

**MEETING NOTES**  
**BOCA GRANDE**  
**April 30, 2010**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Tony Ackerman, Bill Kunklar, Harold Wells, and Richard Morrison,  
County - Kim Raymond

**Business:**

- The meeting was called to order and a roll call was done. It was decided to postpone the organization part of the meeting as there is no Chairman or Vice-Chairman, but we do have a quorum.
- Iguana problem – Jeremy Butts, South Florida District Supervisor, submitted proposals to the Committee. He stated that it was agreed upon to end the current contract to coincide with the Charlotte County fiscal year, with the new agreement starting October 1, 2010.
- He presented three options to the Committee for a new work plan. Option one would be to start a new agreement on October 1, 2010, for annual full-time work, not to exceed \$60,000. Option two would be for 6 months of work and Option three is for 4 months of work. All work plans would still have an agreement with NWRC, the National Wildlife Research Center to continue to perform studies on the Iguanas.
- The Committee was informed that Dr. Avery is planning on doing a presentation in November on the actual results of the research done this year. Mike noted that we are just starting to get to the time of the year where the animals are starting to come out and we'll have more specimens. The Research Center is only given live ones when they ask for them.
- Mike noted that they provide the same work for Lee County. Mr. Butts reported to the Committee that they are still getting daily catches. The animals are all either juveniles or adults. Because all the females have been removed from Lee County, the very large ones are coming into Charlotte County on a daily basis looking for females. Also, the ones in Charlotte County are not as big as years pass. It should be noted that the females are not moving. Wherever they are, that is where they will lay their eggs. Once the females lay their eggs, all the males will leave the beach, as it is too hot. They move into the vegetation or mangroves. The numbers are going down in Lee County and it is starting to make an impact. They are a little behind in Charlotte County due to the larger landmass area. We are averaging 3.3 kills per day right now. In 2009, it was at 12.5 for the same period. In 2008, it was 26.4 on average.
- Mike commented about option 2 and 3 and stated he does not feel they are good plans. With these options, a part-time person is assigned, and it would be a multiple of people on rotation who are not necessarily iguana trappers. The whole year option is where you are only billed for the work that is done. Mike

was asked what role he would play in the training of the new person. Mr. Butts noted that they would bring the new person on ahead of time and train with Mike for 2 to 3 weeks. Mr. Butts was asked how much of the \$60,000.00 contract price went to the research. He stated that it is minimal, probably about \$3,000.00. It was noted that the iguanas have been spotted as far as Manasota Key and Venice. Mr. Butts was asked how many trappers are in his district. He responded that within a 2-1/2 hour drive, he only has 2 people. If the second option is taken, he cannot guarantee the same employee. It would have to be a multitude of different people on a per diem basis, which depends on the time of year. Mike pointed out to the Board that the person would be put in a motel with meals paid for.

- Mr. Wells called for a motion to accept the \$60,000.00 contract. It was seconded and the Committee accepted unanimously.
- Ms. Raymond presented the following reports: the Activity Report dated October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010-2011 Draft Budget, and current Financial History Report. The Committee was asked to review all the reports and contact Ms. Musselman with any questions.
- Mr. Wells stated that he was very pleased with the road project. It was stated that there was some confusion about informing the residents before the paving project began. Another meeting with Ms. Musselman was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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