



CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE



Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee Conservation Charlotte is a program of Charlotte County Government

Oct. 4, 2021 - 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Community Services/Centennial Park
Small Multi-Purpose Recreation Room
1120 Centennial Park
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Agenda

Public Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Minutes: April 19, 2021 to be Approved
- III. Old Business:
 1. Amberjack LMP
 2. Referendum Renewal discussion
- IV. New Business
 1. Amberjack short term action steps
- V. Staff Reports
 1. Land Management Update
 2. HCP Update
 3. Coastal Update
 4. Manager Comments
- VII. Members Comments

Next Meeting: Field Trip (TBD)

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ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Oct. 4, 2021 – 3 PM to 4:30 PM

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Members Present

Jack Pryor
Dianne Quilty
Shaun O'Rourke

Charlotte County Staff

Tina Powell, NR Div. Mgr.
Jamie Scudera, NR
Jason Thompson, NR
Jane Ravella, Sr. Admin. Asst.

Members Absent

Ed Toth
Alan Maki
Derek Miller
Benton Hester

Guests

Brandon Moody
Betsy Calvert

Call to order

The October 4, 2021 meeting of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Jack Pryor.

ROLL CALL – Jane Ravella

Motion to Accept the Minutes of **April 19, 2021** was pulled to the next meeting, due to lack of committee members.

- I. **Old Business** – Jack Pryor asked didn't we talk about Amberjack at the last meeting? Tina said she just wanted to let everyone know that they have taken all the comments she received and included it in the report. Within the next few days, it will be on the website for all to see. In fact, Jamie has put all the final Land Management Plans on the website in the respective park pages.

Referendum Renewal Discussion – Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager – Introduction to our Committee, spoke of his background, what he's learning about our area and how he can help with Water Quality. He asked for feedback, what their

thoughts would be for the Conservation Charlotte program which has been about Land acquisition; do we want to add Water Quality to the program. This will be coming up before the Board in 2024.

II. **New Business – Amberjack Short Term action steps**

Jason and crew are now working on the 5-year action steps for Amberjack. Step 1 is to prepare for a burn management hopefully in West County; Step 2 will be exotic control; Step 3 is mechanical treatment; Step 4 is reducing overstory of 45 trees in unit 5, 45 in unit 6, and 10 in unit 12.

I. **Staff Reports**

Land Management Update – Jason Thompson – 45 acres mulched between Tippecanoe, Peace River, and Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. 200 acres overstory was done at Shell Creek, Tippecanoe, Prairie Creek and Oyster Creek. 62 acres had exotic treatments at Shell Creek, Tippe and Tippe II, Prairie Creek, Oyster Creek and Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. We are also working with Mote Marine with the introduction of Red Fish and Snook to be released on one of our properties. As for the Scrub Jay they had 126 at Tippecanoe II, Prairie Creek and Tippecanoe; 27 juveniles and 32 families. We are in good standing in our 15-year goals.

HCP Update – Jamie Scudera – A map is attached that shows HCP Acquired 355 acres (red), Conservation Easement 13 acres (blue) and Existing County Owned (yellow). Biscayne Trust is now county owned and can be actively managed and can be fenced.

Coastal Update – Jamie Scudera – at the next meeting I will have a better count on our turtle season, the numbers are being crunched right now. What we do have from my staff is Sea Turtle on our beaches 1,681; 1588 – Logger Head; 92 Greens; 1 Kemp's Ridley. It appears that they love the new beaches. One of our volunteers was testing out "hot pepper" which helped keep predators away.

Manager Comments – Tina Powell – Jamie working along with a consultant on the HCP Take Survey which is part of our every 5 years done in areas that have had the most issued building permits.

Tina also Cedar Point has been renovated, display redone for Educational information.

New Brochures are being updated for Blueways Trails, and Land Management Trail maps. We are also updating signage on our Kiosks.

Field Trip – one already reviewed, or one that will be reviewed next – Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park / Oyster Creek Environmental Park.

Members Comments: None

Adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jane Ravella

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