



IRL COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY APRIL 8, 2016
VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Board of Directors Attendance

Drew Bartlett, FDEP; Doug Bournique, SJRWMD; Douglas Daniels, Volusia County Council; Ed Fielding (Chairman), Martin County Commission; Richard Gillmor, Indian River County Lagoon Coalition; Kevin Powers, SFWMD; Curt Smith, Brevard County Commission

Call to Order

Ed Fielding, Board Chairman, called the IRL Council Board of Directors meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Agenda Item 1. For Information: Call to order and pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Fielding asked for a moment of silence, then led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 2. Consideration: Agenda revisions.

Mr. Daniels welcome those in attendance to the Volusia Council Chambers. Mr. Smith asked for an addition to Agenda Item 9 to allow him to speak about Brevard County. Dr. De Freese asked for an addition to Agenda Item 4, to allow Dr. Jacoby to provide an IRL Water Quality update.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN POWERS, SECONDED BY CURT SMITH, TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS REVISED, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 3. Consideration: Approval of minutes.

Mr. Fielding asked for any revisions to the minutes of the IRL Council Board of Directors meeting of March 18, 2016 as distributed to the Board, none were offered.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN POWERS, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2016 AS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 4a. For Information: General public comment.

The following members of the public addressed the Board: Clay Henderson, Patrick Dayan, Bob Chew, Chad Truxall.

Agenda Item 4b. For Information: IRL Water Quality Update.

Dr. Charles Jacoby provide the Board with an update on IRL Water Quality.

Agenda Item 5. Consideration: FY2015-2016 Cost Share Projects.

Dr. De Freese presented the board with three projects totaling \$670,000 as additions to the current fiscal year IRL Council Work Plan. The projects were brought as response to the request from the SFWMD toward utilizing their contribution funds in “turn dirt” projects in the SFWMD boundary.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG BOURNIQUE, SECONDED BY KEVIN POWERS, TO APPROVE FUNDING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR: PARADISE PARK STORMWATER PROJECT ST. LUCIE CO \$125,000; ST. LUCIE BASIN SEPTIC TO CENTRAL WASTEWATER \$485,000; FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC OYSTER/SEAGRASS/SHORELINE RESTORATION PROGRAM \$60,000, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 6. Consideration: IRL NEP EPA 2016-2017 Work Plan.

Dr. De Freese presented the Board with proposed projects for the IRL NEP EPA 2016-2017 Work Plan, and answered questions from the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG DANIELS, SECONDED BY KEVIN POWERS, TO ACCEPT THE PROJECTS PRESENTED FOR THE FY 2016-2017 EPA WORK PLAN, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT LETTER-GRADES WILL NOT BE USED ON THE IRL REPORT CARD, AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE WORK PLAN TO EPA ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2016, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 7. Consideration: FY 2016-2017 IRL Council & License Plate Projects.

Dr. De Freese and Mr. Sakuma presented the Board with projects for consideration of funding in FY 2016-2017. No further action was taken on this item.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG DANIELS, SECONDED BY DREW BARTLETT, TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 7 UNTIL THE NEXT IRL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 8. Consideration: By-Laws Amendment - IRL Council Policy and Advocacy Statement.

Dr. De Freese presented the Board with a draft By-Laws amendment which includes a Policy and Advocacy Statement for the IRL Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN POWERS, SECONDED BY RICHARD GILLMOR, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE IRL COUNCIL BY-LAWS:

2.4 Advocacy. The foundation for a successful IRL NEP is that it is non-regulatory, fact-driven, collaborative, consensus-driven, inclusive and dedicated to providing connected leadership throughout the IRL region among scientists, citizens, stakeholders and policy makers. The Council, its staff and the Management Board and all Committees created by the Council ("IRL NEP Management Conference") shall maintain scientific integrity as the cornerstone of the IRL NEP.

Individual members of the boards and committees that make up the Management Conference shall not represent the IRL Council or IRL NEP unless authorized by the IRL Council Board of Directors. At no time shall the IRL Council, its staff and IRL NEP Management Conference support or oppose specific projects or regulatory permits for specific projects, except as described below.

At times, the IRL Council may want to provide recommendations for: 1. New policies or amendments to existing policies at local, state and federal levels; 2. Specific IRL restoration, research and citizen engagement programs and/or projects that are identified in and support the IRL NEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; and 3. Specific public and private funding initiatives to implement specific programs and/or projects that are identified in and support the IRL NEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. These IRL Council recommendations shall be reviewed within the appropriate levels of the IRL NEP Management Conference to determine Management Conference consensus prior to making recommendations or taking actions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 9a. For Information: IRL 2020 Restoration Document.

Dr. De Freese gave a presentation to the Board about his expectations of staff action over the remaining year.

Agenda Item 9b. For Information: Brevard County Update.

Curt Smith provided the Board with information about HomeServe coverage for homeowners. Mr. Smith also advised the Board of efforts in Brevard toward addressing septic to sewer and other requests brought to Governor Scott by the Board of County Commissioners.

Agenda Item 10. Consideration: Staff reports and general board comments.

Staff Report

- Duane De Freese: Thanked volunteers for all their help during the severe fish kill in Brevard.
- Frank Sakuma: Advised the Board of the most current financial report located in their respective agenda package.

Counsel Report

- None.

Board Comment

- Drew Bartlett: Acknowledged how well Dr. De Freese represented the IRL Council during the severe fish kill event in Brevard.

Public Comment

- Tim Tumulty, mayor of Cocoa Beach, highlighted events associated with the fish kill in Brevard, and asked for continued efforts toward IRL restoration.

Agenda Item 11. Adjourn.

Chairman Fielding announced that next IRL Council meeting would be on May 13th in Sebastian, and then adjourned the meeting.

Board of Directors meeting adjourned.