRL Council Board of Directors Meeting(s):**

Special Meeting, Friday August 24, 2018  
Up the Creek Farms, 3590 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL

Regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, October 12, 2018  
Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, 1225 Main Street, Sebastian, FL