Indian River County, Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers

<u>Board of County Commissioners</u>

Deryl Loar, District 4, Chairman
Laura Moss, District 5, Vice Chairman
Susan Adams, District 1
Joseph Flescher, District 2
Joseph H. Earman, District 3

John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Jennifer W. Shuler, County Attorney
Ryan L. Butler, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 4 - Chairman Deryl Loar
Vice Chairman Laura Moss
Commissioner Joseph Flescher
Commissioner Joe Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Susan Adams

2.A. A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

2.B. INVOCATION

Rev. Dale Glading, Risk Takers for Christ

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Susan Adams

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA / EMERGENCY ITEMS

Item 9.L. pulled for discussion

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Moss, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

5. PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

5.A. 26-0240 Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing African American Pioneers Calvin "Coach Cal" Moment & Keith "JK" Woulard

Recommended Action: Recommend read & present.

Attachments: 02.24.26 African American Pioneers

Coaches Calvin Moment and Keith Woulard were joined by their families as they were commended for nurturing and prioritizing youth development in the community. The Commissioners added that coaching was a calling, and spoke of the lifelong impact of coaches in their own lives.

Read and Presented by Commissioner Flescher

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.A. 26-0247 Regular Meeting of January 13, 2026

Recommended Action: Approve

Attachments: 01132026BCC_draft

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman Loar, to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026, as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

7. INFORMATION ITEMS FROM STAFF OR COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

7.A. 26-0203 Jungle Trail Island Club Manor ELAP Project - Completion of the Due Diligence Process & Final Closing

Recommended Action: There is no Board action required for this agenda item.

Attachments: IRS-25-617-24x36_Signed

Title Commitment

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25-6091 Jungle Trail Phase I Complete Report_12.17.2025_Compressed

Chairman Loar brought attention to Items 7.A. and 7.B. which detailed the procurement of land obtained with funds from the Environmental Lands Program.

No Action Taken or Required

7.B. 26-0248 Osprey Estates ELAP Project – Completion of the Due Diligence Process & Final Closing

Recommended Action: There is no Board action required for this agenda item.

Attachments: 25-525S 012326 S&S

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2021 Commitment 4757FL revised (40)

Chain of Title

No Action Taken or Required

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: AGENDA-RELATED MATTERS (EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS)

William McCaslin thanked the Board for their consideration of opening a fire station in the Vero Lake Estates area.

No Action Taken or Required

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman Loar, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, pulling Item 9.L. for discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

9.A. 26-0183 Waiver of Bid Requirement for Lakeside Raptor Septage Receiving Unit

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Board waive the requirement for bids and authorize the Procurement Division to issue a Purchase Order for the plant.

Attachments: Lakeside Quote

Approved staff's recommendation

9.B. 26-0187 Demolition Lien Reduction - 4805 34th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967

Recommended Action: The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners waive 90% of the accrued interest, so long as the lien and 10% of the outstanding interest for a total of $3,086.01 is paid within 60 days and that once paid, the Board authorizes the Chairman to execute a release of the lien.

Attachments: Lien OR1128 PG2046 - 4805 34th Ave 32967

4805 34th Ave 32967 (Preserve Waterway) Demo Lien Reduction

Approved staff's recommendation

9.C. 26-0193 First Extension and Amendment to Agreement for Annual Temporary Staffing Services (Bid 2025027)

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Board approve the first extension and amendment to the agreement with the above listed vendors and authorize the Chairman to execute it after the County Attorney has approved it as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachments: First Extension and Amendment - Annual Temp Staffing

Approved staff's recommendation

9.D. 26-0216 Award of Request for Proposal 2026003 Utilities Technology Master Plan and Customer Information System Consulting Services to EMA, Inc., IRCDUS Project ID: 00.25.513 and 00.25.521

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners Award Request for Proposals 2026003 for Utilities Technology Master Plan and Customer Information System Consulting Services to EMA, Inc. for a fee of $518,803.00, approve the attached Sample Agreement, and authorize the Chair to execute it after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachments: Sample Agreement

Approved staff's recommendation

9.E. 26-0220 Miscellaneous Budget Amendment 03

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve the budget resolution amending the fiscal year 2025-26 budget.

Attachments: 2025 2026 Resolution

Exhibit A

Approved staff's recommendation and Resolution 2026-011, amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

9.F. 26-0221 Work Order No. 2018006-23 - APTIM Sector 3 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Dune Restoration Project - 2026 Environmental Monitoring

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the BCC authorize Work Order No. 2018006-23 in the total lump sum amount of $466,466.72. Additionally, staff recommends the BCC authorize the Chairman to execute Work Order No. 2018006-23 after review and approval of the agreement by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachments: Work Order No 2018006-23 Agreement with Exhibit A

Approved staff's recommendation

9.G. 26-0222 Work Order No. 2018029-15 - APTIM Sector 5 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Beach and Dune Restoration Project - 2026 Environmental Monitoring

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the BCC authorize Work Order No. 2018029-15 in the not to exceed amount of $289,684.18. Additionally, staff recommends the BCC authorize the Chairman to execute Work Order No. 2018029-15 after review and approval of the agreement by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachments: Work Order No 2018029-15 Agreement with Exhibit A

Approved staff's recommendation

9.H. 26-0225 Work Order No. 2023051-6 - Coastal Tech Sector 4 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Dune Restoration Project - Year 1 Post-Construction Monitoring

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the BCC authorize Work Order No. 2023051-6 which is not to exceed $264,179.01. Additionally, staff recommends the BCC authorize the Chairman to execute Work Order No. 2023051-6 after review and approval of the agreement by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachments: Work Order No 2023051-6 Agreement with Exhibit 1_REV

Approved staff's recommendation

9.I. 26-0228 Award of Bid 2026015 for Operations of the Biosolids Dewatering Facility, Sludge Dewatering and Hauling

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Board award Bid 2026015 to Synagro South, LLC, approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after receipt and approval of the required public construction bond and insurance and after approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachments: Sample Agreement and Contract Documents

Approved staff's recommendation

9.J. 26-0231 Final Pay for Work Order No.2 for Arcadis, U.S., Inc. for Consulting and Support Services for the Department of Utility Services Computerized Maintenance Management System, IRCDUS Project ID: 00.23.541

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve final pay 36101742 to Arcadis, U.S., Inc. for WO2 in the amount of $466.05 for CMMS readiness assessment services. Upon approval the remaining obligation will be closed.

Attachments: Final Invoice Arcadis CMMS Progress Report

Approved staff's recommendation

9.K. 26-0234 Barbara Williams Foreclosure Settlement

Recommended Action: The County Attorney’s Office recommends that the Board approve the settlement agreement and, pursuant to the terms of the agreement, authorize staff to write off the uncollectible account balance, process the relinquishment of impact fees, and release the lien if Ms. Williams pays the agreed amount.

Attachments: Barbara Williams Foreclosure Settlement

Approved staff's recommendation

9.L. 26-0235 Hampton Park PD Phase 2
Request from Developer, Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc., for an Extension to Complete Required Improvements

Recommended Action: Approve the attached Modification to Contract for Construction of Required Improvements No. PD-21-04-04 (2004040192-96959) to extend the completion date to February 25, 2027, for the remaining required improvements and authorize the Chairman to execute same.

Attachments: Letter Requesting Extension - Hampton Park PD Phase 2
Modification extension - Hampton Park PD Phase 2

County Administrator John Titkanich explained that the developer of Hampton Park PD Phase 2 sought an extra year to finish site improvements due to damage experienced prior to the home construction phase.

Deputy County Attorney Susan Prado further detailed that cracks in the curbing were observed before home construction had begun, and there was concern for further damage as construction ramped up. The developer requested an extension of one year to complete the curb improvements that were required under County code. Attorney Prado added that the developer had just delivered a new letter of credit and an executed Developer's Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Earman, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

9.M. 26-0237 Indian River County Everside Health Center - Assignment and First Amendment to the Everside Client Agreement

Recommended Action: Staff respectfully request the Board of County Commissioners approve the Assignment and First Amendment to our Everside Client Agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Attachments: Assignment & 1st Amendment to Everside Client Agreement

Approved staff's recommendation

9.N. 26-0243 Replacement Modular Unit for Fire Station 15

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Board approve the unbudgeted capital purchase, edit the requirement for bids, and authorize the Procurement Division to issue a purchase order for the unit. Staff also recommends the Board declare the current modular unit, asset 28288 as excess, and authorize its demolition.

Attachments: Advanced Modular Quote

Demolition and Disposal Quote

Approved staff's recommendation

9.O. 26-0233 Acceptance of Proposed Donation for Children’s Week Event

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Board accept the John's Island Community Service League donation.

Attachments: Donation Letter.UnitedWayIRC.2026

Children's Week Flyer 2026

GIA Save The Date Card

Approved staff's recommendation

10. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

11. PUBLIC ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROOF OF PUBLICATION FOR THESE HEARINGS IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD.

11.A.1. 26-0229 Application for Operating Assistance (Section 5307) from the Federal Transit Administration

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the resolution authorizing the filing of the grant application for the Section 5307 funds.

Attachments: Grant Application

Resolution

Budget Form

MPO Staff Director Brian Freeman explained that assistance under Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Administration provided the single largest funding source for operation of the County's public transportation system, which included the GoLine and Community Coach. Mr. Freeman noted the State had unused funds from Fiscal Year 2021, and a portion of those funds were made available to the County via this application process; the funds amounted to $712,014.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments. There being none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to approve staff's recommendation and Resolution 2026-012, authorizing the filing of applications for Grant Funding Assistance from the Federal Transit Administration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

11.A.2. 26-0244 Hiers Properties, L.L.C.'s Request to Rezone Approximately ±18.08 Acres from A-1, Agricultural District to RS-3, Single-Family Residential District

Recommended Action: Based on the analysis and conclusions outlined in this report, County Planning staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve an ordinance to rezone the ± 18.08 acres of subject properties from A-1 to RS-3.

Attachments: Rezoning Map
Future Land Use Map
Zoning Comparison Table
Rezoning Application
Draft Ordinance

Following Chairman Loar's introduction of the Item, County Attorney Jennifer Shuler added information. She explained that this matter had been brought before the Board on January 13, 2026, where a quasi-judicial hearing was held and voted upon. Following the meeting, however, it was realized that the adopting Ordinance was inadvertently omitted from the agenda packet, and the official record. Attorney Shuler recommended the Board reopen the January 13th public hearing, allow staff to present the Ordinance as additional evidence, and accept public comment. The Deputy Clerk administered the Oath to all persons who wished to speak at the hearing.

Commissioner Flescher received confirmation from Attorney Shuler that this was a continuance, and the Board did not have to re-state their ex parte disclosures. Chairman Loar summarized that this was the third hearing for this matter and the facts were the same.

Patrick Murphy, Chief of Long-Range Planning, provided a recap of the analysis presented at the January 13th meeting, and noted the presentation was unchanged.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments. There being none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murphy commented that the developer originally sought to develop this parcel as a PD (Planned Development), but failed to receive approval. Staff recommended the RS-3 rezoning (Single-Family Residential) with 2.2 units per acre, which was consistent with the development pattern in the area.

Vice Chairman Moss questioned the discrepancy in staff's reporting of the vote from the January 13, 2026, public hearing. The minutes showed a 5-0 vote, while staff reported the vote as being 4-1. She added that the video was not available at the time for confirmation. *[Clerk Note: The vote at the January 13, 2026, public hearing was confirmed to be 5-0.]*

Liz Diaz with Mills, Short and Associates appeared before the Board on behalf of the Applicant. There were no questions for her.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman Loar, to approve staff's recommendation and adopt Ordinance 2026-004, amending the Zoning Ordinance and the accompanying Zoning Map for 18.082 acres located on the south side of 8th Street, approximately 0.5 miles east of 58th Avenue, from A-1, Agricultural District, to RS-3, Single-Family Residential District; and providing codification, severability, and effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

11.A.3. 26-0245 Final Adoption of the 2025 Indian River County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Based Amendments

Recommended Action: County Staff recommends the Board approve the attached comprehensive plan EAR-based amendments, approve and adopt the attached final adopting ordinance, and direct County staff to transmit the County's Comprehensive Plan EAR-based amendments with the final adopting ordinance to Florida Department of Commerce.

Attachments: 2025 EAR Final Adoption Staff Report

Exhibit A - EAR Amendment Matrix

FL Commerce Letter

DRAFT Ordinance

Chief of Long-Range Planning Patrick Murphy noted this Item had been brought before the Board on January 13, 2026, but did not contain the Ordinance for the Board's review. He used slides to present a recap of the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan EAR (Evaluation and Appraisal Report) based amendments, which were discussed in depth at the September 9, 2025, BCC meeting. The amended EAR, which included changes from Florida Commerce, would be transmitted to the State following final adoption at this second public hearing.

Vice Chairman Moss inquired whether Policy 1.38, New Town Land Use Designations, was the only place that height restrictions appeared in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Murphy explained that the 35-foot height limit was included in the Land Development Regulations for all commercial and residential districts. The Vice Chairman received confirmation that the restriction applied to all development, even though it was only mentioned under Section 1.38. Vice Chairman Moss also expressed disappointment that Policy 2.6, USGS evaluation, had been stricken, as well as concern for diminished open space requirements.

The Chairman opened the public hearing for comments from the Board or the public. There being none, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Earman, to approve staff's recommendation and adopt Ordinance 2026-005, to amend certain policies, goals, and objectives throughout the Indian River County's Comprehensive Plan to reflect statutory changes; to update numerical references; to consolidate policies; to move previously incorporated, provisions to the County's Land Development Regulations which is the more appropriate location for such regulatory language; to address evaluation and appraisal review modifications; and to adopt general updates to certain policies; by amending Chapter 2, Future Land Use Element, Chapter 3A, Sanitary Sewer Sub-Element, Chapter 3B, Potable Water Sub-Element, Chapter 3C, Solid Waste Sub-Element, Chapter 3D, Natural Groundwater Sub-Element, Chapter 3E, Stormwater Management Sub-Element, Chapter 4, Transportation Element, Chapter 5 Economic Development Element, Chapter 6, Capital Improvements Element, Chapter 7 Housing Element, Chapter 8, Conservation Element, Chapter 9, Coastal Management Element, Chapter 10, Recreation and Open Space Element, Chapter 11, Intergovernmental Coordination Element, Chapter 12, Public Schools Facilities Element, and Chapter 13, Property Rights Element; providing for codification into the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing for an effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Loar, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Nay: 1 - Vice Chairman Moss

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

B. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MATTERS

12.A. 26-0252 Legislative Update - Fellsmere Water Control District

Recommended Action: Receive Update and Offer Guidance

[Clerk Note: Commissioner Adams joined the meeting for this Item via telephone]

Legislative Affairs and Communications Director Kathy Copeland provided the Board with updates regarding legislation to establish the dependent Fellsmere Water Control District (FWCD) through House Bills 4095 and 4093. She emphasized the establishment of the FWCD was a transfer of governance; it would not be subsidized by the County.

Since the last presentation before the Board on January 27, 2026, HB 4095 was amended to acknowledge a 2007 Fellsmere Annexation Agreement. Additionally, residents of Fellsmere expressed their concerns to Representative Robbie Brackett which included expenditures related to management of canals and ditches, fears over assessment hikes, and misuse of canals and rights-of-way; residents also requested a citizen advisory committee. The presentation closed with a slide detailing staff's recommendation for an Interlocal Agreement with the Fellsmere Joint Venture.

No Action Taken

Before continuing to the next Item, County Attorney Jennifer Shuler addressed the Board noting staff's recommendation for an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) required the Board's approval. Because the recommendation was not initially on the Agenda, Attorney Shuler advised an action item could be added to this agenda with a unanimous vote. She added that the ILA should be subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney, and be brought back to the Board for ratification. Alternately, the Board could hold a special meeting to approve staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Flescher noted that Commissioner Adams was participating via telephone, and received confirmation from Attorney Shuler that the Commissioner was allowed to vote on an Item remotely.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Chairman Loar, to add an action Item which would authorize the County Administrator to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the County and the FJV [Fellsmere Joint Venture]. It would take effect upon passage of HB4093/4095, outlining protocols for the transfer during the gap period between passage of the bill and when the bill becomes law. For example, consultation on decisions involving expenditures. The agreement would also delineate assets to be transferred including the reserve account, equipment, the office, contracts, and any other items deemed appropriate and not included in the Bill language. The Agreement would be subject to review and approval by the County Attorney and return before the Board for ratification. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

The Chairman called for a recess at 9:51 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with all members present, except Commissioner Adams.

13. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. Building and Facilities Services

B. Community Services

C. Emergency Services

D. Human Resources

E. Information Technology

F. Natural Resources

13.F.1. 26-0226 Economic Impact of the Indian River Lagoon and Stakeholder Workshops

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve staff to host two stakeholder workshops, one focused on the Lagoon Management Plan and the other focused on the Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan.

Attachments: 2025 Indian River Lagoon Economic Valuation

Natural Resources Director Kylie Yanchula introduced the Item and two guest speakers: Dr. Duane DeFreese, Executive Director of the Lagoon Council (Council) and the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP), and Courtney Cortez, Economist with the Balmoral Group.

Dr. DeFreese presented details of a recently approved $9.4 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for Indian River Lagoon restoration projects. The County would receive a portion of the NOAA grant for two projects: Big Slough and Preacher's Hole Seagrass Restoration, and construction of the Bee Gum Impoundment which would help revitalize the living shoreline. The County's work on seagrass restoration, which has shown early progress, was considered a model for the area.

Ms. Cortez then presented the Balmoral Group's Indian River Lagoon Economic Impact Update, an IRLNEP-commissioned study, which added projects receiving NOAA grant funds. The presentation focused on ecosystem service values, providing quantifiable data showing expenditures to improve the Lagoon's health yielded a 24x return on investment, and added hundreds of millions of dollars to the County's local economy.

The Board members each expressed their opinions on the value of the information presented, noting the positive economic and ecological benefits from restoration efforts, concern for development along the lagoon, the value of quantified data, and the positive progress of seagrass restoration.

Ms. Yanchula closed with a discussion of updates to the Lagoon Management Plan, local infrastructure projects, and efforts to improve water quality. She provided rationale for developing stakeholder support for local initiatives, and reviewed staff's recommendation for two workshops to unify efforts and leverage resources. Dr. DeFreese offered the support of his organizations, noting that Indian River County was one of the two fastest-growing counties in the State.

A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

G. Office of Management and Budget

H. Parks, Recreation, and Conservation

I. Planning and Development Services

13.I.1. 26-0223 Authorization to revise the Indian River County Local Jobs Grant Program for future consideration of the Board of County Commissioners.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize staff to revise the Indian River County Local Jobs Grant Program and the associated grant agreement for consideration at a future meeting of the Board of County Commissioners

Attachments: Existing Jobs Grant Application

Economic Development Manager Doug Dombroski used a slide deck to present staff's analysis of the County's Local Jobs Grant Program (Program) as part of a wider effort to enhance the County's Economic Development Programs. The report provided an overview and a 10-year evaluation showing the Program was underperforming. Feedback from business owners was critical of the Program's weak return on investment, time-consuming reporting, confusing agreements, and complex calculations. The Economic Development Council (EDC) recommended that the Board authorize revisions to the Program.

Commissioner Moss noted that the grant provided 75% of an average $55,000 salary, which seemed too low to be effective. Mr. Dombroski shared that the EDC lowered the threshold during the recession, and it would be reviewed in the context of current conditions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Vice Chairman Moss, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

The Chairman called for a recess at 11:02 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m. with all members present, except Commissioner Adams.

J. Public Works

K. Sandridge Golf Club

L. Utilities Services

13.L.1. 26-0218 Approval for Process Waste Drain Line Replacement at Headworks Project at Gifford Water Reclamation Facility, IRCDUS Project ID 22.25.508

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the Department of Utility Services to undertake the Process Waste Drain Line Replacement at Headworks project (Project ID 22.25.508) at Gifford Water Reclamation Facility outside of the proposed Capital Improvement Element, for the estimated cost of $532,875.00.

Utility Services Director Sean Lieske informed the Board of new developments in his department's project to repair a drain line at the Gifford Water Reclamation Facility. He showed the line was originally planned for rehabilitation by replacing its lining, however during pre-constructing evaluation, it was determined the pipe was more deteriorated than originally assumed. Staff determined the pipe needed to be fully replaced which would incur engineering services not included in the original project. Mr. Lieske discussed the option to reallocate funding from a filter project which experienced equipment delays.

A motion was made by Commissioner Earman, seconded by Commissioner Flescher, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

14. COUNTY ATTORNEY MATTERS

15. COMMISSIONERS MATTERS

A. Commissioner Deryl Loar, Chairman

B. Commissioner Laura Moss, Vice Chairman

C. Commissioner Susan Adams

D. Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher

E. Commissioner Joseph H. Earman

16. SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS

A. Emergency Services District

B. Solid Waste Disposal District

The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming Solid Waste Disposal District meeting.

16.B.1. 26-0239 Updated 2nd Amendment to Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Franchise Agreement between SWDD and Waste Management, Inc. of Florida

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Board approve the Second Amendment to the Solid Waste ad Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement between SWDD and WM; and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.

Attachments: Updated 2nd Amendment to Franchise with WM
Indian River County Supplemental Fees-101525

Solid Waste Disposal District Managing Director Himanshu Mehta presented the updated Second Amendment to the contract between the Solid Waste Disposal District and Waste Management. The item had been brought to the Board on December 9, 2025, where the decision was made to postpone discussion and further negotiate yard waste cart exemptions.

Mr. Mehta listed the changes to the yard waste cart exemption policy: existing exemptions for planned communities would continue until July 31, 2026, when a new annual agreement would be signed; individual residents would be able to opt in for service starting October 1, 2026; delivery of the cart and weekly service would be at no additional cost to the individual resident. He displayed a recap of the other changes the Second Amendment of the contract which had been discussed at the December 9, 2025, Board meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flescher, seconded by Commissioner Earman, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Loar, Vice Chairman Moss, Commissioner Flescher, and Commissioner Earman

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Adams

C. Environmental Control Board

17. PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA-RELATED MATTERS

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.