



Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative

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Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

Via WebEx

(561) 682-6800 (WPB Local Number)

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I. Attendance –

The following committee members were in attendance:

Albrey Arrington, Loxahatchee River District
Deborah Drum, Palm Beach County
Don Donaldson, Martin County
Pat Magrogran, Friends of the Loxahatchee River
David Brown, Town of Jupiter
Mike Martinez, Jupiter Inlet District
Mike Dillon, South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD)
Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
Steve Weagle, Public at Large, Resident

An attendance sheet is attached for public attendees.

II. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

III. Old / New Business

A. Old Business

1. Review and approval of October 19, 2020 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes was offered by Deb Drum and seconded by Pat Magrogran; the minutes were approved unanimously.

B. New Business

1. FY22 Legislative Request / House Appropriations Request Update

Ed Chase provided a legislative update to the committee. Sponsors exist presently for six of the eight projects that were prioritized. Representative Snyder is sponsoring Sawfish Island Restoration Project and possibly Seminole Avenue Stormwater Basin Improvements. Confirmation on sponsoring Seminole Avenue SW Basin Improvements is expected in the coming days. Representative Roth is sponsoring Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Living Shoreline, Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance, Sims Creek Preserve Hydrologic Restoration, and the Section 7 Drainage Improvement Project. Ed agreed to speak with Representative Hardy regarding sponsorship of the two unsponsored projects, Pennock Industrial Park Stormwater Improvements and Loxahatchee River Sediment Study. Senator Harrell will present all projects on the Senate side.

2. FY21/22 Voting Member / Selection of Officers

The committee voted for the Selection of Officers to remain the same. Don Donaldson offered a motion and Mike Martinez seconded the motion. The FY21/22 Selection of Officers was approved unanimously as follows:

Chair:	Albrey Arrington, Loxahatchee River District
Vice Chair:	Deborah Drum, Palm Beach County ERM
Secretary:	David Brown, Town of Jupiter

3. Agency Update

Mike Martinez updated everyone on the current Jupiter Inlet District dredging efforts as well as other restoration projects.

Albrey Arrington noted the recent receipt of an FDEP grant to assist with a pilot study to evaluate the deployment of nano diffused ozone within Jones Creek to improve water quality. David Brown also added that the neighborhood canal improvement district does look like it will also be moving forward, concurrently.

Deb Drum mentioned that PBC is undertaking dredging/shoreline restoration at Juno Beach.

4. Other Business

Deb Drum noted that it may be necessary for the LRPI to reinstate in-person meetings based on the Governor's order relating to public groups operating under the Sunshine Laws. Laura/Nestor are to evaluate if this is true. If so, David agreed to look into hosting upcoming meetings at a larger venue such as the Jupiter Community Center.

Laura Cory, South Florida Water Management District, announced that she would be retiring in April and this would be her last LRPI meeting. She noted a replacement to the LRPI will be named shortly.

Adjourn

2020 Initiative Meeting Schedule

April 12: General Meeting

June 14: Distribution of FY22 Initiative Funding Request Applications

July 12: Confirm allocation of project funding

August 02: FY22 Funding Request Applications due

August 09: Presentation of FY22 projects and committee ranking

October 18: General Meeting



SIGN-IN SHEET

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NAME	AGENCY	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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Albrey Arrington	Loxahatchee River	
Deborah Drum	PBC	
Don Donaldson	Martin Co	
Pat Maggrogan	Friends of the Loxahatchee River	
Mike Dillon	SIRWCD	
Brittany George	Jupiter	
Laura Corry	SFWMD	
Steve Weagle	Public at Large, Resident	
Nestor Garrido	SFWMD	
Mike Martinez	Jupiter Inlet District	
Jim Davis	Jupiter Inlet District	
Ed Chase	PBC	
Diane	PBC	
David Brown	Jupiter	
Matt	Tequesta	
Gary Ritter	Farm Bureau	