



Land Management

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AGENDA **LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 14, 2024 at 3:30 PM

**Government Services Building, First Floor Conference Room
1769 East Moody Boulevard, Building 2, Bunnell, Florida 32110**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Review and Approval of July 25, 2024 minutes
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Review of A and B rankings
 - b) Update on Marlow and Pringle Properties
- 5) New Business
 - a) McCraney Property (recommendation for or against purchase)
 - b) Cowart Property (consideration to add to A or B list)
- 6) Committee Comments
- 7) Public Comments
- 8) Adjournment

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Andy Dance
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

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District 3

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District 4

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District 5

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MINUTES
Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 3:30 PM
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1. **Roll Call:** There was a quorum present.
Members Present: Elayne Byrd, Ann Moore, Susan Anderson, Brynn Newton
Absent: Anne Wilson, Carl Laundrie, Jane Davis

Staff Present: Mike Lagassé, Ralph Risch, Simone Kenny
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Review and Approval of June 12, 2024, LAC Meeting Minutes**
 Motion: Motion to Approve the June 12, 2024, Minutes
 Motion By: Ann Moore
 Motion 2nd by Susan Anderson
 Vote: Motion approved by unanimous vote
4. **Old Business**
 - a) **Follow-Up Marlow Property, McCraney, and Pringle**

Marlow Property
 Michael Lagassé reviewed for the Committee previous discussions about the Marlow property, 5.15 acres north of the Hammock Dunes Bridge which he has recently toured and described as “beautiful.” A well-used trail built either by the previous owners or the nearby time share occupants runs to the live-oak-lined water’s edge. There is a pending dispute over whether the City of Palm Coast will make repairs. There has been no verification of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers conservation easement but the public use of the trail could constitute a prescriptive easement. He has advised the owners that Flagler County would not be as fast as with a private purchaser. There are several openings on the land acquisition priority list due to recent acquisitions.
 Motion: Motion to Approve add the Marlow Property to the Priority “A” List
 Motion By: Elayne Byrd
 Motion 2nd by Susan Anderson
 Vote: Motion approved by unanimous vote
 Brynn Newton suggested that Committee Chair Anne Wilson contact Palm Coast on behalf of the Committee to let them know that the LAC wants to keep this project “in the works.”

McCraney Property
 Michael Lagassé reported that negotiations for this property abutting a Flagler County park on Bull Creek are now being conducted with Margie McCraney. Matt McCraney is the authorized representative. A two-part appraisal will be conducted, contemplating various configurations of purchase, *i.e.*, land-only, existing house, or all or selected parcels.

Pringle Property
 The Pringle property is still being negotiated and could be worked out by October. If negotiations have proceeded sufficiently, last year’s \$3 million allocation by the State specifically for this purchase could be extended.

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b) LAC Overall Review

Hansford Property. Elayne Byrd reported that the Washington Oaks State Gardens manager said WOSG would manage the property but no funds have been allocated yet by the Park Service. The appraisal was way below the asking price but Mr. Hansford “made it happen.” The land sold for \$2.4 million and is now state land.

Acquisitions to Date. Michael Lagassé is compiling a map of properties that have been acquired through the Environmentally Sensitive Lands program.

Potential Acquisition. St. Johns County realtor and environmentalist Pat Hamilton is pursuing a potential river-to-road acquisition south of Marineland, a parcel surrounded by a cemetery.

Flagler County is seeking collaboration with a land trust to assist with identification and acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands.

5. New Business

2024/2025 Legislative Appropriation

Michael Lagassé reported that Flagler County was allocated \$3 million from the state last year, to be spent on five properties which we could not vary from. The Pringle property is being actively pursued and the allotment could be extended if negotiations progress. The new Legislative appropriation for 2025 is \$10 million earmarked with a “preference” toward lands within the proposed Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Michael Lagassé has met with the Cowart family who are considering selling conservation easements.

The Strickland property next to Shell Bluff Park has already been sold.

The Jacoby River to Sea property is “back on the table,” involving an expansion of the University of Florida’s Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience operations.

6. Committee Comments

Michael Lagassé announced that he has taken a new job, as the Environmental Division Manager within the Growth Management Department for St. Johns County. He will direct the St. Johns Land Acquisition and Management Program (LAMP), environmental permitting, beach services, code enforcement, and the County’s Habitat Conservation Plan.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn.

Motion By: Ann Moore

Motion 2nd by: Elayne Byrd

Vote: Motion approved by unanimous vote at 4:36 p.m.