



Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative

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Meeting Minutes

By Allyson Felsburg, Village of Tequesta, Alt., Secretary

June 9, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

**Town of Jupiter Utilities Field Office
3133 Washington Street
Jupiter, FL 33458**

(MEETING MINUTES/ NOTES ARE IN BLUE BELOW)

Chair Deb Drum called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

1. Attendance

Committee membership list

Deb Drum, Chair (Palm Beach County) – *Present*
John Maehl, Vice Chair (Martin County) – *Present*
Allyson Felsburg, alternate for Marjorie Craig, Secretary (Village of Tequesta) – *Present*
Albrey Arrington (Loxahatchee River District-alternate) – *Present*
Amanda Barnes (Town of Jupiter) – *Present*
Dustin Fazio alternate for Chad Kennedy (IRWCD) – *Present*
Patricia Magrogan (PBC Landowner Representative) – *Present*
Jim Davis (Jupiter Inlet District) – *Present*
Scott Duncan (Jonathan Dickinson State Park, division of FDEP) – *Absent*
John Melson (Martin County Landowner Representative) – *Present*
Jon Moore (FDEP) – *Present*
Sara Ouly (SFWMD) - *Present*

2. Review/adoption of agenda

- Albrey Arrington moved adoption
- Jim Davis seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously

3. Review/adoption of April 7, 2025 meeting minutes

Minutes for the April 7, 2025, meeting are not yet ready for review. Review and adoption of these minutes will occur at the next meeting. This item was removed from the agenda

4. Old & New Business

1. Old Business

1. Legislative Update

- There are no major updates to report. State legislatures are currently planning to work this week and aim to complete the final budget vote on the 16th.
- This is the last meeting for Ed Chaise as an official representative. He is

retiring 7/8/25

- a. Casey is moving into Ed's position
- b. Many thanks from the LRPI for advocacy and continued support from Ed through the years.

2. Distribution of final version of grant support letter

- i. Changes noted in the previous meeting were incorporated into the copy that was distributed at this meeting. The letter includes fillable portions to be filled in by requesting entity and submitted to the chair and Committee for support of projects
- ii. A request for a letter of support was originally made by members, John Maehl and Deb Drum drafted the letter and this is what can be expected moving forward.
- iii. Jon Moore is abstaining from voting
- iv. Amanda Barnes noted an edit, addition of "the" in last sentence. This will be corrected in the final letter.
- v. Patricia Magrogan moved adoption
- vi. Albrey Arrington seconded the motion
- vii. The motion passed unanimously except for Jon Moore abstained

2. New Business

1. Committee member alternates

- i. Tequesta submitted a formal notice identifying the alternate for their committee members
- ii. Members are encouraged to attend ranking meetings
- iii. Alternates are needed for times of increased absences
- iv. If a member entity would like to identify a formal alternate, please send a letter for the record for who the designated alternate will be. You do not have to designate an alternative but if you decide to designate an alternate, please send Jenny and Deb a formal letter. The letter provided by the Village of Tequesta was circulated for reference.
- v. Alternates can vote except for the ranking projects. Provisions exist in the bylaws that provide for scoring in advance if you are unable to make the ranking meeting, however, you will be unable to view the presentations.
- vi. If members believe that a more formal process is required related to member alternates, it can be discussed at a later date.

2. Distribution of FY27 Initiative Funding Request Applications

- i. Applications due no later than 5pm July 28th to Jenny Cadet at jcadet@sfwmd.gov.
- ii. More advanced submission is appreciated. The order that applications are submitted is the order they will be presented.
- iii. There is a change in criteria compared to last year's application and ranking. There is a new requirement for approval of the project by the council or board for the requesting entity. If you would like to submit a project not included in your budget or CIP, you must receive approval/support of your project from your respective board or council

through a resolution or approval in a documented format.

- iv. Applications were distributed electronically and sent to those on the interested parties list

3. Presentation by Jupiter Inlet District: Project Update on River Mile 6: the Oxbow Restoration Project: presented by Joe Chaison

- i. Question from Jon Moore related to depths and planning and design of the project
- ii. Deb stated that there is a fungus that has been observed on planted mangroves in Lake Worth Lagoon. Joe has not seen this but will reach out to Deb if that changes.
- iii. Deb asked if there is a plan to do more work or if the projects will come forward for consideration. Joe stated that this was one of the last projects of this kind. It is important to be cautious about restoration versus alterations. No projects are planned at this time.

4. Presentation by JD State Park: Kitching Creek Restoration

- i. Presenter not present. Removed from the agenda
- ii. JD was in the Wall Street Journal as one of five most outstanding parks – Noted by Patricia Magrogan

5. Identify topics for July 7th meeting

- i. Discussion related to meeting on July 7th. Albrey supports cancellation. Due to others being unable to attend this meeting has been cancelled.
- ii. LRPI will provide an update by email to members and interested parties regarding decisions on legislative funding and budget. An update will hopefully be provided within the next few days.
- iii. August 4th meeting will be longer because presentations will be given by applicants. Applicants will be given no more than 10 minutes per presentation. Applications will be provided to committee members prior to this meeting. It is advised to come with a review of the applications completed. Deb and Jenny will tally the scores of applicants from all members and provide the final ranking that day. Applicants are responsible for house forms and finding a sponsor, LRPI will assist if needed. Senate forms will be submitted by LRPI.
- iv. Deb will ask JD Park to present in October

5. Other Business / Member Announcements

- 1. Upcoming Meetings: July 7th (cancelled), August 4, October 20
- 2. Patricia Magrogan stated Ed Chaise has been here since the beginning and he has been instrumental to this organization, keeping us together and keeping the money coming in
- 3. Jon Moore stated that the FDEP Division of Water Restoration Assistance is ready for a presentation to be given in October: Nathan Jagoda, Program Administrator. Possible virtual presentation if in person is not available.
- 4. Allyson Felsburg provided an update on Dover Ditch Living Shoreline: project is currently out to bid with a handful of interested parties attending the prebid

- meeting; the project should be completed within 2-3 months after awarded.
5. Amanda Barnes provided an update on Pennock Industrial Park water quality improvements. Project is partially completed and should be done in a month
 6. Additionally, the Busch Rd project should be completed by the end of the year
 7. Palm Beach County Lox Slough restoration FDEP grant funding for \$300,00 matching
 8. Bald eagle nest observed
 9. Jupiter Inlet has been dredged as of the end of April. 104,650 cubic yards dredged

6. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

7. Adjourn

- Jim Davis moved adjournment
- John Maehl seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM

Next 2025 LRP Initiative Meeting:

- August 4th: Ranking and presentations meeting