

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COLLIER LANDS EVALUATION
AND MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Naples, Florida, June 5, 2024

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Conservation Collier Lands Evaluation & Management Subcommittee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 10:30 AM in regular session at Growth Management Community Development 2800 N Horseshoe Dr Naples FL 34104, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Ron Clark
Michele Lenhard
Gary Bromley
John Courtright
Rhys Watkins
Nick Pearson (absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Mitch Barazowski, Environmental Specialist I
Kathlene Drew, Administrative Support Specialist II
Mathew Denison, Manager-Environmental
Summer Araque, Supervisor-Environmental

The meeting was held in person in Conference Room 609/610.

Ron Clark called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

1. Acceptance of Agenda

The Subcommittee accepted the agenda as presented.

2. Review of Minutes

None -no minutes to review.

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

Mitch Barazowski, Conservation Collier, presented the Brewer Parcels Interim Management Plan. Much discussion made regarding the naming of the preserve and at the conclusion of the discussion, the preserve will be known as Brewers Landing Preserve.

The following were discussed during the presentation:

- Purpose of Plan – to establish Conservation Collier management authority, provide short term management direction and balance flora and fauna management needs.
- Wildlife Management – this preserve is used for communal as a pre-migration roost for swallow-tailed kites. Birds from across the region stop to rest and recharge before flying to Brazil. Other listed species such as wading birds and panthers are likely present on the preserve.
- Vegetation Management – management of the vegetation of this preserve must be inline with the integrity and resiliency of the kite roost. Removal of the invasive vegetation that threatens the roost but will not have a such a dramatic removal that may threaten the roost.
- Recreation Management – this preserve will not be open to the public and will be kept as a resource protection due to the kite’s migration. The preserve is small, wet mostly year-round and sensitive to disturbance. Bird watching may occur from public roadways but will not be encouraged. The CREW Bird Rookery Swamp is less than 2 miles away with a 12-mile hiking trail.
- Preserve Safety & Security – concerns with trespassing, off-road vehicles, poaching, and disturbances related to wildlife watching. May require installation of fencing and gates. Will work with FWC to help in assisting with mitigation of any issues. No publicizing the Kite roost.
- Projected Operating Costs – limited vegetation treatments costing about \$6000-\$500 per acre annually. No mass removal will be done on this preserve so not to disturb the kite roost.

Additional discussion regarding signage for the preserve and the obtaining an address for the preserve & not posting the address on the Conservation Collier website. Concerns over local bird watching groups posting the preserve on social media platforms.

A motion was made to approve and move forward for CCLAAC's review of the Brewers Landing Preserve Interim Management Plan (IMP) by Gary Bromley, LEMS, John Courtright, LEMS, second the motion, vote taken, motion carried unanimously.

5. Coordinator & Staff Updates

None

6. Public Comments

None

7. Subcommittee Member Comments

No additional comments made by the Subcommittee.

8. Next Subcommittee Meeting

Next meeting TBD

9. Adjournment

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 11:28 A.M.

**Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee -
Lands Evaluation and Management Subcommittee**

Ron Clark, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented _____ or as amended _____.