

Land Acquisition and Management Program Conservation Board Minutes

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Date/Time of Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.
Location/Address: St. Johns County Permit Building, Conference Room 1
4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL

Members Present: Michael Adams, Wayne Flowers, Elizabeth Guthrie, William (JB) Miller, Travis Minch, Robin (Shorty) Robbins, Hawley Smith, Jimmy Watson, Irene Kaufman

Commission Member Present: None

Staff Present: Ryan Mauch, Sean Melvin, Trey Asner, Haley

Public Attendees: Ed Slaven (called in), Steve Davies

- Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Adams read a general notice about Public Comment decorum.
- Public Comment for items not on the current agenda (3 minutes per person): Mr. Slaven commented that meetings should be televised and held in the county auditorium. Mr. Slaven also stated that he would like to make a presentation for next meeting about the St Augustine National Park and Seashore.
- Ms. Robbins made motion to approve June 14th meet minutes seconded by Mr. Flowers.
- Mr. Minch stated that the recorded meeting minutes need to be more accessible. Board discussed meeting minutes. There were issues accessing the recorded minutes on the FTP site.
- Mr. Minch asked to amend meeting minutes to add that Mr. Flowers requested county staff report back to the board about having the records posted. Staff will report back about it. Mr. Adams asked staff to address these issues.
- Ms. Robbins made a motion to amend minutes and seconded by Mr. Flowers. Board votes and approves the meeting minutes unanimously.
- Ms. Robbins made a motion to approve agenda seconded by Mr. Flowers. Board discussed the evaluation process of the properties. Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- **Item 1 – Discussion of future meetings in 2023.**
 - Board discussed schedule for LAMP Board meetings. Board discussed having future meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. Mr. Miller moved to approve the amended meeting schedule, seconded by Mr. Minch. The board voted to approve the LAMP meeting schedule.
 - Public Comment: Mr. Slaven asked that the meeting be moved to the county auditorium. Mr. Adams asked staff to look into having the meeting moved to the auditorium and to report back next meeting.
 - Irene Kaufman introduced herself.
- **Item 2 – Evaluation of Anastasia Island- Fish Island Rd, Elkton- 2310 CR 13 South, and Fruit Cove- 600 SR 13 North properties.**
 - Staff discussed properties on the list for evaluation. Mr. Miller mentioned that there was some historic modifications to the existing creek adjacent to the Anastasia Island property.
 - Board discussed their scores on the property. The board discussed the aspects of the evaluation exercise. Board and staff discussed the evaluation process within this meeting as to whether it is a real or mock exercise. The Board agrees it is not a final evaluation at this time.
 - The Board went through the evaluation sheet and discussed the categories. Board discussed the subjective nature of the scoring criteria and lack of objective data.
 - Ms. Guthrie suggested the Board go through the evaluation form line by line discussing each category and how to score it appropriately relating to the Anastasia Island property.

- Mr. Minch and the Board discussed having data sources to back up the scoring criteria. Staff pulled up the USFWS and FNAI websites as an example for identifying listed species potential on a broad scale on potential properties.
- The Board discussed with staff to have preliminary listed species potential, land cover and cultural resource information for listed properties for evaluation.
- Board discussed collapsing two categories into one which will state, “Establishes a connection to corridors, provides connection to adjacent conservation lands”. Striking the Geographical proximity category.
- Board discussed the cultural resources category. Board asked Mr. Asner to provide information on resources relating to properties as new properties are listed for evaluation.
- Board altered an Infrastructure category to state “Protects property from sea level rise, including adjacent properties”.
- Board discussed the public support category and its feasibility as part of the evaluation form.
- Board changed the “imminent development proposed” to “likelihood of development proposed” in the acquisition category.
- Board finished going through each line on the evaluation form. Board asked staff to produce a packet for the proposed properties. Packets to include information on listed species, cultural resources, land cover, land use and any relevant environmental data.
- Mr. Miller suggested to provide GIS data used for the review of properties.
- Board discussed goals for next meeting. Board to evaluate and score the Anastasia Island, McCullough Creek and other properties. The potential Genovar property acquisition by the County was also discussed.
- Mr. Watson had concerns of providing too much background work to county staff for property evaluations based on the discussions in the meeting.
- Mr. Minch made a motion to have the Board write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners to recommend that the LAMP Board be dissolved and funds be reallocated to other property acquisitions. Motion was not seconded, no action taken.
- Public Comment: No public comment.

Board Member Reports

- None

Staff Member Reports

- None

Mr. Adams called the meeting to a close seconded by Mr. Miller. Meeting ended at 3:55 P.M.

Sean Melvin 8/9/2022 Staff Recorder