



Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative
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Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

Environmental Education Manager River Center
Loxahatchee River District
805 N US Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477

I. Attendance

A quorum was established with the following LRPI members being physically present:

Albrey Arrington (LRD); Deb Drum (PBC); Don Donaldson (Martin County); Pat Magrogan (landowner representative); Mike Martinez (JID); Matt Hammond (Tequesta).

An attendance list is included at the end of these minutes.

II. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public

III. Old / New Business

A. Old Business

1. Review and approval of the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes

Deb Drum made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes as revised, and the motion was seconded by Mike Martinez. The motion was passed with unanimous support.

2. Discuss 2021 legislative funding

Albrey discussed Senator Powell's letter (dated July 14, 2021) sent to FDEP requesting reallocation of all unspent funds (~\$366,445) to support the Sawfish Island Restoration Project, which was LRPI's top-ranked project for FY2021.

Deb Drum informed the LRPI that \$370,185.30 in unspent funds remains from the TOJ project. While these funds do not equal the \$500,000 requested by PBC for Sawfish Island restoration, they will be instrumental in the completion of this important project.

Don Donaldson summarized the current LRPI fund prioritization process as follows: *"Any time LRPI works with a pot of funds, these funds are distributed to LRPI projects by rank order. If the legislature earmarks funds for a specific project, LRPI will support the legislature's ear marks."*

B. New Business

1. Confirmation of project funding allocation – discussed above
2. Review project ranking process

In light of the legislative funding process changes in recent years, the Committee discussed the need to update the Project Scoring Sheet. Deb Drum made the following motion:

“To add a categorical tier to the ‘LRPI Project Selection Criteria’ to ‘include’ or ‘not include’ a project on a tanking list by simple majority vote. All other existing project selection criteria remain and will result in a priority ranked projects list.”

The motion was seconded by Don Donaldson, and the motion passed with unanimous support by the LRPI Committee.

3. Agency Update

Mike Martinez introduced himself as it was the first time he attended a meeting in person.

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, SFWMD Governing Board Member, expressed her appreciation of the Loxahatchee River and offered her support to the LRPI membership.

4. Other Business

Albrey reminded everyone that project proposals are due on August 2nd, 2021

The motion to adjourn was made by Don Donaldson, seconded by Matt Hammond, and approved unanimously.

2021 Initiative Meeting Schedule

August 02: FY22 Funding Request Applications due

August 09: Presentation of FY22 projects and committee ranking

October 18: General Meeting

