

## Land Acquisition and Management Program Conservation Board Minutes

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Tuesday, April 12, 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, Elizabeth Guthrie, William (JB) Miller, Travis Minch, Robin (Shorty) Robbins, Hawley Smith, Jimmy Watson, Wayne Flowers

**Commission Member Present:** No

**Staff Present:** Ryan Mauch, Debbie Taylor, Trey Asner

**Public Attendees:** Sallie O'Hara, Jen Lombeck, Ed Slavin, others in attendance did not sign in

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.
- Public Comment for items not on the current agenda (3 minutes per person) Mr. Slavin spoke about the potential for establishing a St. Augustine National Seashore
- The Board approved the agenda and draft February meeting minutes
- Mr. Minch spoke about the possibility of having a recording available on the website. Staff provided that after speaking with the County's webmaster, the audio recordings are too large to place on the website currently. Audio recordings are available with a public records request. Staff will place recordings for public access on an FTP site for future requests.
- **Item 1-** Board members spoke on the property evaluation scoring criteria and the average rating scoring. After dialog, the board approved the selection criteria.
- Board members spoke about the draft property nomination form. Ms. Robbins spoke about adding a statement to the nomination form for Public and Recreation lands. Others spoke on other categories of the nomination form. Staff will provide a final revised copy at the following meeting.
- Debbie Taylor, County Real Estate Manager, spoke briefly on the county's property acquisition process and then several Board members spoke about willing sellers and the land acquisition process.
- Mr. Minch spoke about public inquiries and engaging the public and landowners for potential acquisitions, which spurred further discussions on this topic.
- Board members spoke about available lists of state corridor properties for future county acquisitions
- Public Comment: (3 minutes each): Jen Lombeck spoke about how the nomination form should focus on conservation and passive recreational-oriented uses and not active recreational uses based on how the LAMP board ordinance is written. Ed Slavin spoke on prioritizing Cultural Resources as a topic area for LAMP.
- Trey Asner, the County's Cultural Resource Coordinator, provided some evaluation criteria to the Board and members spoke on the evaluation category for Cultural Resources
- **Item 2-** Mr. Mauch provided a brief presentation on maps and data available on the County's website and state websites
- Public Comment: Jen Lombeck spoke about the county's conservation areas map and the recorded conservation easements and how they are displayed. Mr. Miller spoke on the conservation areas map and the acreages provided for this map. Staff provided information and background on how this map is to be used for general purposes to seek new conservation lands and build on existing corridors and not to be used specifically for existing acreages or at the property line level of detail. The acreage table provided at the previous growth management workshop earlier in the year is meant to be illustrative and not in concert with the conservation areas map.
- **Item 3-** Board members stated that they have already discussed the topics included in this item throughout the meeting and the Board moved to Item 4 without any further discussion of Item 3.
- No Public Comment
- **Item 4-** Debbie Taylor discussed the County's property acquisition process more in-depth.
- Staff briefly discussed two properties up for LAMP consideration on SR 312 and SR 207 and their particular attributes. Board members discussed that this is an opportunity to use the evaluation process for these two properties along with a third property on CR 13 near McCullough Creek during

the next meeting in June. These properties will be added to the next agenda. JB Miller will be the contact to provide a first field review of each of the properties

**Board reports:**

- Mr. Flowers spoke about the prioritization of critical wetlands by the District, as directed by the House and Senate bills referenced in the February LAMP Board meeting. These bills have yet to be signed by the governor and the District will be the lead agency in the review, however the identification of these wetland areas will aide in prioritizing focus areas for future LAMP Board land acquisitions.
- Ms. Robbins stated that Florida Communities Trust program within the Florida Department of Environmental Protection did not get funded this fiscal year, however the Florida Forever Program did get funded in large amounts with additional subcategories for land acquisitions across the State available.
- Mr. Miller stated that there should be a method for property evaluations during site visits to properties under consideration. This could be made up of land management staff and individual board members or sub-committee strike team. Staff provided that each Board member could visit the property individually and report back their findings to the Board.

**Staff reports:**

- Staff spoke about promoting and recommending a county-wide resiliency study on sea level rise and flooding and how it relates to land acquisition, due to new resiliency-related program areas at the state level. Ms. Robbins will provide a draft letter for the next meeting to send to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.
- Board members spoke about adding Cultural Resources presentation item for next meeting
- Mr. Adams called the meeting to a close at 3:55pm.

Mike Adams- Chairperson

Ryan Mauch- Recorder 4-12-22