



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Advisory Board Name:

Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Selection and Management Committee

Meeting Dates and Attendance Records for 2025:

Appointee	Appointed By	1/15/2025	4/16/2025	7/16/2025	8/20/2025	9/17/2025
Maryann Civil	At-Large	Present	Resigned	Resigned	Resigned	Resigned
Lisa Toland	At-Large (Alt)	Present	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused
Jon H. Shepherd	At-Large	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present
Jim Burney	At-Large	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Jennifer Thompson	At-Large (Alt)	Present	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused
Jason P. Miller	At-Large	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr. Paul A. Schmalzer	At-Large	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Christopher O'hara	At-Large	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Curt Smith	At-Large/TPO	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent
Kenneth Snyder	At-Large	N/A	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr. Jeff Eble	At-Large	N/A	Present	Present	Present	Present
Ms. Susan K. Christman	At-Large (Alt)	N/A	Present	Present	Present	Present
Tara Miller	At-Large (Alt)	N/A	Present	Present	Resigned	Resigned
Ms. Sandra K. Racicot	At-Large (Alt)	N/A	Present	Present	Present	Present
Olen W. Burden	At-Large	N/A	Present	Present	Present	Present
Jennifer D. White	At-Large (Alt)	N/A	Excused	Present	Excused	Excused
Kathryn E. Becker	At-Large	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Resigned

Accomplishments or Work Product for 2025:

- Review of potential locations for shorebird nesting platforms on EEL managed Lands.
- Review of request for duck hunting on EEL managed lands at Sykes Creek Conservation Area.
- Review and approval of request to accept land donation at Ulumay Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Annual Joint Meeting with the Procedures Committee to review EEL Annual Report.
- Appointment of members to the EEL Procedures Committee.
- Review of request to accept land donation at Jordan Scrub Sanctuary.



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Accomplishments or Work Product for 2025 (continued):

- Review of EEL Program land acquisition priorities.
- Review and approval of Florida Scrub Jay translocation request to EEL managed lands.
- Review of land acquisition contractor agreement.
- Discussion / planning with land acquisition contractor regarding land acquisition priorities, Rural and Family Lands easements and conservation easements.
- Review of request from State of Florida for acquisition partnership of Hatcher property.
- Appointment of members to the EEL Recreation Education Advisory Committee (REAC).
- Monthly land acquisition contractor report discussion and recommendations.
- Review of request from State to manage the Hannah property in South Beaches.
- Review and approval of Willing Seller Application for Sistrunk property in Fox Lake Sanctuary.
- Review and decline of Willing Seller Application for the Northgate FL AGR LLC property in Mims.
- Review and approval of Willing Seller Application for the AMC Malabar LLC property at Jordan Scrub Sanctuary.

Recommendations or Suggestions for the Board:

- Recommendation that hunting should not be allowed at the Sykes Creek Conservation Area (in locations that are not considered state sovereign submerged lands).
- Recommendation to accept the donation of land from the Korpi Family Trust at the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary.
- Recommendation to accept the donation of land from the Sasso Corporation at the Ulumay Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Recommendation to accept management of the Hannah Property in the South Beaches if acquired by the State of Florida.

Goals for 2026:

- Review and make recommendations regarding parcels of land submitted for public acquisition under the EEL Program.
- Provide technical review of land acquisition and outside funding proposals.
- Maintain and update, as needed, the county-wide strategy for land acquisition and management.
- Continue to serve as advisory committee to EEL staff for management plan development and implementation for all EEL Program acquired sites.
- Review and approve management plan revisions for BoCC consideration.
- Review and approve requests for species translocation requests on EEL managed lands.