

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 – 9:45am, Ryall house/South Prong Preserve

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – pp. 2-3

TREASURER'S REPORT – pp. 4-10

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Adopt-a-Road – IR County for route 512 segment – update from Alexis Peralta – p. 11
- 2) St. Sebastian River road signs – Buzz contacted Joe Earman

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits – Hawks Landing, Schumann Dr., 126 unit townhomes, permit #231817 – p. 12
- 2) ACOE permits – none
- 3) MRC Lagoon Action Assembly, July 2024, full report - <https://lovetheirl.org/science/action-assemblies>
- 4) Opossum Pipefish Preserve proposed project/IRLNEP grant submission – missed deadline
- 5) IR County Board of Commissioners agenda Mar. 11, report from Parks & Rec. on first cycle ELAP ranking. Comm. Moss request – pp. 13-16

Education/Outreach – Bolton/Stephen

- 1) General Meetings – Mar. 25, MRC IR Lagoon Report update, May 27 – ORCA/SSR pollution mapping
- 2) Wimbrow Park/River manatee signs
- 3) SSR PaddleFest, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8am to 2pm
- 4) Marketing design samples – tent-complete \$1080, +2 tablecloths @\$125 ea., razor flag \$175
- 5) Bookmark @ \$40-\$90, samples – pp. 17-18
- 6) Ray Osborne, new Green Team group – p. 19
- 7) IR County Cons. Lands Great FL Egg-scursion event, Apr. 12 – pp.20-21
- 8) MRC Low Impact Living Initiative – p. 22

Financial – Greene, FL Dept. Ag & Consumer Services, Solicitation of Contributions renewal to be filed by Mar. 17

Governance – Herrmann

Information – Glover – no update

Membership – Herrmann, Mar. renewals-Bauer, Burkhart, Cummings, Elseroad, Kimberly/Powell, Ray, Roseland  
Comm. Assoc., Stephen, Thibeault, Walter; new members – Deborah Testa

Publicity – Penny Phillips

Volunteer – vacant

Round robin –

Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Next BOD meeting – April 8, 9:45am, Ryall house
- 2) Roseland Women's Club/Community Park workday, Mar. 19, 9 to 11am
- 3) IR County Cons. Lands, Lakela mint habitat restoration volunteer, Hallstrom farmstead, Mar. 21 (third Friday), 9am-noon, RSVP at <https://indianriver.gov/parksandrecreation> and click on "Program Registration."
- 4) Ocean Research & Cons. Assoc. Open House, Mar. 27, 11am to 3pm, 1235 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach
- 5) Sebastian River High School Awards Ceremony, April 16, 6pm
- 6) Sebastian Earth/Arbor Day, Riverview Park, Saturday, April 26, 2025

**FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 'MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEB. 11, 2025-9:45 am, RYALL HOUSE/SO. PRONG PRESERVE**

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. In attendance were Herrmann(vice-pres.), Greene(treas.), Peterson(secy.), and directors Bolton, Stephen, and Zingman. Advisory director Hinck was also present.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS.DELETIONS TO AGENDA--None

Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)(AP, pp.2-3)--Bolton made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that the Minutes from the Jan. 14th, 2025 meeting be approved; all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT(AP, pp.4-10)--Greene noted that both CD acquisitions are included on the balance sheet. Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that the \$807.09 in PayPal be transferred to our checking acct. All voted in favor, and the report as of Jan. 31st was also accepted for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--Linus 40 acres on St. Sebastian River-Glover nominated to the IR County ELAP. Located between Kashi and Boy Scout Camp-currently for sale and listed at 4.1 million. IRLT purchased their second property on the SSR in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Adopt-a-Road--IR County for Rte. 512 segment-awaiting County Attorney approval of new contract
- 2) St. Sebastian River road signs--Bolton contacted Joe Earman. An email will be sent to Laura Moss in conjunction with a letter from Glover.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy-Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits-City of Fellsmere, Kentucky Ave. stormwater greenway improvements permit #226651
- 2) ACOE permits-none
- 3) Palm Bay FLUM map amendment, 133 acres Micco Rd., currently has commercial/residential land use
- 4) MRC lagoon Action assembly, July 2024, full [report-https://lovetheirl.org/science/action-assemblies](https://lovetheirl.org/science/action-assemblies)
- 5) FL Nonprofit Alliance sign-on letter(AP, pp.12-14)--our signatory has been added
- 6) Sierra Club of FL State Parks Protection sign-on--our signatory has been added
- 7) Sierra Club of FL 2025 Budget cons. Funding priorities(AP,pp.17-22)--our signatory has been added
- 8) Headwaters Heritage & Cultural Center, Fellsmere(AP, p.23)--Egan family behind this project
- 9) Opossum Pipefish Preserve proposed project/IRLNEP grant submission(AP,p.24)- discussion ensued re contributing monies toward smart weed to enable juveniles to raise their families. Glover is working with Ashley Lingwood on a grant, to be submitted in March.

Education/Outreach-Bolton/Stephen

- 1) General Meetings-Mar. 25, MRC IR Lagoon Report Update, May 27--ORCA/SSR pollution mapping
- 2) Wimbrow Park/River manatee signs
- 3) Roseland Community Celebration, Roseland Community Center, Feb.22,9am-2pm-Herrmann will send out email seeking volunteers

- 4) SSR Paddlefest, Sat., May 3rd, 9am-1pm--Hinck reported that details from past years have not changed, other than a date change on promotional materials
- 5) City of Palm Bay 3rd annual sustainability Fair, May 3rd, 4-7 pm
- 6) Sebastian Library 2025 meeting facility contract(AP,pp.25-26)--Glover recently renewed \$150 contract
- 7) Tree for Graham, southern magnolia at South Prong Preserve, memorial plaque samples(AP,pp.27-28)--tree has to mature first before we choose an appropriate plaque
- 8) AmeriCorps NCCC program, requirements(AP, pp.29-30)--requirements are beyond the scope of our capabilities as potential hosts
- 9) Marketing design samples--tent, tablecloth, flags(AP, pp.31-34)-Committee of Greene, Glover, and Peterson met recently and came up with preliminary suggestions which Glover shared with directors. Finalized ideas to be presented at March Board meeting.

Financial-Greene

Governance-Herrmann-expiring terms: Glover, Greene, Herrmann, Stephen, Zingman; Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that all listed continue as directors of the FSSR BOD; all voted in favor. Herrmann will also contact Jeff Howe to see if he is interested in becoming an advisory director. Herrmann then made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that Glover, Greene, Herrmann, and Peterson remain Board officers; all voted in favor.

Information-Glover-no update

Membership-Herrmann, Feb. renewals: Dodds, Greene, Gregory & Donna, Grudens, Loftus, Moss, Rutz, Shipley, Thomason. New member-Bruce Masters

Publicity-Penny Phillips-none

Volunteer-vacant-South Prong Preserve-Monday, Feb. 17, 2025 at 9:00 am next vol. day

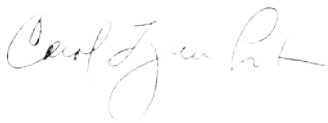
Round Robin:

- 1) We need to find out from Bruce Sabol details about what he knows about the \$7000 fine imposed against the railroad for lead pollution of the SSR.
- 2) Bolton showed directors a "Hotels for Trees" door hanger from their Amsterdam hotel door that encourages guests to skip room cleaning, and for every day the room is not cleaned, a tree is planted, thus encouraging re-forestation projects. The undertaking began in the Netherlands and has spread worldwide. Their website is [www.hotelsfortrees.com](http://www.hotelsfortrees.com).

Adjournment--Stephen made a motion, seconded by Peterson, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00; all voted in favor.

Next BOD meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 9:45 am, Ryall house

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson  
FSSR Secretary

**Friends of St. Sebastian River**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 February 2025

	<b>Feb 25</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	254.27
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	254.27
<b>45000 · Investments</b>	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	69.23
<b>Total 45000 · Investments</b>	69.23
<b>47200 · Program Income</b>	
47230 · Membership Dues	105.00
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	105.00
<b>49000 · Sales</b>	
49010 · Puppets	21.50
49020 · Clothing	42.06
49030 · Miscellaneous	9.35
<b>Total 49000 · Sales</b>	72.91
<b>Total Income</b>	501.41
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
<b>50000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
50010 · Puppets	10.33
50020 · Clothing	7.95
50030 · Miscellaneous	1.06
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	25.21
<b>Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	44.55
<b>Total COGS</b>	44.55
<b>Gross Profit</b>	456.86
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>	
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	8.95
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>	8.95
<b>65000 · Operations</b>	
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	64.51
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	10.01
65060 · Merchant Service Fee-PayPal	0.43
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	74.95
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	
65160 · Other Costs	67.94
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	67.94
<b>Total Expense</b>	151.84
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	305.02
<b>Net Income</b>	305.02

Friends of St. Sebastian River

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2025

	Feb 28, 25
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · Checking	
10020 · Without Donor Restrictions	13,730.48
10030 · With Donor Restirctions	
10031 · Geo Schum Memorial Fd	1,000.00
10033 · Archie Laird Memorial	585.00
10034 · Grants	422.54
<b>Total 10030 · With Donor Restirctions</b>	2,007.54
<b>Total 10000 · Checking</b>	15,738.02
10100 · Petty Cash	45.00
10200 · PayPal	121.66
10210 · Zeffy	135.00
10220 · Wells Fargo CD 04/11/2025	10,175.89
10221 · Wells Fargo CD 05/02/2025	10,033.34
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	36,248.91
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	204.00
12100 · Inventory Asset	
12110 · Puppets	300.50
12120 · Clothing	137.05
12130 · Miscellaneous Inventory	4.82
12140 · Hats	116.64
12100 · Inventory Asset - Other	1,689.39
<b>Total 12100 · Inventory Asset</b>	2,248.40
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	2,452.40
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	38,701.31
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>38,701.31</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	5.10
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	5.10
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	5.10
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	5.10
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	316.73
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	38,313.69
Net Income	65.79
<b>Total Equity</b>	38,696.21
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>38,701.31</b>

**Friends of St. Sebastian River**  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
**10000 - Checking, Period Ending 02/28/2025**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						15,491.87
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 8 items</b>						
Check	01/28/2025	1058	Florida Right to Clea...	X	-100.00	-100.00
Check	02/02/2025	DC	Google	X	-3.60	-103.60
Bill Pmt -Check	02/06/2025	DC	FPL	X	-33.37	-136.97
Bill Pmt -Check	02/07/2025	DC	Folkmanis	X	-333.01	-469.98
Check	02/11/2025	1059	Native Butterflies	X	-67.94	-537.92
Check	02/11/2025	DC	Ooma	X	-6.41	-544.33
Check	02/12/2025	DC	Home Depot	X	-8.95	-553.28
Check	02/27/2025	DC	Earth Day Shirts	X	-228.85	-782.13
Total Checks and Payments					-782.13	-782.13
<b>Deposits and Credits - 4 items</b>						
Deposit	02/03/2025			X	95.00	95.00
Transfer	02/03/2025			X	150.00	245.00
Transfer	02/06/2025			X	700.00	945.00
Sales Receipt	02/13/2025	1144	Charities Aid Found...	X	83.28	1,028.28
Total Deposits and Credits					1,028.28	1,028.28
Total Cleared Transactions					246.15	246.15
Cleared Balance					246.15	15,738.02
Register Balance as of 02/28/2025					246.15	15,738.02
<b>New Transactions</b>						
<b>Checks and Payments - 1 item</b>						
Check	03/02/2025	DC	Google		-3.60	-3.60
Total Checks and Payments					-3.60	-3.60
<b>Deposits and Credits - 2 items</b>						
Transfer	03/04/2025				135.00	135.00
Deposit	03/06/2025				204.00	339.00
Total Deposits and Credits					339.00	339.00
Total New Transactions					335.40	335.40
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>581.55</b>	<b>16,073.42</b>

# Initiate Business Checking<sup>SM</sup>

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FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER, INC.  
SEBASTIAN RIVER INC  
PO BOX 284  
ROSELAND FL 32957-0284

## Questions?

*Available by phone Mon-Sat 7:00am-11:00pm Eastern Time, Sun 9:00am-10:00pm Eastern Time:*

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*En español:* 1-877-337-7454

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P.O. Box 6995  
Portland, OR 97228-6995

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Scammers make friends with you on social media, then offer to show you how to invest in crypto.  
Watch for: Promises of big returns, help with downloading a crypto app, or requests to wire money.



**Statement period activity summary**

Beginning balance on 2/1	\$15,491.87
Deposits/Credits	1,028.28
Withdrawals/Debits	- 782.13
<b>Ending balance on 2/28</b>	<b>\$15,738.02</b>

Account number: [REDACTED] (primary account)  
 FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER, INC.  
 SEBASTIAN RIVER INC  
*Florida account terms and conditions apply*  
 For Direct Deposit use  
 Routing Number (RTN): 063107513  
 For Wire Transfers use  
 Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

**Overdraft Protection**

This account is not currently covered by Overdraft Protection. If you would like more information regarding Overdraft Protection and eligibility requirements please call the number listed on your statement or visit your Wells Fargo branch.

**Transaction history**

Date	Check Number	Description	Deposits/ Credits	Withdrawals/ Debits	Ending daily balance
2/3		Zeffy US Zeffy US St-Y9U4G4S9D3M5 Friends of St Sebastia	150.00		
2/3		eDeposit IN Branch 02/03/25 12:47:36 PM 1524 US Hwy 1 Sebastian FL	95.00		
2/3		Paypal Transfer 250203 1040049203752 Friends of St. Sebastia	700.00		
2/3		Recurring Payment authorized on 02/01 Google *Gsuite_Fss CC@Google.Com CA S305032431939777 Card [REDACTED]		3.60	16,433.27
2/7		Purchase authorized on 02/06 Folkmanis, Inc. 510-6587677 CA S465037664928827 Card [REDACTED]		333.01	
2/7		Fpl Direct Debit Elec Pymt 02/25 1232872117 Ppda Friends of St. Sebastia		33.37	16,066.89
2/11		Cybergrants-Cafa Cybergrant ACH_8984827 Friends of St Sebastia	83.28		
2/11		Recurring Payment authorized on 02/10 Ooma,Inc 888-711-6662 CA S305041695944805 Card [REDACTED]		6.41	16,143.76
2/12		Purchase authorized on 02/12 The Home Depot #8545 Sebastian FL P585043665261574 Card [REDACTED]		8.95	16,134.81
2/14		Purchase authorized on 02/13 Sq *Native Butterf West Melbourn FL S585044534474829 Card [REDACTED]		67.94	
2/14	1058	Check		100.00	15,966.87
2/26		Purchase authorized on 02/25 Earthdayshirts 877-6771837 KY S465056582481277 Card [REDACTED]		228.85	15,738.02
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$1,028.28</b>	<b>\$782.13</b>	

*The Ending Daily Balance does not reflect any pending withdrawals or holds on deposited funds that may have been outstanding on your account when your transactions posted. If you had insufficient available funds when a transaction posted, fees may have been assessed.*

**Summary of checks written (checks listed are also displayed in the preceding Transaction history)**

Number	Date	Amount
1058	2/14	100.00

**Monthly service fee summary**

For a complete list of fees and detailed account information, see the disclosures applicable to your account or talk to a banker. Go to [wellsfargo.com/feefaq](https://wellsfargo.com/feefaq) for a link to these documents, and answers to common monthly service fee questions.

Fee period 02/01/2025 - 02/28/2025	Standard monthly service fee \$10.00	You paid \$0.00
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Merchant Account ID: [REDACTED]

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

2/1/25 - 2/28/25

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**Statement for February 2025**

Friends of St. Sebastian River, Inc.  
PO Box 284  
32957 Roseland

**Balance Summary (2/1/25 - 2/28/25)**

	Available beginning	Available ending	Withheld beginning	Withheld ending
USD	807.09	121.66	0.00	0.00



Merchant Account ID: [REDACTED]

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

2/1/25 - 2/28/25

### Activity Summary (2/1/25 - 2/28/25)

	USD
<b>Beginning Available Balance</b>	<b>807.09</b>
Payments received	15.00
Payments sent	0.00
Withdrawals and Debits	-700.00
Deposits and Credits	0.00
Fees	-0.43
<b>Ending Available Balance</b>	<b>121.66</b>



# Indian River County Natural Resources Department

**Tim Glover (FSSR)**

Email: [tcglover@comcast.net](mailto:tcglover@comcast.net)

Adopted Road: **510/512 intersection to North IRC Library Entrance**

Organization: **Friends of Saint Sebastian River**

Dear Mr. Glover and Friends,

Thank you for your past participation in Indian River County's Adopt-A-Road Program (AAR).

This letter is to inform you that the program has recently been updated and will now be coordinated by the Stormwater Division in collaboration with the Traffic Division. These changes include a redesigned roadway sign, updated cleanup report forms, and a revised contract. With these updates, we invite you to renew your contract and continue your important work with us.

If you are interested in participating again, please respond with the following information:

1. Name of Adoptee/Organization
2. Name of Group Representative
3. Physical Address of Adoptee or Organization
4. Two or three road adoption options (ONLY if you would like to choose a different section than your previously adopted roadway).

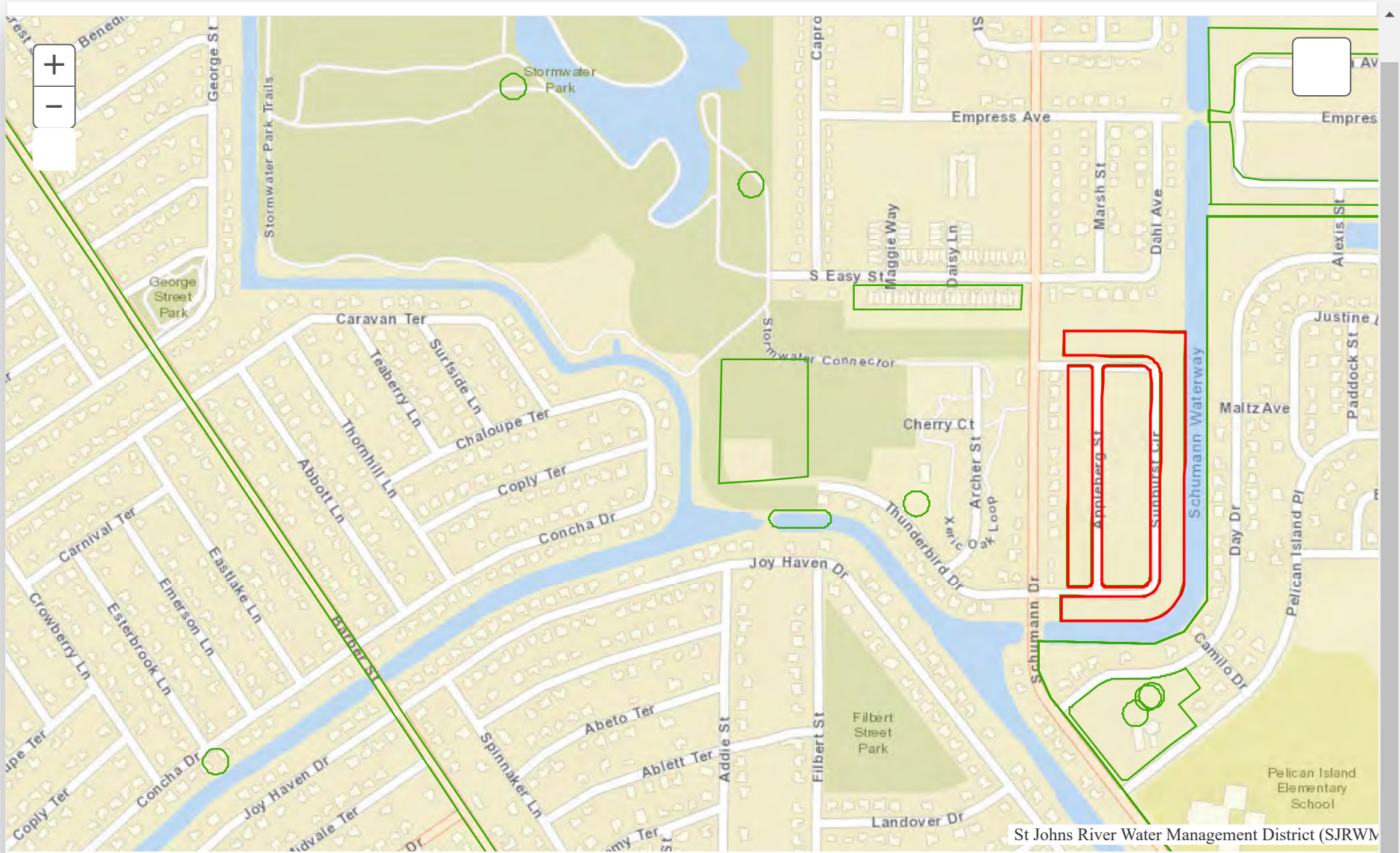
We will reserve your adopted roadway (as listed above) for three weeks from the date of this letter. After that, it will be made available for adoption by others.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me directly at [aperalta@indianriver.gov](mailto:aperalta@indianriver.gov) or (772) 226-1565. We sincerely hope to continue our partnership and thank you again for helping to keep Indian River County litter-free.

Warm regards,

Alexis Peralta  
Stormwater Educator (AAR Program Coordinator)  
Indian River County Natural Resources  
[aperalta@indianriver.gov](mailto:aperalta@indianriver.gov)





St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWD)

Close



Friends of St. Sebastian River <friendsofstsebastian@gmail.com>

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## ELAP Item 13H1: March 11, 2025 Board of County Commission meeting agenda

1 message

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**Laura Moss** <lmoss@indianriver.gov>

Thu, Mar 6, 2025 at 2:37 PM

To: Richard Baker [REDACTED], Ken Grudens <kgrudens@irlt.org>, George Glenn [REDACTED], JUDY ORCUTT <[REDACTED]>, Mike Johannsen [REDACTED], "Friends of St. Sebastian River" <info@fssr.org>

Cc: John Titkanich <jtitkanich@indianriver.gov>

FYI

ELAP will be Item 13H1 at the BCC meeting next Tuesday.


Myself, I had requested of the County Administrator that this matter be a Special Call meeting.

He, of course, is subject to the wishes of the other four Commissioners.

Laura Moss

Indian River County Commissioner

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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department**  
**Conservation Division**

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**Date:** February 25, 2025  
**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
**Thru:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator  
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director  
**From:** Wendy Swindell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** ELAP Ranking List of Environmental Lands Acquisition Properties for the Initial Nomination Period

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**BACKGROUND:**

On March 8, 2022, the County Administrator provided the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) with a proposed resolution authorizing an Environmental Land Bond Referendum for the November 8, 2022, ballot. Resolution 2022-016 was passed by majority vote. The Resolution calls for a Bond Referendum Election for the issuance of general obligation bonds as follows:

- To acquire and permanently preserve environmentally significant lands to restore the Indian River Lagoon, protect water resources, natural areas, wildlife habitat, drinking water resources, and construct public access improvements related thereto, shall Indian River County be authorized to issue general obligation bonds up to \$50,000,000, maturing within 20 years from each issuance, not exceeding the legal maximum interest rate, payable from ad valorem taxes, with full public disclosure of all spending through annual independent audits?

On December 12, 2023, the BCC approved the Environmental Lands Program Guide (ELP Guide). The Guide is the primary document that contains policies, standards, and procedures relating to environmentally significant land acquisition and management activities. One of the procedures outlined in the ELP Guide is the establishment of a group responsible for reviewing and ranking nominated parcels. The BCC established the Environmental Land Acquisition Panel (ELAP) as a nine-member group to review information provided during the application process and provide recommendations to the BCC regarding the prioritization of the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands. The ELAP has held fifteen meetings between August of 2023 and January of 2025.

**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

The County’s environmental bond process allows the public to nominate properties for acquisition at any time during the year. Each nomination period is six months, at which time that period closes and nominated properties are ranked by the ELAP. The close of the first ranking period was on August 31, 2024.

Throughout the process, staff and consultants have reached out to landowners to determine which parcels had owners wanting to have their property considered for acquisition through the environmental bond process (“willing sellers”). Parcels nominated by owners, and agents for owners, are considered as having willing sellers. Owners of parcels nominated by the public were contacted via letter, email and telephone to determine whether the owner was a willing seller. The initial nomination period identified twenty-three nominations with willing sellers. Of these twenty-three nominations, sixteen nominations were submitted as “fee simple” nominations (County purchases the property outright), and seven were nominated as potential conservation easements.

The November 19, 2024, meeting of the ELAP included a presentation by staff providing an overview of the twenty-three willing seller nominations. The ELAP met on December 17, 2024, to discuss the ranking process and provide an opportunity for staff to respond to comments and questions. At the December 17, 2024, meeting the ELAP voted and approved to include a separate ranking for the fee simple vs. the easement nominations. At the December meeting the ELAP also voted and approved cumulative scoring for each nomination instead of an average scoring of all nine members.

The ELP Guide outlines the process for how individual projects are to be ranked by the ELAP. The ranking process includes a scoring matrix with ten weighted evaluation factors relating to ecological factors and purchase factors. The scoring matrix was completed by each of the nine ELAP members and provided to staff prior to the January 21, 2025, ELAP meeting. Prior to the January 25, 2025, ELAP meeting, staff assembled the ELAP nomination scores and produced a summary of the scoring to be presented to the ELAP at the January 21, 2025, meeting.

The January 21, 2025, meeting of the ELAP focused on discussion of the project rankings and adoption of a final ranking and tiered list of projects for consideration by the BCC (Attachment 1). The tiering of the nominations reflects the scoring of the ELAP; Tier 1 properties would be the first group of nominations prioritized for potential acquisition. Tier 2 and Tier 3 nominations would be pursued once the Tier 1 nominations have moved through the process.

**FUNDING:**

There are no operational or expense funding requirements associated with this item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached ELAP Final Ranking and Tiered List of Nominations. Staff further requests the Board authorize staff to pursue Tier 1 Ranked Properties for acquisition consistent with the Environmental Lands Acquisition Panel’s recommendation including the authority to make conditional offers of purchase and sale subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners and in accordance with Florida Statute Section 125.355.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ELAP Final Ranking and Tiered List of Nominations

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR MARCH 11, 2025**



**Attachment 1**  
**ELAP Final Ranking & Project Tiering (Initial Ranking Period)**

***Fee Simple Nominations***

Nomination	Cumulative ELAP Score	Score (Highest to Lowest)	Tier
Winter Beach 73rd	6285	1	1
Wabasso Island	5902	2	1
Osprey Estates	5732	3	1
Kanner Farms <sup>1</sup>	5661	4	1
Jungle Trail Island Club Manor	5345	5	1
Kelly Road	5106	6	1
Terra Estates	5080	7	1
Hale Grove Properties <sup>2</sup>	5062	8	1
Foster Road	5043	9	1
Jungle Trail Island Fischer	4957	10	2
Sebastian Riverview	4639	11	2
Louisiana Avenue	4549	12	2
Beachside Lane	4504	13	2
Atlantic Avenue	3432	14	3
Bent Pine Golf Club	2652	15	3
66 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Pasture	2089	16	3

***Easement Nominations***

Nomination	Cumulative ELAP Score	Score (Highest to Lowest)	Tier
Padgett Branch II	6372	1	1
Blackwater Creek	6062	2	1
Blue Cypress Flatwoods	5732	3	1
Covey Ranch	5629	4	2
Fort Drum 150 Ranch	5553	5	2
Kanner Farms <sup>1</sup>	5334	6	2
FLARES Grove	2543	7	N/A <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> – Nominated as both a potential Fee Simple & Easement acquisition

<sup>2</sup> – Includes multiple parcel nominations ranked as one project

<sup>3</sup> – This project was removed from the Ranking List as it does not meet the intent of the Resolution for the Environmental Bond





*No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced.*

-Sir David Attenborough

*Indeed the river is a perpetual gala, and boasts each month a new ornament.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*, 1836

*Rivers run through our history and folklore, and link us as a people.... We are a nation rich in rivers.*

-Charles Kuralt

*The care of rivers is not a question of rivers, but of the human heart.*

-Tanako Shozo, Japanese Conservationist

## Friends of St. Sebastian River

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Advocating to help maintain and improve the health and beauty of the St. Sebastian River and its watershed.

Photo, front:: South Prong, St. Sebastian River



Friends of St. Sebastian River <friendsofstsebastian@gmail.com>

**Re: Ray's update: Support young Earth Activists, How to start a Green Team,.**

1 message

**RayK Osborne** >  
To: greenlocalnews@googlegroups.com  
Cc: Ray Osborne >  
Bcc: info@fssr.org

Sat, Feb 22, 2025 at 2:57 PM

Greetings, Let's support our youth Earth activists. Even if you are not in Florida consider seeing what's happening and supporting youth in your local colleges, environmental organizations.etc (see image below)

Reply in email a show of hands for those who would like to be part of my new webinar seminar series on How to **Start A Green Team**. A green team is a group of likeminded people who promote green policies such as conservation projects, recycling, coastal cleanups, clean energy , climate and environmental justice, etc



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Yours in Service,

Raymond "Ray" Osborne  
(321)345-1715

**From:** [Olivia Roddenberry](#)  
**Cc:** [Wendy Swindell](#); [Ashley J. Lingwood](#)  
**Subject:** The Great Florida Egg-scurion  
**Date:** Thursday, January 2, 2025 9:43:56 AM  
**Attachments:** [Image001.png](#)  
[The Great Florida Egg-scurion Booth Flyer.pdf](#)

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Hello!

As we begin the new year, Indian River County Conservation Lands Division is looking for new ways to engage our community and local partners. On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10 am to 12 pm, Conservation Lands Division will be hosting a free environmental education event for families with children, focusing on egg laying animals. We are calling the event, the Great Florida Egg-scurion!

We are reaching out to local groups who might be interested in joining the event. Participating groups would be representing their organization AND an egg laying animal that can be found in Florida. There is no fee associated with participating, but we do ask if you have information pamphlets or swag you would like to hand out, that you provide these items. You are also welcome to bring candy to pass out or create a short activity for children to complete at your booth. If you choose to bring items, please prepare for up to 225 participants. The event will be promoted alongside the other seasonal events put on by the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation department.

During the event, children will be stopping at each booth to learn about different animals and receiving a sticker (provided) from each booth. These stickers will go into an Egg-splorers journal they received at arrival. When the families are finished exploring, they can show Conservation staff their journal and redeem it for a goody bag! In addition to the booths, we plan to have yard games, interpretive talks with animal ambassadors, and food trucks where families can purchase food.

Conservation staff will provide a laminated printout of your booth's animal, stickers for the journal, an example journal to familiarize yourself with, and suggested fast facts about your animal the day of the event. A table and two chairs will be provided for each booth, and participants are welcome to bring a shade tent. The goal of the event is to bring attention to local groups and organizations, while spreading awareness about local fauna that reproduce via egg.

I am happy to talk more about the event via email or phone (772-226-1772). I have also attached a flyer that can be shared with others that may be interested in representing an animal. The event flyer for the public will be distributed starting in February. If you are interested in participating, please respond with the animal you would like to represent and any questions you may have!

Location: Disk Golf Course next to the Intergenerational Center, 1590 9th St SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962  
Time: 10 am- 12 pm

Kindly,  
Olivia Roddenberry



**Olivia Roddenberry**  
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# EDUCATING the public

## LOW IMPACT LIVING

Low Impact Living builds on the principles of Low Impact Development (environmentally sustainable land development strategies) by adding citizen action to allow Lagoon-friendly living on all scales: individual, family, community, and municipality. Through education, we strive to empower people to make a positive impact.

### ACTION ITEMS FOR IMPACT:

- Plant natives in your yard or on your porch
- Install a rain barrel to collect water
- Keep grass clippings out of stormwater drains
- Use a carwash instead of your driveway
- Pick up pet waste
- Follow fertilizer laws
- Plant a buffer zone or living shoreline
- Reduce single-use plastics and sort recycling
- Maintain, upgrade, or switch your septic system
- Talk to your lawn care professionals
- Discuss Lagoon-friendly changes with your HOA, Condo association, or landlord

# EMPOWERING citizens



## INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOPS

help citizens communicate with municipalities, elected officials, HOAs, to create an....

**EMPOWERED COMMUNITY** that can use their voices to advocate for long-term, positive environmental impacting by imparting...



## MEANINGFUL CHANGE

with educated, combined voices fighting for the same initiatives: Sustainable Growth, Responsible Land Development, Clean Water.

# ADVOCATING for change

## THROUGH LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Low Impact Development (LID) is the strategy of managing rainwater where it falls through site planning and design. The goals of LID are to minimize or avoid stormwater runoff and nutrient pollution produced from site development.

## WHY IS LID NEEDED?

Some of the benefits of LID include:

- Mitigating Localized Flooding
- Reducing Nutrient Discharges
- Reducing Habitat Loss
- Recharging Surficial Aquifers



## HOW WE'RE ADVOCATING:



MRC is teaming up with industry partners to educate elected officials and other municipal leaders on the benefits of LID. Our goals is for LID enforcement through legislation and in land development codes.

# DEMONSTRATING how to

## LIVE A LOW IMPACT LIFE

Properties owned or managed by Marine Resources Council will become models for Low Impact Living and spaces for community engagement. See a rain garden, floating wetland, buffer zone, rain barrel, and invasive plant removal plan in action and learn how to implement them yourself!



- ★ Bird Island wading bird rookery in Melbourne
- ★ Ted Moorhead Lagoon House and environmental learning center in Palm Bay
- ★ St. Sebastian River Greenway Preserve and mangrove nursery in Sebastian
- ★ Jupiter Island Greenway at Bonaire Beach

