June 10, 2009

The Honorable Donna Fiala, Chairman and Members of the Collier County Board of County Commissioners 3301 East Tamiami Trail Naples, Florida, 34112

Dear Chairman Fiala and Commissioners:

The Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee ("the Committee") on June 5, 2009, asked me, as its Chairman, to submit a letter to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) advising that the Committee has completed its functions, powers and duties as provided for in Section 4 of Board Resolution 2007-305A which was adopted on October 24, 2007. These functions, powers, and duties included the research and preparation of both the Phase 1 Report (review of the Rural Lands Stewardship Program activities during the first 5 years) and the Phase II Report (review and recommendations regarding the Rural Lands Stewardship Overlay).

The Committee wishes to thank the Board for its support to proceed with a special Growth Management Plan Amendment Cycle for considering the Committee recommendations to improve the Rural Lands Stewardship Area Overlay of the Future Land Use Element of the Growth Management Plan. These recommendations are contained within the Phase II Report which was heard during the public hearing held before the Board on April 21, 2009. The Committee feels strongly that the process it followed allowed for maximum public participation in the Committee's meetings and assisted the Committee in making its findings and recommendations.

As Chairman, my job was made easier through the very dedicated members who actively served on the Committee including Neno Spagna, Vice-Chairman, Brad Cornell, Zach Floyd Crews, Gary Eidson, David Farmer, Jim Howard, Tom Jones, Bill McDaniel, Timothy Nance, Tammie Nemecek, Fred N. Thomas, Jr., and Dave Wolfley.

On behalf of the Committee, it has been a pleasure to serve the Board and Collier County while completing this project in a timely manner as originally set forth in the Project Management Plan. Please plan to keep me and the members of the Committee informed of the progress of our recommendations as they are addressed in the Growth Management Plan Amendment Cycle.

Very sincerely yours,

Ron Hamel, Chairman Rural Lands ? Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee

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CC: County Manager James V. Mudd