



Summary Notes – March 19, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL LAND ACQUISITION PANEL (ELAP)

Notes of the
Environmental Land Acquisition Panel
Indian River County Administration Complex,
Building B, Conference Room B1-501
1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL
5:30 PM Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9 members/7 for quorum

1. Call to Order

Chair Peter O'Bryan called the March 19, 2024, meeting of the Environmental Land Acquisition Panel (ELAP) to order at 5:30 PM.

A full recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Sammy McGee	District 1 Appointee
Janice Broda	District 2 Appointee
Peter O'Bryan	District 4 Appointee
Heather Stapleton	Natural Resources Representative
Jeff Beal	Natural Resources Representative
Roland DeBlois	Planning or Engineering Representative

Members Absent:

Daniel Bott	District 3 Appointee
James Connaughton	District 5 Appointee
John Orcutt	Real Estate or Finance Representative

Staff Present:

Joseph Earman	Commissioner, BCC Liaison
Wendy Swindell	Conservation Lands Manager
Beth Powell	Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director
Michael Zito	Deputy County Administrator
Andy Sobczak	Planning & Development Services Director
Paige Lester	GIS Analyst
Susan Prado	Deputy County Attorney
Maura Stokes	BCC Recording Secretary

Minimum Quorum requirements were NOT met.

The meeting was held for informational purposes only, and no action items were voted on.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the Minutes has been tabled until a quorum is reached.

4. **Discussion Items:**

Property Nominations:

The following properties have been formally submitted for review. Full details can be found on the IRC Environmental Lands Acquisition, Environmental Bond Dashboard:

<https://indian-river-county-elap-ircgis.hub.arcgis.com/apps/irc-environmental-bond-dashboard/explore>

1. Jungle Trail Fischer Property (03/04/24) 3.7 acres
2. Jungle Trail Island Manor Property (03/04/24) 19.36 acres
3. Louisiana Ave Property (03/01/24) 4.65 acres
4. Kelly Road Property (03/11/24) 181.53 acres

Wendy Swindell, Conservation Lands Manager went through each parcel application and explained step-by-step how it was added into the dashboard, and the overall results. The panel discussed each application that was received and minimum qualifying information.

Update and Preview of the GIS Dashboard for the Environmental Bond Process:

As Ms. Swindell continued her presentation about the applications, Paige Lester, GIS Analyst demonstrated how to navigate the dashboard, map layers, and answered questions from the panel, staff, and partner agencies that were present. General conversation continued regarding different types of lands that could be nominated.

Bond Consultant Update:

Wendy Swindell will be requesting that the Bond Consultant draft a form letter to the parcel owners; and that the Bond Consultant provide a flow chart for their strategy or process.

Commissioner Matters:

No updates at this time.

6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of ELAP will be held April 16, 2024

7. **Adjournment:** Chair Peter O'Bryan adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Stokes

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