



CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE



Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee

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September 16, 2024

Community Services/Centennial Park
Large Administration Conference Room
1120 Centennial Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Members Present: Dianne Quilty – Vice Chair

Derek Miller

Shaun O'Rourke

Cody Oleckna

Members Absent: Rocco Pennella

Paul Lail

County Staff: Tina Powell

Jason Thomason

Jamie Scudera

Jamie Boies

Call to Order / Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes:

The draft minutes from May 20, 2024, were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Review Capital Maintenance Plan document – Ms. Boies handed out CMP documents to everyone present. Ms. Powell reviewed the CMP plan for everyone in great deal again. She also expressed that projects that are boardwalk related unless it is for a new boardwalk are on hold due to FEMA review.

New Business:

Election – Jack resigned so a new chair was elected. Mr. Miller motioned that Mr. O'Rourke be named chair; seconded by Mr. Olenka; then unanimously approved.

Review attendance policy – Ms. Boies reviewed attendance policy being 1 absence allowed per year. The group understood.

Review Sunshine Law – The video from the County Attorney's office was played reviewing the Sunshine law and Robert's Rules. Everyone that was present signed a receipt of acknowledgement.

Burchers LMP – Mr. Thompson reviewed the Burchers map that was provided to the group. He asked for all to review the plan so it can be discussed in the next meeting. This will be added to the next meeting.

Review of committee history – Ms. Powell gave a brief overview of the ESLOC committee and how it came to be and the responsibilities of the members.

FY 2025 meeting dates. – Mr. O'Rourke motioned on the new dates; seconded by Ms. Quilty and it was unanimously decided on the following dates:

December 16, 2024

February 24, 2024 – Field Trip TBD

June 16, 2024

September 15, 2024

Staff Reports:

Land Management – Mr. Thompson provided the new brochure and showed the group some changes to it. There is now an indicator that shows difficulty levels. There are also QR codes now that will take you to the county website. He told the group that he is trying to get articles regarding our parks in the newspaper much more often in an attempt to reach all demographics of customers. There was discussion of our educational outreach.

Coastal – Ms. Scudera reported pout the sea turtle numbers as follows:

Leatherback – 1

Kemps Ridley – 1

Green – 103

Loggerhead - 1371

HCP – Ms. Scudera reviewed the maps that were given to the committee and showed several areas that we were able to obtain as well as several others that we are working on closing on.

Managers Comments – Ms. Powell did not have anything additional to add.

Advisory Board Open Discussion: The group expressed their gratitude for our former member Jack.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Boies
Community Services Department