



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Miscellaneous

I.1.

1/23/2024

Subject:

Approval; Letter requesting technical advice and assistance from The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land.

Summary Explanation and Background:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for Indian River Lagoon water quality protection and restoration.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Return signed letter to the County Manager's Office.



January 24, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Jason Steele, District 5


RE: Item I.1., Letter requesting Technical Advice and Assistance from The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 23, 2024, denied authorization to the Chair to sign the letter for technical advice and assistance from The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land on behalf of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

Your continued cooperation is always 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



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COMMISSIONER JASON STEELE, DISTRICT 5

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Mr. Will Abberger
Director, Conservation Finance
The Trust for Public Land
306 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

January 23, 2024

Dear Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abberger:

The Brevard County Commission requests technical advice and assistance from The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for Indian River Lagoon water quality protection and restoration.

As part of your advice and assistance, I understand you will conduct research with affected groups to develop recommendations for the Brevard County Commission on strategies for supporting dedicated, ongoing sources of public funds for water quality protection and restoration of the Brevard County portion of the Indian River Lagoon.

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 concerning water quality protection and restoration – including nutrient removal, stormwater improvements, wastewater, and septic system upgrades – and how the public would respond to different methods of presenting those issues.

Information provided to the water quality protection and restoration will be public record as a matter of law. This request does not in any way commit public funds to the efforts of The Nature Conservancy and The 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.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Jason Steele, Chair



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