



Nassau County
Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM)
Committee Agenda
July 06, 2022
5:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2022, meeting
4. Project Ranking Discussion
5. Next Steps
6. Public Comment

**Nassau County
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April 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
County Commission Chambers,
James S. Page Governmental Complex
Yulee, Florida**

A Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM) Committee meeting was held this 20th day of January 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, James S. Page Governmental Complex, Yulee, Florida.

Chair Carvalho called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. She noted several board members would be late due to traffic, and the meeting would reconvene at 5:15 p.m.. Chair Carvalho reconvened the board at 5:17 p.m.

Present Committee Members were Brandy Carvalho, Bill Watson, Bill Korn, Chris Hill, and Leonard Wood. Also present were Denise May, Assistant County Attorney; Taco Pope, County Manager; Holly Coyle, Assistant Planning Director; and Heather Nazworth, Deputy Clerk.

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Wood, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting as presented with the minor corrections requested.

Ms. Pegeen Hanrahan, Finance Director of Southeast Conservation, came forward and presented a PowerPoint to review the Conservation Finance Feasibility Report Update. She noted that Nassau County requested the research, and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation funds the research. She briefly discussed Trust for Public Land, the locations of research conducted, the ballot measures that passed, and the company's success rate. She reviewed the process at which they are currently at with Nassau County and the Campaign literature presented in the past. Ms. Hanrahan stated that the research is complete and is available for review. She discussed the key findings from the research conducted and the polling. She advised that New Bridge Strategy did the polling, and 300 surveys were conducted by registered voters located throughout Nassau County. She discussed the data collected from Nassau County, which included the proposed ballot language. Ms. Hanrahan discussed the program recommendations, with the funding source as bonds of \$30 million for conservation over 30 years, to be recommended at the November 2022 election. There will need to be citizen oversight, and as required by *Florida Statute*, there is full disclosure of all spending. She recommended that local governments remain hands-off to avoid favoritism in a specific direction. The group further discussed the community events and the ballot measures for citizens.

Ms. Coyle came forward and presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the bond referendum language for the ballot. She requested the recommendation to accept the ballot language as presented and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners

directs the Supervisor of Elections to place the bond referendum on the November 2022 ballot.

It was moved by Mr. Korn, seconded by Mr. Watson, and unanimously carried to approve and accept the bond referendum ballot language as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Korn, seconded by Mr. Wood, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to direct the Supervisor of Elections to place the bond referendum on the November 2022 ballot.

Next, Ms. Coyle discussed Item 5, *CLAM Nomination Update*. She provided the Board with a map representing all 750 nominated parcels. She stated that two areas were added to the CLAM map. The total areas are as follows: Atlantic to Okeefenokee Corridor, Amelia Conservation, Northeast Florida Timberlands Osceola Greenway, East Nassau Conservation, Central Nassau Conservation, and Western Nassau Conservation areas. She stated that staff has been reviewing parcels to evaluate and is requesting to provide the findings in May 2022 and the Board of County Commissioners with the recommendations in June 2022. Further discussion ensued regarding the scoring and recommendations.

Ms. Coyle reviewed Item 6, *Meeting Schedule update*. She provided the Committee with an updated meeting schedule. She proposed the next meeting to be held Thursday, May 19, 2022, and the second committee meeting Thursday, June 16, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Wood, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed dates as stated.

Ms. Margret Kirkland came forward and provided feedback on the polling call she received. She stated she is excited regarding the study and work the CLAM committee is completing.

It was moved by Mr. Korn, seconded by Mr. Watson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.