

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COLLIER LAND ACQUISITION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE “SPECIAL” MEETING

Naples, Florida, June 13, 2022

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 1:00 P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Administrative Building “F”, 3rd Floor, Collier County Government Complex Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Bill Poteet
VICE CHAIRMAN: Michele Lenhard (excused)
Michael Seef (via Zoom)
Gary Bromley
Brittany Patterson-Weber
David Corban
Karyn Allman (via Zoom)
Ron Clark
(Vacant Seat)

ALSO PRESENT: Summer Araque, Conservation Collier Program Coordinator
Kathlene Drew, Administrative Assistant (via Zoom)
Sally Ashkar, Assistant County Attorney
Mitchell Barazowski, Environmental Specialist
Melissa Hennig, Principal Environmental Specialist

Anyone in need of a verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the video recording from the Collier County Communications and Customer Relations Department, or view it online.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Poteet called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established, with seven members present.

A. Approval of CCLAAC members attending the meeting remotely

Mr. Bromley moved to allow Mr. Seef and Ms. Allman to participate via Zoom due to extraordinary circumstances. Second by Mr. Clark. Carried unanimously, 7-0.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Bromley moved to approve the agenda. Second by Mr. Corban. Carried unanimously, 7-0.

3. New Business

A. Acquisition Acceleration

Meredith Budd, of the Florida Wildlife Federation, said she attended the subcommittee meeting and appreciates staff work and the strategy. She noted there is a lot of merit to quarterly reviews and a lot of work that provides more time for Board review, enabling them to send it to the Board of County Commissioners in an expedited fashion. She supports moving forward with the process.

Richard Blana (via Zoom) said this process will help, especially in this real estate market, and it could then be done at a quicker pace.

Rosemary Tolliver (via Zoom) said if a property comes up during the first of the quarter and doesn't get voted to go through, will there be another opportunity to bring it forward later?

Ms. Araque said yes, there would be.

A discussion ensued and the following points were made:

- Sending target letters quarterly would require CCLAAC's approval.
- It would have to go to subcommittee, the committee and the BCC, requiring more meetings and a resolution.
- The quarterly ranking is a business step from a workload perspective.
- Quarterly mailings would be 250-500 letters, rather than 750 letters at once.
- Many letters sent last year went to the same people this year.
- The TPA is updated annually.
- Most of the developable areas already have been targeted.
- The last mailing totaled 600, which has grown to 700 this year.
- Letters cost about 50 cents to send, plus labor.
- If a property comes to the attention of County partners (i.e., Audubon and Florida Wildlife), they don't need a target letter and can just apply.
- The new process eliminates the need for the long nightly annual meeting; five ICS reports would be presented at the August meeting to be ranked.

Ms. Patterson-Weber accepted the executive summary and recommended sending it to the Board of County Commissioners. Second by Mr. Bromley. Carried unanimously, 7-0.

Ms. Budd thanked the Committee and asked if staff wanted more clarity. She said there's a limited budget

and there was a discussion at the Board meeting regarding the role of the CCLAAC in using project price in the ranking versus ecological value and to have the BCC make the decision. She asked if ecological value merits the price and asked if there was interest in using project price to go through quarterly rankings.

Chairman Poteet said there was a discussion by one commissioner, but no others, so they won't change it. They could revisit that if a purchase price comes up that exceeds that.

4. Coordinator Communications

A. BCC Items

Ms. Araque said this will be forwarded to the BCC for its July 12 meeting.

B. Miscellaneous Items

(None)

5. Chair Committee Member Comments

(None)

6. Public General Comments

Mr. Blana thanked the committee for the extra meetings, saying he appreciates the extra time they took. He urged them to keep up the good work.

7. Staff Comments

Ms. Araque thanked the Committee for meeting on such short notice and said that during the July 6 meeting, this would be revisited point-by-point.

Ms. Hennig said they will have larger reviews for five ICSs.

8. Next Meeting Date

July 6, 2022

9. Adjourn

Mr. Bromley moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Corban. Carried unanimously 7-0.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 10:33 a.m.

Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee



Bill Poteet, Chairman

These minutes were approved by the Board/Committee on 7-6-22 as presented, ✓ or as amended _____.