



MINUTES OF THE ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Held on January 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management was held on January 9, 2012 at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council offices in Fort Myers, Florida.

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Jim Beever	SWFRPC
Lisa Beever	CHNEP
Karen Bickford	Lee County
Brenda Brooks	CREW
Dave Ceilley	Individual
Cheryl P. Clarke	FDEP
Brad Cornell	Audubon of Florida
John Curtis	Johnson Engineering
Nora Demers	RGMC
Wayne Daltry	Audubon of Southwest Florida
Nicole Johnson	Conservancy of SWF
Rene Kwiat	LCPA
Keith Laakkonen	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Laura Miller	LWV of Lee County
Pete Quasius	Snook Foundation
Erin Rasnake	FDEP – South
Lynda Thompson	Lee County

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Barrett Genson	FGCU
Kelsey Hayden	Public
Dana Hume	Public
Steve Magiera	FGCU
Dave Loveland	LDOT
Don Scott	LMPO

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Dr. Beever called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Attendance

Attendance is taken through the sign-in sheet. Dr. Beever asked for self introductions of the members which followed.

Agenda Item #3 – Agenda Additions, Deletions or Corrections

There were no agenda additions, deletions , or corrections

Agenda Item #4 – New Road Projects in the Estero Bay Watershed - Mr. Dave Loveland, LDOT

Mr. Loveland presented the lee County DOT Transportation plans for the Estero Bay Watershed and other areas in Lee County 2012-2016 including work on Alico Road widening, Daniels Parkway widening, Colonial Boulevard widening, Us-41 widening, and a Terminal Access Road between Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and I-75. There was discussion and questions concerning the funding sources, traffic capacity of Alico road, the transportation effect of the IHUB research Enterprise Zone and the Alico West projects, as it affects the need and demand for these facilities.

Agenda Item #5 – Presentation- New Road Projects in the Estero Bay Watershed - Mr. Don Scott, Lee County MPO

Mr. Scott presented the 2040 Transportation Needs Plan for Lee County. There were questions concerning the expansion of I-75 and how the stormwater ponds in the center medians will be addressed when extra lanes are planned there with an ultimate right-of-way of 10 lanes, intermodal aspects of I-75, reprogramming money to transit, coordinating with Hendry County, Corkscrew Road east of Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, the cost feasible aspects of the Alico Road extension to Lehigh Acres, Bonita Grande Drive, SR 82, the Airport terminal Access Interchange, the Three Oaks Parkway Extension, and the 951 extension from Collier County into

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Lee County. There were further question concerning the building of roadways in areas where no one currently live, actual vs. projected traffic levels and how the economic situation should change projection, changing land uses in the areas already serve by the existing transportation network to reduce sprawl to undeveloped areas. Specific questions were raised about the model inputs, and how often they are updated. (In one particular response, it was noted that FDOT has a new land use/transportation module that may be useful in answering some of the forecasting questions). There was discussion on the Hanson Street extension east of the Forum and potential impacts to Six-mile Cypress Swamp Preserve. There was discussion of revenue shortfall relative to planned needs, It was stated that the Federal Highway Administration wants projects to be developed and permitted faster, projects should use more tolling, and there should be more public/private partnerships.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation - FGCU South Access and Master Plan Update - Mr. Barrett Genson, FGCU Director of Facilities Planning, and Mr. John Curtis, Johnson Engineering

Barrett Genson discussed the existing campus master plan and the 2010-2020 update. Mr. Curtis presented the planned south entrance roadway from BHG road for FGCU that will connect to the south student housing. Among the changes in the master plan is a reduction of on-site preserve area because of intrusions into preserves and a plan to remove 49 acres overall (41 upland and 8 wetland) to address these intrusions and to build a new recreational facility for the south student housing. There was also discussion on the fate of a 320 acre donation of conservation land to FGCU from Lee County in either Six-Mile cypress or the CREW that was to act as a research field station for environmental sciences. FGCU is now in discussion with Lee County to provide off-site mitigation for the FGCU preserve impacts by paying for restoration project on the Conservation 2020 Galloway parcel. There was discussion on the impacts to on-site preserves, impacts to gopher tortoises, impacts of curb and gutter road designs to reptiles, amphibians, and mall mammals, the northeast access road, and the absence in the master plan of the off-site parcels of FGCU,. It was stated that the land donations from Kitson at Babcock Ranch, the IHUB donations, and the Benderson land donations have not yet been transferred to FGCU. There was significant discussion on the appropriateness of using conservation 2020 management as mitigation.

Agenda Item #7 – Minutes of December 12, 2011

The minutes of December 12, 2011 were amended for scriveners errors. **Motion for Approval by Wayne Daltry, Second by Pete Quasius.** Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 – Election of Secretary for 2012

Motion for Approval by Wayne Daltry, Second by Pete Quasius. Approved unanimously. Mr. Wayne Daltry was elected secretary for 2012

Agenda Item #9 – Emerging Issues

Emerging Issues included:

The Everglades Coalition Conference;

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Lee County's proposal to offload management costs from certain Parks and Recreation lands to the Conservation 2020 management funds, a provision that the 2020 Advisory Committee, not the Lee County commissioners would have the final say on the price paid for parcel, and transfer of development Rights TDRs.

The lack of funding for Aquatic Preserve programs in the state budget.

The proposal in SB 1362 relating to the ordinary high-water mark for navigable, non-tidal waterbodies SB 1362 Hays (R-Umatilla) – deals with state owned sovereign submerged lands and would re-ignite a very contentious fight over private property limitations that has occurred several times in the past as defined by the high water mark for public ownership purposes and has been dealt with previously in the court system– would change the definition such that millions of acres of currently owned state submerged lands, bay bottom, wetlands, etc., would move from public to private ownership – has major environmental implications. Not yet assigned to any committee for consideration. **Motion to draft a letter opposing this approve by Wayne Daltry, second by Nora Demers, approved unanimously.**

Approval of letters to non-participating EBABM to nominate members and alternates. Development of an outreach letter to new potential members of the EBABM. **Motion to approve by Wayne Daltry, second by Pete Quasius, approved unanimously.**

Agenda Item #10 – Announcements

From President Bradshaw: Dear FGCU Faculty and Staff, I am saddened to let you know the son of FGCU's Karyn and Win Everham died off campus on Thursday. Daniel was 20 years old and had been an FGCU student. Service arrangements are pending at this time, and we will let you know when details are available. In my years as FGCU's president, I have been repeatedly and deeply impressed by the uniquely strong bonds of community and family among the members of our University. You will not be surprised to hear that the Everhams are receiving strong support and love from the FGCU community. A Web site in Danny's memory has been established, and it offers a vehicle for friends and colleagues to post supportive messages for the family. The Web site is located at: <http://daniel.everham.muchloved.com/>. Please join me in keeping the Everham family in your thoughts and prayers in this most difficult time. Sincerely, President Wilson Bradshaw, Florida Gulf Coast University (The ABM authorized a letter to Mr Everham of condolences and support)

From Pete Quasius - Science Coordination Group (SCG) Meeting: The next SCG meeting is scheduled for Friday Jan 13, 2012 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM (please note the time change) . The purposes of the meeting are to present and discuss the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP); and to discuss how to move forward on the monitoring recommendations for the System-wide Indicators Report and the CEPP discussed at the September 2011 Task Force meeting. The meeting will be held at the SFWMD Headquarters located at 3301 Gun Club Road in the Building B-1, Governing Board Auditorium. Please visit www.sfrestore.org for the current agenda and more details will be provided as they become available. Additionally, please RSVP for planning purposes.

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This is the link for all the updates on what is happening on everglades restoration. Includes efforts by CORPS, Dept of Interior, state/water management district. et al
<http://www.sfrestore.org/>

Here's quick link on water bills working their way through the system.
<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102678839080-349/State+Bill+List+10+21+11.pdf>

Agenda Item #11 – Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #12 – Next Meeting, Time, Place, Agenda Items

Agenda Item #13 – Next EBABM: Monday, February 13, 2012 – 9:30 A.M.

Agenda Item #14 – Next IAS: Monday, January 23, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.