

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (L.A.M.P.) BOARD**  
**March 22, 2007**  
**3:30 P.M.**

Proceedings of a meeting held in Conference Room A, St. Johns County Administration Building, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida.

Members Present: Mark Middlebrook, Chairman, Roger Van Ghent, Sarah Bailey, Paul Geiser, Warren Leve, Mike Adams, and Rich Turnbull

Members Absent: Lee Gerald, Chuck Padera

Staff Present: Tony Cubbedge, Linda White, Amy Meide and Cecelia Aldrich, Real Estate

Guests: Marcia Skinner, Recreation Advisory Board Liaison; Sarah Owen, Florida Wildlife Federation

**1. Welcome / Call to Order**

Chairman Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. and welcomed those present.

**2. LAMP Business Items**

**a. Approval of Minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting**

A motion was made by Van Ghent and seconded by Bailey, to discuss minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting. Turnbull noted that he was not present as stated in the minutes. Van Ghent requested that a definition for the word "landscape" in 3.a. be provided in the minutes. Discussion followed regarding the definition and Meide agreed to research and provide a definition. Van Ghent also requested that clarification for the term "carrying capacity" in 3.c. be provided. **Motion by Van Ghent, seconded by Bailey, carried 7/0 with Gerald and Padera absent, to approve the minutes as written with clarifications on two terms mentioned.**

**3. LAMP Workshop Items**

**Old Business**

**a. Review Resolution for land acquisitions**

As background, Middlebrook explained that several of the Commissioners had indicated they would like the LAMP Board to come up with a strategy that would enhance certain public access areas, expand existing conservation areas, connect some of these areas in the Greenway and find points of access along the waterway. **Motion by Bailey, seconded by Leve to discuss the Resolution.** Discussion followed and changes were proposed including a revision to the third whereas to read "the Board of County Commissioners has approved a master Greenway, Blueway Master Plan"; Adams suggested using a two-three word phrase to replace the word "landscape" in the last Whereas paragraph. Bailey suggested consistency with capitalization and it was decided to use lower case. Middlebrook suggested using "strategy" rather than plan. Turnbull suggested "resource-based recreation" rather than passive. Middlebrook called the vote; **carried 7/0, with Gerald and Padera absent, to approve the Resolution with amendments.**

**b. Review Resolution supporting reauthorization of the Florida Forever Fund**

Cubbedge explained the purpose of the Resolution, to plant a seed with the State to increase funding and create a successor program to the Florida Forever program. He reviewed the attached Exhibit which included a list of projects that were funded by the Florida Forever program. **Motion by Van Ghent, seconded by Geiser to discuss the Florida Forever Resolution.** It was noted that the resolution and list of projects were specific to the Florida Forever program. Considerable discussion followed and suggested changes were made. Following discussion Middlebrook called the vote. **Carried 7/0 with Gerald and Padera absent, to approve the Resolution with Amendments to include grammatical and typographic**

corrections, add the appropriate agency name and the year "2000" to the list of projects funded by Florida Forever on Exhibit "A" to the Resolution.

Sarah Owen, Florida Wildlife Federation, provided a brief presentation on a regional workshop held on February 26, 2007 with representatives from St. Johns, Flagler and Volusia Counties and the Water Management District. She said it was a great flow of information. She noted the Regional Planning Council is best situated to orchestrate a regional strategy.

Middlebrook noted that it was an opportunity to talk about the St. Johns River Alliance.

Owen commented that the Earth First Foundation out of south Florida scheduled a meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the University of North Florida about a state-wide effort of planning for rural lands. She noted it would be \$75.00 to register.

- c. **Land Acquisition Plan – A GIS presentation to identify potential corridors for future acquisition**  
Cubbedge provided a brief overview and announced that Amy Meide, Real Estate Division Land Coordinator, had prepared a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping presentation to familiarize the Board members with the tools available in the County's current mapping program. The program offers the potential to help with identification of corridor areas and connectivity of conservation areas. Discussion followed regarding the availability of various map layers. Staff reviewed the Table of Contents and identified many of the layers in the ArcMap program.

Bailey suggested that Cubbedge address the Civic Round Table and provide an explanation of the mitigation process. Cubbedge noted that the Turnbull mitigation permit is about to be finalized and he would be making a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Referring to the mapping, Middlebrook noted that the County could be divided into certain sectors by land type and the strategic resources within.

4. **Member Reports**

There were no Member reports.

5. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

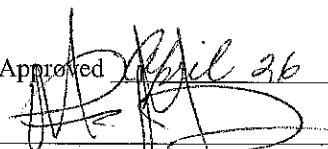
6. **Adjournment**

Middlebrook called the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Cecelia Aldrich, Recorder

Approved  April 26, 2007  
Mark Middlebrook, Chairman