



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

J.7.

3/17/2026

Subject:

Citizen request, Re: Approval of letter to the Trust of Public Land

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the BOCC approve the letter requesting technical advice and assistance from Trust for Public Land in connection with efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for restoring the Indian River Lagoon.

Summary Explanation and Background:

A similar letter was submitted in 2016 as the County began gathering information to move forward with the SOIRL referendum. That letter is attached to this agenda item. The citizens working on the current SOIRL campaign have requested that another letter be sent requesting the same type of support for this year's referendum. The Trust for Public Land will help gather information about the public's priorities and attitudes toward the restoration of the Indian River Lagoon in Brevard County and provide recommendations on public funding measures and strategies to enact such measures. There is no cost to the county.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



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March 18, 2026

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Thad Altman, District 5

RE: Item J.7., Citizen Request for Approval of letter to the Trust of Public Land

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 17, 2026, approved the letter requesting technical advice and assistance from Trust for Public Land in connection with efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for restoring the Indian River Lagoon. Enclosed is the letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager



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March 17, 2026

Mr. Will Abberger
Vice President
Director of Conservation Finance
Trust For Public Land
306 N. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Abberger,

By this letter, the Brevard County requests technical advice and assistance from Trust for Public Land in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for restoring the Indian River Lagoon. As part of your advice and assistance, I understand you may undertake feasibility research, including studying local laws and recent elections; conducting a public opinion survey; providing recommendations regarding program design; and assisting with the development of strategies for supporting dedicated, ongoing sources of public funds for Indian River Lagoon restoration purposes.

We are interested not only in the factual information that you can provide, but also your opinions and recommendations on public funding measures available to us and strategies to enact such measures. That would include understanding the public's priorities and attitudes regarding Indian River Lagoon restoration in Brevard County.

Information provided to Brevard County will be public record as a matter of law. This request does not in any way commit public funds to the efforts of Trust for Public Land related to this request, nor does it require public disclosure of any confidential information of either organization.

This request will continue in effect for any advice you offer or presentations you submit for the use of this body related to such matters. In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to request that you continue to be available to provide technical advice and assistance in this area and on related matters in the future.

Sincerely,

Thad Altman, Chair
Brevard County Commissioner, District 5
March 17, 2026.



Jim Barfield, Commissioner, District 2
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May 13, 2016

Mr. Will Abberger, Vice President
Director of Conservation Finance
The Trust for Public Land
306 N. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Abberger:

By this letter, as Chairman of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners I am requesting technical advice and assistance from The Trust for Public Land in connection with our efforts to explore options to develop reliable, ongoing sources of funding for restoring water quality in our coastal waters. As part of your advice and assistance, I understand you may undertake feasibility research, including studying local laws and recent elections; conducting a public opinion survey; providing recommendations regarding program design; and assisting with the development of strategies for supporting dedicated, ongoing sources of public funds for Indian River Lagoon restoration purposes.

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Jim Barfield, Chairman
Brevard County District 2 Commissioner

CC: Board of County Commissioners
Stockton Whitten, County Manager
Virginia Barker, Natural Resources Director

District 2 Includes

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