



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 31, 2022 2:00 pm

The River Center
805 N. US Highway 1
Jupiter, FL 33477

Next Meeting is March 28, 2022

I. Call to Order

Chairman Albrey Arrington called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm

II. Roll Call

U.S Fish & Wildlife Service Andrew Eastwick	Not Present
Florida Dept. of Env. Protection Chad Kennedy	Present
Florida Dept. of Transportation Ann Broadwell	Present
US Department of Interior Department of Land Bureau Bruce Dawson	Not Present
Florida Fish & Wildlife Cons. Comm. Tom Reinert	Present
Florida Dept. of Ag. & Consumer Services Rebecca Elliott	Present
South Florida Water Mgt. Dist. Jessica Frost	Present
Treasure Coast Reg. Planning Council Thomas Lanahan	Not Present
Martin County Harold Jenkins	Present
Town of Jupiter Cameron May	Not Present
Village of Tequesta Vince Arena	Not Present
Palm Beach County Maria Marino	Present

Jupiter Inlet District Tom Howard	Present
Loxahatchee River Env. Control Dist. Albrey Arrington	Present
South Indian River Water Control Dist. Michael Dillon	Present
Northern Palm Beach Co. Improvement Dist. Jonathan Ricketts	Present
Florida Farm Bureau Jake Fojtik	Present
City of Palm Beach Gardens Email: srtinc@bellsouth.net	
Local River User Group Palm Beach Pack & Paddle Club Alan Trefry	Present
Palm Beach County Env. & Conservation Groups Herb Zebuth	Not Present
Martin County Env. & Conservation Groups Dick Roberts	Present
Landowner Representative Pat Magrogan	Present

III. Approval of Minutes from the September 27, 2021 meeting

Jonathon Ricketts motioned to approve meeting minutes
 Chad Kennedy seconded the motion to approve
 Commissioner Jenkins, Martin County, wanted the members of LRMCC to be aware of a proposed Referendum for a one cent sales tax to be used for the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands. Chairman Albrey asked for additional back up information for LRMCC members to review before determining LRMCC involvement. The Chair asked Kathy to add this to the agenda as a standing item

IV. Election of Officers

- A. Chair – Albrey Arrington was nominated
- B. Vice-Chair – Tom Howard was nominated
- C. Secretary – Ann Broadwell was nominated

There were no other nominations at the time. Jonathon Ricketts motioned for approval and Tom Reinert seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

V. Public Comment

- a. Deb Drum, Palm Beach County ERM, stated that the Palm Beach County legislative requests for Loxahatchee River improvement projects have been submitted for restoration approval.

- b. Albrey commented that the LRPI had similar activity to report

VI. Project Updates

- A. Lainhart & Masten Dam Update – Octavio Castillo (15 min)
Jim Shuette, SFWMD, stated that repairs are in progress with a NTP in March 2002. The work should be complete by June 30, 2022. Passed around a sample of the composite lumber that will be used.
- B. Loxahatchee River Wild and Scenic Management Plan Update – Barbara Welch (30 min)
Barb is assembling the chapters with assistance from Dick and Merriam. It was decided that as the chapters are completed, they will be sent out for review and comment by LRMCC members. LRMCC Chapter reviews will be done through Kathy. The chapters may not be in sequential order. Albrey gave another pep talk for agency representatives to submit their information to Barb.

VII. Watershed Status Updates

- A. MFL Status Update Albrey Arrington, LRD (5 min)
No violations this year (2022) Albrey discussed SFWMD Rainfall graphs comparing them from May 2020 – December 2021. It appears SFWMD is doing a better job at managing flows to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River to avoid MFL violations.
- B. Water Quality, Bud Howard, LRD (10 min) - Bud was not present and Albrey referred to the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District website for recent water quality results.

VIII. Potential LRMCC Membership - DD Hapern

Chad Kennedy had researched the Palm Beach Pack and Paddle Club (PBP&PC) to determine if it is still an active organization. Allen Treffer, former Palm Beach County ERM staff, has been asked by PBP&PC to represent the organization on the LRMCC. Deb Drum provided her support of the selection. Allen was present at this meeting.

It appears that neither SFWMD nor FDEP would be appointing an At Large representative at this time.

Gregg Braun suggested that DD Hapern coordinate with Herb Zebuth, representative of the Palm Beach County Env. & Conservation Groups and ask to be his alternate on the LRMCC.

IX. Member Issues (brief, verbal status update)

- A. Land Management – Deb Drum and Commissioner Marino provided an update on the Palmar property holdings.
- B. Flood Control - none
- C. Environmental Issues – Jessica Frost discussed the delisting of Johnson seagrass
- D. Recreation Opportunities - none
- E. Permits - none

X. Adjourn

Jonathan Rickett motion to adjourn
Pat Mogrogan seconded the motion