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# IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2019

9:30 AM

*Brannon Center, New Smyrna Beach, FL*

**Attendance:** Deb Denys, Chris Dzadovsky, Tom Frick, Doug Bournique, Kathy LaMartina, Bryan Lober, Susan Adams, Stacey Hetherington

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

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

### **Agenda Item 2. Welcome**

Mayor Russ Owen of New Smyrna Beach welcomed those in attendance. Members and those in attendance introduced themselves.

### **Agenda Item 3. Agenda Revisions**

Staff requested addition of New Business Item 11e – Draft Resolution to Support the Elevation of Causeways.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBER, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO ADD ITEM 11E – DRAFT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELEVATED CAUSEWAYS TO NEW BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Agenda Item 4. Resolutions, Recognition, Letters and Awards**

None.

### **Agenda Item 5. Public Comment**

Mayor Douglas Gibson of Oak Hill welcomed the Board and gave remarks about funding to remove 325 septic tanks in Indian Harbor Hills, and seeking additional funding to implement Phases 1D and 1E of the project.

Kelli McGee, Riverside Conservancy welcomed those present and spoke about how IRLNEP Funding assisted in the creation of Riverside Conservancy.

Chad Truxall, Marine Discovery Center, welcomed the Board to New Smyrna Beach and thanked the NEP for employing grants writers as a partner service. He reported that MDC worked with the NEP's grant writer and their submission for continuation of the Shuck and

Share program scored the highest of all grants submitted to the Volusia County review committee.

A representative of New Smyrna Beach Visitor's Bureau welcomed the Board and thanked them for coming to the area. Her remarks focused on the tourism aspects of protecting the IRL

Chair Chris Dzadovsky called on Deb Denys to welcome those present as the Volusia representative to the Board. Ms. Denys welcomed those present and emphasized Volusia County's commitment to the IRL and its protection.

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

a. Management Board (Chair)

Bob Ulevich updated the Board on Management Board proceedings, which included election of officers, endorsing the tentative budget, extensive discussion of the biosolids draft resolution, enthusiastic endorsement of adding a fourth FTE to the Tentative Budget for FY 2019-2020, endorsement of issuance of credit cards to staff, and discussion and endorsement of the draft FDOT resolution that the Board will discuss presently.

b. STEM Advisory Committee (Chair)

Chuck Jacoby updated the Board on election of officers, consideration of resolutions and requested language changes to the draft resolutions, and robust discussion of vital signs in the CCMP and their labels/definitions. He noted that the STEM endorsed incorporating some degree of uncertainty in the final rankings of vital sign health levels. He also noted that the STEM would be establishing science panels into their meetings to focus more strongly on science issues.

c. Citizens' Advisory Committee (Chair)

Duane De Freese noted that the Citizens' Advisory Committee had been postponed a week so they, as well as staff, could attend the FAU/Harbor Branch symposium.

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

a. Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD

b. Dianne Hughes, Martin County

Chuck Jacoby reported on recent lagoon environmental conditions in the northern and central IRL; Dianne Hughes reported on conditions in Lake Okeechobee and the southern lagoon.

#### **Agenda Item 8. Presentation**

Update on Mosquito Lagoon Reasonable Assurance Plan – Brett Cunningham, Jones Edmonds & Associates.

Brett Cunningham, Jones Edmonds & Associates, gave a presentation on the status of Volusia County's development of a reasonable assurance plan for Mosquito Lagoon.

#### **Agenda Item 9. Consent Agenda**

Requested Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from Board of Directors meeting of December 14, 2018.
- b. Appointments to Committees:
  1. James Gray to replace Martin Smithson as the Sebastian Inlet District representative (Commissioner Susan Adams).
  2. Frank Golan, new appointment to STEM Advisory Committee representing the independent sector (Commissioner Bryan Lober).

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

#### **Agenda Item 10. Old Business**

- a. IRL Council Biosolids and Reclaimed Wastewater Resolution draft  
Requested Action: Board discussion of draft resolution language and decision to approve/disapprove Resolution.  
Duane De Freese reviewed the biosolids issue and impetus for a resolution. He noted discussion in the STEM and Management Board regarding the issues and asked the Board's direction on whether/how to proceed.

Tom Frick offered a presentation to the Board on DEP's Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee and their recent findings. Chris DzadoVsky stressed that the goal of the Resolution should be to get to restoration rather than regulation.

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

#### **Agenda Item 11. New Business**

- a. Election of IRL Council Officers – Article 5.6 of IRL Council Interlocal Agreement (Carolyn Ansay)  
Requested Action: Election of chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for calendar year 2019.  
Carolyn Ansay reviewed the IRL Council Bylaws and process governing elections.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO MOVE EXISTING OFFICERS UP IN LEADERSHIP, WITH CHRIS DZADOVSKY CYCLING OFF AS AN OFFICER, DEB DENYS BECOMING CHAIR, SUSAN ADAMS BECOMING VICE-CHAIR, AND MARTIN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE STACEY HETHERINGTON AS SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. IRL Council Committee Appointments to Management Board and Advisory Committees (Duane De Freese)  
Requested Action: Provide direction to staff on process for replacement of inactive members and new appointments.  
Duane De Freese reviewed staff recommendation for a process to replace inactive members and those not wishing to serve any longer. He noted that the STEM and Management Board have already discussed and recommend approval of staff's

recommendation to poll all Management Conference members and determine which wish to be replaced. Staff would then bring a list back to the Board noting inactive members and those wishing to be replaced. He requested further direction from the Board on how to proceed. There was general agreement of the staff plan. No motion was offered.

c. FY 2019-2020 Tentative Budget (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Approve FY 2019-2020 Tentative Budget pursuant to IRL Council Bylaws.

Duane De Freese reviewed the FY 2019-2020 Tentative Budget and requested its approval. No public comment was offered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY DEB DENYS, TO APPROVE THE FY 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. IRL Council Credit Cards (Duane De Freese)

Requested Action: Approve issuance of credit cards to Communications Director and Chief Operating Officer at \$1,500 limit each.

Duane De Freese outlined the need for staff to carry credit cards.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, SECONDED BY BRYAN LOBER, TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF CREDIT CARDS TO COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, EACH WITH \$1,500 LIMITS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. (Added) Draft FDOT Resolution in Support of Elevating Causeways Near Banana River.

Duane De Freese reviewed the text of the draft Resolution, explained the joint project between Port Canaveral and the IRLNEP to model the potential benefits of elevating causeways over Banana River, and requested direction as to how the Board wished to proceed. Discussion ensued about support for Port Canaveral, the potential ecological benefits of elevating causeways, treading into regulatory territory, and the likelihood of FDOT accepting the modeling results and taking them under consideration.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYAN LOBR, SECONDED BY CHRIS DZADOVSKY, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELEVATING CAUSEWAYS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Agenda Item 12. Information Reports**

a. Monthly Financial Statements

Provided are a summary page, detail report, monthly balance sheet, and monthly budget vs. actual reports.

b. Annual Report (2018)

c. IRL 2019 Calendar

Requested action: no action requested. Provided for information only.

**Agenda Item 13. IRLNEP Executive Director Report**

- a. CCMP – Looking Ahead to 2013: Status update
- b. COO Position replacement – Status update
- c. Legislative (Florida and Federal) Update

**Agenda Item 14. IRL Council Member Reports**

Deb Denys reported that Volusia County had already done a Resolution of Support for the revised CCMP at last week's meeting. She also reported she had been appointed by the Governor to the Florida Association of Counties along with Billie Wheeler.

Bryan Lober reported his approval of costs to improve and maintain water quality monitoring and his interest in upgrading water treatment plants to tertiary treatment. He reported the half-cent sales tax in Brevard is valued at \$40M annually.

Chris Dzadoovsky noted that the biosolids issue is on the agenda in St. Lucie County. He noted commercial biosolids operations occur in open air and have little oversight except for DEP and WMDs.

**Agenda Item 15. IRL Council – Next Meeting Announcement**

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

**Friday, May 10, 2019**  
Peter and Julie Cummings Library  
2551 SW Matheson Avenue  
Palm City, FL  
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**(NOTE: this meeting begins one hour later than usual)**

**Agenda Item 16. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned.