

PALM BEACH COUNTY
NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the October 28, 2022 Meeting

I. Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:39 PM by Ms. Jennifer Cirillo, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Members Present

- Jennifer Cirillo, Richard Moyroud, Jessica Miles, Andrea McMillan

- Members Absent

- Steve Coughlin, Michele Thompson, Don Marchetto

III. Procedures for Public Participation

- Anyone from the public who wishes to speak must fill out and submit a speaker's card. A time for public comments is provided at every meeting and is listed on the agenda. In the case of a vote, public comments can be made after Committee discussion of the issue and before the vote. Speakers must hold their comments until that time. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to address the Committee. Special presentations require additional time and must be arranged through PBC's Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM), Natural Resources Stewardship Division (NRS) staff at least two weeks prior to the meeting, so they can be placed on the agenda. Disruption of the meeting will not be tolerated.

IV. Additions/Deletions to Agenda; Approval of Agenda

- **Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. (Moyroud/McMillan). The motion passed unanimously.**

V. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- **Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2022 meeting (Moyroud/Miles). The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Application for Interest in Conservation Lands for Florida Power and Light (FPL) Easement to the Board of County Commissioners - FPL Staff Presentation

- A joint presentation was given was given by Mr. Nick Zweber and Mr. Daniel Hronec explaining the necessity of the transmission line. This requires FPL to acquire a narrow strip easement in which to construct the power line. In exchange, FPL will deed 14 contiguous acres of very high quality environmentally sensitive land.to the

County. In addition FPL will replace fencing removed during the project with new fencing.

- Ms. Cirillo asked if other impacts would occur westward in the future that would be contingent upon today's consideration. FPL assured her that there is nothing in their 10-year plan.
- Mr. Moyroud asked how and who will do the future maintenance on the transmission corridor and will herbicides be used. Ms. Hovde responded that ERM will do exotic plant control. MR. Moyroud feels that there should be financial compensation for doing what he considers to be someone else's work.
- Ms. McMillan asked on what other sites ERM does that kind of maintenance. Ms. Cirillo asked for information on what sites ERM does easement maintenance for as far as the overall scope of ERM's management practices. Mr. Pisano stated that he will look into the Conservation Lands Protection ordinance to see if there is any requirement for easement holders to do long term exotic maintenance.
- Ms. Miles asked for clarification on the type of fence that will be installed, Mr. Pisano stated that FPL has been provided with specifications that are consistent with the Florida Department of Transportation Type A fencing specifications.
- Ms. Sandy Mann (ERM) informed the members that there are no requirements in the Conservation Lands Protection ordinance for the recipient of the easement to do any exotic vegetation removal. The County continues to own the land and will continue to do exotic vegetation removal.
- Mr. Moyroud asked how the total of 14 acres was decided upon. Ms. Mann responded that it was based upon a mitigation calculation.

VII. Request for Motion to Recommend Approval of the Application for Interest in Conservation Lands for Florida Power and Light (FPL) Easement to the Board of County Commissioners – Steve Pisano – **Requires Committee Action.**

- **Motion was made and seconded to Recommend Approval of the Application for Interest in Conservation Lands for Florida Power and Light (FPL) to the Board of County Commissioners (Moyroud/Miles). The motion was approved unanimously.**

VIII. Wildlands Task Force (Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office) – Comments

- Not present today

IX. Committee Comments

- None

X. Public Comments

- No members of the public were present.

XI. Chair Comments

- Ms. Cirillo thanked ERM staff for their diligence and professionalism.

XV. Selection and Date and Proposed Agenda for Next Business Meeting

- The next meeting will be November 18th at 1:30 PM regarding the Updated Management Plan for Juno Dunes Natural Area.

XVI. Adjournment

- **A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. (McMillan/Miles).
The motion passed unanimously.**
- The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Cirillo at approximately 2:07 PM

XV. APPROVED:

Jennifer Cirillo, Chair.

Date

NOTE: These minutes are not verbatim transcripts of the meeting. A verbatim audio record is kept on file digitally or on tape and are kept on file at the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management, 2300 N. Jog Road, 4th Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33411.