

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COLLIER LAND ACQUISITION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Naples, Florida, August 9, 2021

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 9:00 A.M. in REGULAR SESSION at Administrative Building “F”, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Collier County Government Complex Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Bill Poteet

VICE CHAIRMAN: Michele Lenhard  
Michael Seef (via Zoom)  
Gary Bromley  
Brittany Patterson-Weber  
Thomas J. Iandimarino (Excused)  
Hannah Rinaldi (via Zoom)  
David Corban  
Carl Kuehner (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Summer Araque, Conservation Collier Program Coordinator  
Jennifer Belpedio, Assistant County Attorney  
Melissa Hennig, Regional Manager, Parks and Recreation  
Christal Segura, Sr. Environmental Specialist  
Mitchell Barazowski, Environmental Specialist  
Molly Duvall, Sr. Environmental Specialist

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**I. Roll Call**

**Chairman Poteet** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established by those present in person.

*Ms. Lenhard moved to allow Ms. Rinaldi and Mr. Seef to participate via Zoom due to an extraordinary circumstance. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

**II. Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Lenhard moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**III. Approval of July 12, 2021 minutes**

*Ms. Lenhard moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**IV. New Business**

**A. Acquisition Cycle 10**

**Ms. Araque** presented the “Cycle 10 ISC Presentations for August 9, 2021” noting that the process involves the initial worksheets being reviewed today and if an application meets 2 of the 6 required criteria, the Committee may vote to move the properties forward for the preparation of a complete Initial Criteria Screening Report.

She presented the following applications for review noting they all meet at least 2 of the 6 screening criteria.

**1. Dr. Robert H. Gore III Preserve area parcels**

**Argay Estate (7.05 acres), Kenneth Cedeno (2.81), Eugene D’angelo (5), Charles Edwin Bailey (1.14), Carol Rudnick - DONATION (1.59)**

Total Area = 17.59 acres

**Ms. Araque** noted that the Rudnick parcel was recently added to the list and is proposed for donation.

The Committee noted that if a property is donated to the Program, it is not required to go through the standard Cycle and ranking process, however the Rudnik parcel should be included in the ICSR with the other properties to ensure there are no unforeseen issues which would prevent the County from acquiring the parcel.

*Ms. Lenhard to accept the Initial Screening Criteria Worksheet for above referenced parcels and requested Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report for the properties. Second by Ms. Rinaldi. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**2. Josef Magdalener property near Shell Island preserve**

Property Owner: Josef Magdalener

Parcel(s) acreage: 18.73 Property Location: Adjacent to Shell Island Preserve, SE of Collier Blvd and Port Au Prince Drive

**Ms. Duvall** presented the application.

During Committee discussions it was noted that there is a drainage canal on the property however it is not considered or connected to any navigable waters.

*Ms. Lenhard moved to accept the Initial Screening Criteria Worksheet for the Josef Magdlaner application and requested Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report for the property. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**3. Emily Arnold property near Pepper Ranch Preserve**

Property Owner Emily Arnold Parcel(s) acreage: 5 acres Property Location: Adjacent to the south side of the Pepper Ranch Preserve south of Trafford Oaks Road Immokalee, FL

**Ms. Segura** presented the application.

During Committee discussion it was noted that there is a fence line as part of the cattle lease on the Pepper Ranch Preserve across from the property and it may be beneficial to investigate the feasibility of installing some type of gate to allow ingress and egress to the Arnold property. Additionally, there is a possible driveway encroaching on the property which should be investigated.

*Ms. Lenhard moved to accept the Initial Screening Criteria Worksheet for the Emily Arnold application and requested Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report for the properties. Second by Ms. Patterson-Weber. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**4. Eugene Erjavec property near Rivers Road preserve**

Property Owner: Eugene Erjavec Parcel(s) acreage: 4.92 acres Property Location: 1760 Krape Road near Rivers Road Preserve.

**Mr. Barazowski** presented the applications. He noted that the Popp parcel is within the target area and already been approved by the Committee to move forward for an ISCR. The Steven and Shari Eschuk property of 4.78 acres was recently added to the list.

*Mr. Seef moved to accept the Initial Screening Criteria Worksheet for Eugene Erjavec and Steven and Shari Eschuk applications and requested Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report for the properties.*

Committee discussion occurred, noting that it would be beneficial to incorporate the Popp parcel into the ISCR for these properties.

*Mr. Seef amended the motion and moved to accept the Initial Screening Criteria Worksheet for Eugene Erjavec and Eschuk applications and requested Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report for the properties. Said Report to include the Popp property previously recommended by the Committee. Second by Mr. Corban. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**5. Panther Walk area parcels Timothy R and Jenett Johnson (1.14 acres), Veronica Haughton (2.73), Barry L Grossman Trust (2.73), Isabel Gonzalez (1.14), Charles W Hackmann (2.73), Virginia M Meyer Trust (1.59), Linda and Charles E Anderson Jr (1.14, 2.27), Kroneman Express (2.27), David Joyce (2.27), D&J Investors LLC (1.14), David V Wright (1.14), Sandra Burns (1.14), Kathleen Macrina (1.14), Paul Edward Moylan (2.73), Maribeth L Selvig (1.1)**

**Mr. Barazowski** presented the applications, noting that they comprise 37.31 acres in total

**Chairman Poteet** expressed concern on acquiring properties in the target area as it would be another multi parcel project and there are already 2 within the Program. The process to complete acquisition of all the properties will be time consuming. Additionally, it may present management challenges by the acquisition of noncontiguous properties.

**Ms. Araque** noted that the properties located within Horsepen Strand, are part of the County's Watershed Management Plan and identified for preservation however there is no funding outside of Conservation Collier available for acquisition of the properties.

**Other Members** noted that the area is characterized by wetland and contains wildlife habitat. If the properties are acquired, they could be held for a time with minimal management activities.

**Speaker**

**Meredith Budd, Florida Wildlife Federation** noted that she supports acquisition of the properties as they are identified in the County's Watershed Management Plan.

**Chairman Poteet** requested that staff determine the costs of acquisition for all the properties identified in the target area if the Committee votes to move the acquisitions forward in the process.

*Ms. Lenhard moved to accept the Initial Screening Criteria Worksheet for the above referenced parcels and requested Staff to prepare an Initial Criteria Screening Report for the above referenced properties. Second by Mr. Seef. Carried unanimously 7 – 0.*

**B. Acquisition Cycle 10 – updates on applications received**

**Ms. Araque** provided the spreadsheet "*Summary of Application's Received*" which outlined the properties currently in the Cycle. She noted that there are 41 applications under consideration with 37 in Target Protection Areas and 2 more applications are anticipated to be submitted by landowners.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Preserve Updates**

**Ms. Segura** provided the following updates:

Pepper Ranch – Exotic plant removal conducted on 676 acres in May and an additional 722 acres slated for treatment soon in coordination with FWC.

Nancy Payton Preserve – Prescribed burns to be conducted soon, weather permitting.

Red Root Preserve – Prescribed burning slated for September.

Red Maple Swamp – Letters sent out to landowners to determine any interest in selling their properties to the County with 1 response to date.

**VI. Coordinator Communications**

**A. BCC Items – None since the last meeting**

**B. Meetings for 2022 – scheduled for first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.**

**Ms. Araque** reported that the new meeting schedule has been finalized.

**C. Miscellaneous Items**

**Ms. Araque** reported that research continues to determine any changes in policies that may be required for the County to acquire parcels adjacent to existing preserves without them being routed through the normal Cycle and ranking process.

**VII. Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Lands Evaluation & Management** – Chair, Bill Poteet - Next meeting September 8, 2021.

**B. Outreach** – Chair, Brittany Patterson-Weber - The last meeting was held on March 24, 2021.

**C. Policy and Rules** – Chair selected Tom Iandimarino at last meeting July 28, 2021

**VIII. Chair Committee Member Comments**

None

**IX. Public General Comments**

None

**X. Staff Comments**

None

**XI. Next Meeting Date**

September 13, 2021

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 10:40A.M.**

**Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee**

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**Bill Poteet, Chairman**

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