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Natural Resources Management Department
Carol Gerundo, Adm. Assistant to the Director
Re: COC Volunteer Application

Dear Ms. Gerundo

I have enclosed my application for the Technical Member position on the COC Committee. I understand this will be a "voting member" position. I have included a resume' (BIO) of my education, public service, organizations I have worked for, and experience as a civil engineer. Also I included an article about the engineering company I worked for 35 years. I attached the letter of recommendation from the Florida Fly Fishing Association.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need for the application.

Thank you



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SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for two seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Volunteers are sought to represent two fields of expertise: Real Estate and Technology.

Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: Real estate or Technology. Knowledge of water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members and their alternates oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on spending an estimated \$486 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP).

Duties include participation in meetings to evaluate progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of projects and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee addresses questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Applications with resumés and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **January 4, 2021**. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will review applications for Real Estate and Technology expertise and finalize the two appointments at their regular meeting on **January 26, 2021**.

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application, a resumé and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of recommendation to:

Natural Resources Management Department
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Phone: 321-633-2016

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As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name

Mailing Address

City **State** **Zip Code**

Phone

Email

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County? Yes ☒ No ☐ Number of Years
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise:

<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon Advocacy	

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee.

Because of my experience in managing storm water and waste water projects in Florida I believe I can help the COC make good decisions in evaluating projects that will help to restore the Lagoon.

I have been fishing in the IRL since I moved to Brevard county in 2000. The IRL was considered to be at that time a "World Class Fly Fish Destination". I have been a member of the Florida Fly Fishing Association (Cocoa) since 2000 and enjoyed fishing in the Lagoon from the Mosquito Lagoon to the Sebastian Inlet. I fished with several members of our club who grew up in Brevard County and many local fishing guides who are devastated with the condition of the IRL today. The sea grass coverage in the Brevard County is 6% of what it was in 2014. We fishermen want to see the Lagoon restored! Seagrass is the "Life Blood of the Lagoon" and the coverage has declined more every year since the adoption of the SOIRL Plan.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

This information is contained on my attached "BIO"

The attached article "Company has designs on growth" gives some insight of the company I worked for 35 years.

One particular project that reflects my experience water quality improvement is the Tampa Bay 208 Water Quality Management Plan funded by EPA. I was the consulting engineer that managed the engineering portion of this plan. After the plan was adopted by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council the member agencies began to make improvements to their storm water and waste water systems which after several years restored Tampa Bay. The sea grass coverage came back to the level that existed in the 1950's. This is what needs to be done for the IRL. It will take many years and millions of \$ to make the necessary improvements to the storm water and waste water systems in Brevard County to restore the IRL.

6. Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

In 1972, I moved to the Tampa Bay area (Clearwater) to start a new regional office for PBSJ, a Florida consulting engineering firm. My job included hiring engineers and technicians to staff our office and managing a variety of large scale projects for private and public clients.

In 1984 PBSJ promoted me to President of the Firm and my responsibilities were more business related. I had to negotiate financial arrangements with banks, arrange for liability insurance, work with realtors for office locations, etc. During the 7 years I was President the firm grew from a southeastern US company to a national firm.

I have spoken at several COC and County Commission meeting about the SORIL plan as well as I regularly attend the Florida DEP Basin Management Action Plan meetings. I also talked to the Florida DOH about onsite sewage disposal systems as well as talking to the St. John's River WMD about sea grass restoration in the IRL. I mention this to indicate my sincere interest the IRL restoration.

I promise to work with the COC members to make recommendations to the County Commission for projects to best restore and make our Lagoon healthy again.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

The SORIL plan is funded by sales tax revenues which are paid by the residents and visitors in Brevard County, as such any spending must in the best interest of the tax payers. The plan is paid for by citizens who are very wealthy to the poor. My interest in serving on the COC is to be absolutely sure that the projects funded by the plan are necessary to restore the Lagoon and are not wasted on frivolous projects. Committee members have to put self-serving interests aside and do what is best for the Lagoon.

I have no conflicting interests that will impair my judgement in making decisions on projects that will improve the water quality in the IRL.

BIO

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Education: 1954 graduate FT. Lauderdale High, 1961 graduate BSCE- Georgia Tech

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Projects/Clients Managed (Partial)

- Florida DOT I-75: interchanges in Pasco and Manatee counties, Right of Way study for S-905, Key Largo, location survey "No-Name Key" bridge Monroe County
- Monroe County: consultant/assistant county engineer
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council : Tampa bay 208 Water Quality Management Plan (Eng.)
- Pinellas County: Countywide storm water management plan, Capri Isle Water storage and pump Station, Widening of County Rd.1
- City of St. Petersburg, Washington Terrace Water storage/pump facility
- City of Tampa, Drew Park storm water plan
- Us Home Inc., master plans and construction plans for Countryside, Scottsdale, Big Bend, communities, etc. (Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties)
- Historic Smithville Village, NJ, community master development plan
- The Branigar Org (Union Camp Corp), development plans for Kahaki Harbor , and Port Antigua, (Fla. Keys), Abercorn Interchange and, Skidaway Island (The Landings) ,(Savannah, GA)
- Marina design and permitting for Caloosa Cove, Bud and Mary's, Holiday Isle (Florida Keys)
- Master Development Plan for The Landings Development (Sarasota)

Memberships: Suntree UMC, Florida Coastal Conservation Association, Florida Fly Fishing Association, 1000 Friends of Florida

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DAY IN THE LIFE . . .

Company has designs on growth

By JAY SANDUSKY
Review Staff Writer

You can see the work of design firm Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan practically everywhere you look in South Florida.

Whether it's Metrorail, the Metromover, Turnberry Isle, the Villages of Homestead, the AmeriFirst headquarters, I-595 in Broward, the Seven-Mile Bridge in the Keys or the new cold-storage distribution center being planned for Publix in Deerfield Beach, PBS&J is recognized as a leader in the design and engineering field.

With \$38 million in sales last year, the Miami-based company was the second largest engineering-planning-architecture firm in Florida. Only Reynolds, Smith & Hills in Jacksonville is larger.

The company's president is James Glass, 49, who has

been with PBS&J for more than 20 years, starting in the Miami Springs office and later managing the Islamorada and Tampa offices before moving to Miami last May to assume the presidency.

Glass characterizes his typical 12-hour day as "a lot of meetings, working with people and a lot of time on the telephone." He spends at least one day a week on the road.

One thing his day doesn't include is the hands-on responsibilities he enjoyed on the way up the PBS&J ladder.

"I'm an engineer," he said during a phone interview from Atlanta, "and that's one thing that has been disappointing — the loss of daily contact."

His contact with people, though, has been rewarding — "I relate to the people who are the essence of the firm" — and he has made it a priority to make the atmosphere at PBS&J more relaxed and informal.

He seems to have been a success. "The company has been reorganized in a more responsive manner," said vice president Luis Ajamil.

The company's response has been growth.

PBS&J began 25 years ago with a \$500 operating fund and a \$1,500 contract to study the feasibility of turning a pasture in North Dade into a community.

That pasture is now Miami Lakes.

During the time since, the firm has grown into 27 offices in eight states employing over 800 people. The 1985 anticipated sales are \$46 million, according to Glass. That would be a 16 percent increase from last year.

"If we maintain that same kind of growth, we would have to become a national company with offices throughout the country," Glass said, adding "I don't see us doing anything but continuing that growth pattern."



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Natural Resources Department
Attn.: Ms. Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director
Sent by e-mail to: Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Re: Letter of recommendation for James Glass, applicant for SOIRL Citizen Oversight Committee

Dear Ms. Gerundo and Director Barker,

I am the current president of the Florida Fly Fishing Association. We are a large non-profit organization dedicated to promoting fly fishing in the IRL, our State's other rivers, estuaries and along our coasts. Our members include citizens in all walks of life and many dedicated to providing guide services to fisherman coming to our area to enjoy the IRL. On behalf of the Florida Fly Fishing Association and myself I want to recommend Mr. James Glass for one of the two seats on the SOIRL Citizen Oversight Committee.

Mr. Glass has been an active member of our Association and this community for over twenty years. His engineering background in waste water management and storm water runoff makes him technically qualified to provide valuable input to the SOIRL Citizen Oversight Committee. His twenty year plus dedication to the restoration and preservation of the IRL makes him a much needed addition to the Committee.

When you review Mr. Glass' qualifications in his application you will see that he will be a valuable addition to the Committee. When he is appointed the citizens of Brevard County will have an experienced volunteer and advocate that they can trust to help the SOIRL Committee make good decisions with regard to how Brevard County tax revenue is spent. Our citizens will know that the Director and Board has appointed someone that is both qualified for the job and willing do what is in the community's best interest when he shares his years of experience with the Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this important decision.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN M. MOON, PA


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