

CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING May 25, 2023

**Location: Central Florida Expressway Authority
4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, FL 32807
Pelican Conference Room**

Committee Members Present:

Beth Jackson, Orange County Representative, Committee Chairman
Maurice “Mo” Pearson, Citizen Representative
Timothee Sallin, Lake County Representative

Committee Member Participating by Phone:

Charles Lee, Citizen Representative
Robert Mindick, Osceola County Representative

Committee Member Not Present:

Brittany Sellers, City of Orlando Representative
Richard Durr, Seminole County Representative

Staff Present:

Michelle Maikisch, Executive Director
Glenn Pressimone, Chief of Infrastructure
Diego “Woody” Rodriguez, General Counsel
Sue Chrzan, Chief of Staff/Public Affairs Officer
Chris Bloodwell, Landscape Architect
Rita Moore, Recording Secretary/Executive Administrative Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 am by Chairman Jackson.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Rita Moore, Recording Secretary announced there was no public comment.

There were no written public comments received by the deadline.

C. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Rodriguez informed the Committee that since there is a lack of quorum the committee is unable to approve the February 23, 2023 meeting minutes.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Jason Lauritsen of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation provided an update on the Florida Wildlife Corridor. He discussed the expedition films that the foundation has created to raise awareness for Florida wildlife and natural habitats. He described the mission of the foundation and discussed native Florida animals and the differences that wildlife crossings make in their lives. He spoke to the partnership with FDOT to create a wildlife crossing at I4. He described what and where the wildlife corridor is, and the acreage associated with it. He discussed the functions of the corridor, and the priorities, bottlenecks, and hotspots identified. He presented a map of the CFX region and the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Committee Members asked questions which were answered by Mr. Lauritsen.

(This item was presented for information only. No committee action was taken.)

2. SOUTHPORT CONNECTOR EXPRESSWAY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (PD&E) STUDY

Mr. Ralph Bove of Volkert, Inc. presented the Southport Connector Expressway Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. He outlined the goals and objectives of the project and discussed the Alternatives Corridor Evaluation Report "ACER" results and discussed a comparative analysis of the alternatives. He discussed the Lake Russel Cultural Site alternatives and the minimization alternative.

Committee Members asked questions which were answered by Mr. Bove.

(This item was presented for information only. No committee action was taken.)

Mr. Charles Lee left the meeting at 11:04 am

3. CFX LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Mr. Ben Baker of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. and Mr. Chris Bloodwell, Landscape Architect presented the CFX landscape Update to the committee. He detailed the philosophy for design and plantings and spoke to the plant palette we use. He also discussed our sustainability efforts around landscape.

Committee Members asked questions which were answered by Mr. Baker and Mr. Bloodwell.

(This item was presented for information only. No committee action was taken.)

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Jackson announced that the next Environmental Stewardship Committee is scheduled for August 24th, 2023.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Minutes approved on _____, 2023.

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