

**MINUTES OF MEETING
LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (L.A.M.P.) BOARD
January 22, 2009 3:30 PM**

Proceedings of meeting held in the Commission Conference Room, St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Members Present: Mark Middlebrook, Sarah Owen Gledhill, Rich Turnbull, Lee Gerald, Michael Adams and Charles Metcalf

Members Absent: G. Warren Leve, Nicholas McAuliffe, and Charles Padera

Staff Present: Cyndi Stevenson – Commissioner; Tony Cubbedge, Amy Meide, and Robin Moore – Environmental Division

Guests: Bonnie Barnes – North Florida Land Trust

1. Welcome / Call to Order

Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 3:46 P.M. and welcomed those present.

2. LAMP Business Items

a. Approval of Minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting

Motion by Gledhill, seconded by Adams. Carried 5/0 to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting as submitted.

Moved on to workshop items because some board members needed to leave early

3. LAMP Workshop Item

a. Florida Forever updates

Cubbedge updated LAMP on Florida Forever call that took place earlier in the afternoon. Crist is considering vetoing language that would reduce the Florida Forever monies for this year. It was decided to hold off on any letter writing or other lobbying activities until a final decision has been made. Turnbull suggested if the decision was one the LAMP Board wasn't happy with, we could revisit the issue and then recommend to the BCC to submit a support letter for the Florida Forever monies. Gledhill mentioned that the Delegates meeting is on the 28th and discussion followed. If need be, Staff will develop a support letter for BCC consideration.

Motion by Turnbull to ask BCC to consider adapting position in support of '09-'10 budget cycle for Florida Forever, 2nd by Gledhill. Motion carried 6/0

2. LAMP Business Items

b. Consider new applications and recommendation

Cubbedge updated Board of four applications for Leve's replacement, who was the Geology liaison on the board. The three applicants were Bruce Hallet, David Keating, Steven Perkins, and John Boyd. Discussion followed concerning their qualifications and it was decided the Board would review applications/resumes and decide at next meeting who to recommend to BCC.

c. LAMP officers for 2009

Middlebrook opened nominations for new chair since his term is expiring and explained that LAMP may start taking on new responsibilities such as reviewing management plans and dealing with environmental policy issues. Gledhill nominated Turnbull for Chair, seconded by Lee. Rich stated he was honored, but did not feel as qualified as Middlebrook due to Middlebrook's connections in the

conservation community and will look to others on Board for these strengths. The motion carried for Turnbull to be Chair of LAMP board 6/0. Lee thanked Middlebrook for his leadership.

Turnbull then nominated Gledhill as Vice-Chair, seconded by Metcalf, motion carried 6/0 for Gledhill to be Vice-Chair of LAMP board.

d. Consideration of partnering opportunity on Oar House parcel

Cubbedge explained that LAMP currently has \$300,000 that could be used towards an acquisition. Due to current budgetary constrictions, FCT may not have funding next year. Bonnie Barnes from the North Florida Land Trust then gave a powerpoint presentation describing their desire to acquire the old Oar House restaurant and lots in Ponte Vedra, at the northern boundary to the NERR. The lot with the building is ~ \$1M and the surrounding lot is ~ \$800,000. This site would provide northern access to the GTM NERR as well as provide space for all the various partners for the acquisition, including St. Johns County, GTM NERR, and FWCC. Ms. Barnes asked if the LAMP board would pledge \$275,000 to acquire the lot if the rest of the money was raised and/or received through grants. Questions followed for Ms. Barnes and Middlebrook emphasized the site is a good spot for ecotourism and educational activities. He also explained better access is needed to the NERR from the northern part of the County.

e. Consider request from HRRB on Dupont parcel

Robin Moore, Historic Resource Coordinator for St. Johns County, gave a presentation on the historic Dupont farmhouse located in the southeastern part of the County adjacent to the library. He explained the historical significance of this house as well as the multi-use potential of the ~ 4.3 acre site. Moore also explained it is on the top 5 list of what the HRRB considers their most important future acquisitions for protection. Moore also explained there is a study currently being done to determine important historic sites/structures throughout different areas of St. Johns County. Moore then asked for LAMP's support in terms of the importance of purchasing this property so that he can then try to raise funds. Cubbedge reiterated that historic components of acquisition are also one of LAMP's objectives. A motion was put forward by Gerald and seconded by Adams to support the potential acquisition of the DuPont house and property. Motion carried 6/0.

Discussion went back to Ms. Barnes presentation of the Oar House with Gledhill needing clarification on the "pledge" details. Cubbedge clarified that a pledge of \$275,000 would be conditioned on whether or not the North Florida Land Trust could raise the rest of the money. Motion by Gledhill, second by Adams to request the BCC consider pledging \$275,000 of LAMP Funds towards the purchase of the Oar House if the NFLT could raise the balance of the asking price. Motion passed 5-0 with Middlebrook recusing himself from the vote due to his membership with the NFLT.

4. Member Reports

No member reports

5. Public Comment

No public comment

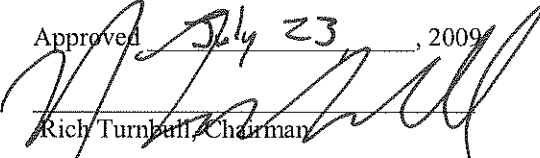
6. Adjournment

Turnbull called the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m., seconded by Gledhill, carried 6/0 to adjourn meeting.

An audio tape of this meeting is on file and available for review in the St. Johns County Environmental Division.

Respectfully submitted by:


Amy Gilboy Meide, Recorder

Approved July 23, 2009

Rich Turnbull, Chairman