



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Unfinished Business

I.1

1/11/2022

Subject:

Board Discussion: Malabar Scrub Sanctuary

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

Dist. 3

Requested Action:

Board discussion of options regarding actions and statements by the Town of Malabar related to the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On Monday, January 3rd, 2022, County staff gave a presentation to the Town of Malabar regarding the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary, consistent with the Board of County Commissioner's previous direction to engage the public and interested groups. The Town of Malabar City Council responded in a manner that requires this Board's immediate attention. For instance, the Council indicated that if this Board doesn't acquiesce to its demands, they will make it as "painful," "difficult and expensive" as possible on the County for it to carry out its restoration function.

As such, it is requested that the Board discuss its options to ensure that the County is able to perform its functions effectively.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

N/A



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Abigail Jorandby, County Attorney

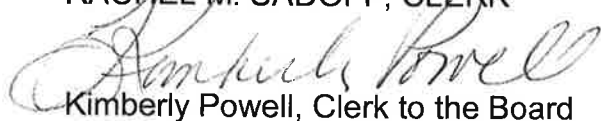
RE: Item I.1., Board Discussion for Malabar Scrub Sanctuary

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 11, 2022, discussed the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary and directed Mike Knight, Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Manager, to forgo attending any further meetings with the Town of Malabar regarding the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary; approved rescinding the offer of transferring the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary to the Town of Malabar; approved the immediate installation of a six-foot chain-link fence at the close of business on February 25 if a permit has not been issued by the Town, blocking access to the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary at an approximate cost of \$6,100, and billing the Town of Malabar; directed you to look at options for not needing a permit or taking legal action; and directed you to contact the State requesting written direction and determination if the County actually needs a permit.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager
Parks and Recreation
ELL Program Manager
Finance
Budget