



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER  
PRESERVATION  
INITIATIVE

## Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative

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### Meeting Minutes - Amended

April 12, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

Via WebEx

(561) 682-6800 (WPB Local Number)

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#### I. Attendance

An attendance list is included at the end of these minutes. The following committee members were not in attendance:

Albrey Arrington, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District  
Steve Weagle, Public at Large, Resident

#### II. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

#### III. Old / New Business

##### A. Old Business

##### 1. Review and approval of the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes

Deb Drum provided articulated that the February 1, 2021 meeting sign-in sheet should correct “Diane of PBC” to “Dianne Hughes of Martin County” and “Matt of Tequesta” to “Matt Hammond of Village of Tequesta.” A motion to approve the February 1, 2021 minutes as amended, was offered by Don Donaldson and seconded by Pat Magrogan; the minutes were approved unanimously.

##### B. New Business

##### 1. FY22 Legislative Funding Request

Ed Chase provided a legislative update to the committee. Section 7 (SIRWCD) is currently appearing in the House budget on page 232, line 1607 A with an amount of \$176,525. There is no funding initially appearing in the Senate budget. There will be an amendment offered in Senate Appropriations for \$250,000 that will not be project specific.

**2. Tracking of LRPI project expenditures and appropriations**

Deb Drum requested that SFWMD/FDEP reinstate the routine updating and distribution of our LRPI project appropriations and expenditures spreadsheet. Nestor agreed to obtain the latest version and follow up.

On a related note, David Brown noted that Jupiter Inlet Village Stormwater Improvements Project is now fully completed and substantially under budget. Of the \$628,760 grant funding made available, \$366,445.30 remains for reallocation to other projects as the committee so decides.

**3. Agency Update - Jones Creek**

David Brown updated the committee on the ongoing efforts to re-establish sunlight penetration to the Jones Creek canal surfaces through a vegetative trimming and Bud Howard noted the grant received to employ nano bubble ozone treatment within the canals. Both efforts are targeting very high bacteria levels which are greatly impacting overall water quality in the Jones Creek tributary.

**4. Other Business**

Mike Martinez updated the group on the dredging processes on the beach and the living shorelines project which is anticipated to commence May 2021.

**5. LRPI to reinstate in-person meetings based on the Governor's order relating to public groups operating under the Sunshine Laws.**

Nestor Garrido offered that he believes meetings may continue online. Deb Drum noted the Committee will follow the District's guidance.

*Adjourn* – Moved by Don Donaldson, seconded by Mike Martinez

**2021 Initiative Meeting Schedule**

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



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**April 12, 2021**  
**Meeting Attendance List**  
 Via WebEx

NAME	AGENCY
Deborah Drum	Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management
David Brown	Town of Jupiter
Don Donaldson	Martin County
Mike Dillon	South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD)
John Lakich	Jonathan Dickinson State Park, division of FDEP
Libby Pigman (for Laura Corry)	South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
Mike Martinez	Jupiter Inlet District
Patricia Magrogan	Friends of the Loxahatchee River
Matt Hammond	Village of Tequesta
Nestor Garrido	South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
Brittany George	Town of Jupiter
Richard Roberts	Public
Bud Howard	Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District
Jim Davis	Jupiter Inlet District
Joe Chaison	Jupiter Inlet District
Anne Cox	Public
Ed Chase	Palm Beach County