



AGENDA REPORT
December 4, 2018

**Re-Appointment of Members and Alternates to the Save Our Indian River
Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee and Permission to Advertise for
Volunteers to Fill Vacant Seats**

SUBJECT:

Re-Appointment of Members and Alternates to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee and Permission to Advertise for Volunteers to Fill Vacant Seats.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 18-19 Cost for advertising approximately \$2000, Fund 1260, the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund

DEPT/OFFICE:

Natural Resources Management

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners: (1) Review meeting attendance and participation records of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee (COC); (2) Re-Appoint COC members and alternates recommended by the Space Coast League of Cities who are willing to continue their service; (3) Consider re-appointment of willing members and alternates ranked and appointed by the County Commission in 2016; (4) Consider promotion of Danielle Bowden from the Real Estate Alternate seat to the Real Estate Member seat; and (5) authorize staff to advertise for new applicants for specific seats representing vacant fields of expertise on the COC.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

On August 23, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 16-15 for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan and Trust Fund. The Ordinance called for establishment of a Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) to make recommendations to the County Commission regarding annual updates to the Save Our Indian River Project Plan that is funded by the half cent Save Our Indian River Lagoon sales tax. The COC structure consists of 7 members and 7 alternates representing 7 fields of expertise: Science, Technology, Economics/Finance, Real Estate, Education/Outreach, Tourism, and Lagoon Advocacy. Terms are for 2 years (expiring in January), after which members and alternates can be re-appointed or replaced.

Half of the COC is nominated by the Space Coast League of Cities and half the COC is selected by the County Commission, with all seats appointed by the County Commission.

1. What do you feel the public's rights are in observing, monitoring and participating in the activities of the Hospital Board, and particularly the expenditure of funds?
2. What is your philosophy on how citizen boards for publicly owned facilities should conduct their business?
3. Have you ever served on a hospital board or any other board of directors?
4. Do you have any experience reviewing corporate or governmental budgets?
5. Do you have any business affiliation with individuals or organizations in the medical community?
6. Are you now, or have you ever been employed at Parrish Medical Center?
7. Do you have any medical business or employment experience?

Please submit all application materials to the following address:

Office of the County Manager
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson way, Bldg. C, Room C301
Viera, FL 32940
Attn: Stockton Whitten, County Manager

If replacement members or alternates are required, the entity who selected that member can upgrade the alternate to the member seat, choose a replacement from the existing pool of applicants, or request a new call for qualified citizen volunteers.

In 2016, NRM placed an advertisement in the Florida Today newspaper and posted the application on-line for 2 weeks. Thirty applications were received by the deadline and submitted to the League of Cities. The League selected 3 members and 4 alternates per the Ordinance. The County Commission appointed the applicants recommended by the League of Cities and ranked the remaining applicants for the seats selected by the County Commission. First term appointments were made November 1, 2016 so that citizen representation was in place before the November 8th ballot measure that approved the half-cent Save Our Indian River Lagoon sales tax.

On November 12, 2018, the Space Coast League of Cities met and recommended that the County advertise for new qualified citizen volunteers to fill vacancies left by Gene Artusa (Real Estate Member) and Karen McLaughlin (Tourism Alternate) who are not seeking reappointment, and also recommended that the County Commission re-appoint the following members and alternates selected by the Space Coast League of Cities:

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| Courtney Barker | Finance | Member |
| Stephany Eley | Education | Member |
| John Windsor | Lagoon Adv. | Member |
| Vinnie Taranto | Technology | Alternate |
| Charles Venuto | Science | Alternate |

The County Commission is also requested to consider reappointment of the following members and alternates selected by the County Commission in 2016, and willing to serve a second term.

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| John Byron | Technology | Member |
| Lorraine Koss | Science | Member |
| David Lane | Tourism | Member |
| Terry Casto | Lagoon Adv. | Alternate |
| Todd Swingle | Finance | Alternate |

- John Durkee BRPH

Danielle Bowden (Real Estate Alternate) is willing to step into the vacant Real Estate Member seat, if the County Commission wants to promote her. This would vacate her alternate seat to be filled by a new recruit to be recommended by the Space Coast League of Cities.

In January, the County Commission will need to rank applicants for the Education/Outreach Alternate seat that will be vacated by John Durkee. The Board may consider original applicants from 2016 or advertise for new applicants.

After deciding on all re-appointments, the County Commission is requested to direct staff to advertise for new qualified citizen volunteers to fill specific seats representing vacant fields of expertise on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Applications will be provided to the League of Cities (and the County Commission, if applicable) to rank candidates for vacant fields of expertise. The League of Cities'

recommendations will be brought to the County Commission in January for appointment to the COC, with service to begin in February.

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Attendance Record**
- Section 17 of Ordinance No. 16-15**
- FL Today Advertisement**



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December 17, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Barker, Natural Resources Management Director

RE: Item J.3., Re-Appointment of Members and Alternates to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee, and Permission to Advertise for Volunteers to Fill Vacant Seats

This is to correct the memorandum of December 5, 2018. The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 4, 2018, reviewed meeting attendance and participation records of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee (COC); approved the re-appointments recommended by the Space Coast League of Cities consisting of Courtney Barker as Finance Member, Stephany Eley as Education Member, John Windsor as Lagoon Advocacy Member, Vinnie Taranto as Technology Alternate, and Charles Venuto as Science Alternate; approved the re-appointments of willing members and alternates ranked and appointed by the County Commission in 2016 consisting of Lorraine Koss as Science Member, David Lane Tourism Member, Terry Casto Lagoon Advocacy Alternate, and Todd Swingle as Finance Alternate; approved the promotion of Danielle Bowden from the Real Estate Alternate seat to the Real Estate Member seat; authorized staff to advertise for new applicants for specific seats representing vacant fields of expertise on the COC; directed staff to ask John Byron and John Luznar to reapply for the Technology Member seat if they are interested, in which case they will be included with new applicants; and directed the County Attorney to research and bring back options to the Board which would clear any ambiguity contained in Section 17B of Ordinance 16-15, as it relates to the Board's approval authority of candidates selected by the Space Coast League of Cities, including if the Board can modify the Ordinance where the Board does not have what amounts to ministerial duties for the League of Cities appointment selection process.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

for: Donna Scott
Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: County Manager
County Attorney



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December 5, 2018

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Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

cc: County Manager
County Attorney

SECTION 17 OF ORDINANCE 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CALLING A COUNTYWIDE SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON ½ CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF BREVARD COUNTY ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD LEVY A ½ CENT INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FOR FINANCING THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST FOR THE SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROJECT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; CALLING A REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT LANGUAGE; APPROVAL OF SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROJECT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF THE ½ CENT SALES TAX FOR RESTORATION OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON; CREATING A SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PROJECT TRUST FUND; SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALER; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 17. SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There is hereby created an Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee which shall consist of seven members. The intent of this volunteer oversight committee of diversely skilled citizens would be to recommend updates of the Save Our Lagoon Project Plan to the Board of County Commissioners annually and to provide public oversight and a transparent process that not only allows, but fosters, development and implementation of better, less costly and/or more timely tools and techniques for restoration of the Indian River Lagoon.

A. STRUCTURE: Membership shall consist of seven representatives and seven alternates. Committee members shall represent a diversity of demonstrated expertise and experience to annually update and improve the Save Our Lagoon Project Plan. Each member and alternate shall represent at least one of the following fields of expertise: science, technology, economics/finance, real estate, education/outreach, tourism, and lagoon advocacy. A good working knowledge of lagoon water quality issues and sources of pollution is highly desirable. A Chair and Co-Chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the Oversight Committee members.

B. APPOINTMENT PROCESS: The County Commissioners shall call for interested volunteers to submit their qualifications to the Natural Resources Management Department prior to October 1, 2016. ONRM Department staff will review the applications and provide a qualified list of applicants to the League of Cities and to the County Commission to ensure that municipal and County interests are represented. The League will nominate members for three fields of expertise and nominate alternates for the remaining four fields of expertise. Each Commissioner will review the qualifications of the remaining applicants and score them from 1 to 3. Department staff will tabulate the ranking scores to select members for the remaining four fields of expertise and alternates for the remaining three fields of expertise. The County Commission will appoint the League of City nominees to the Oversight Committee and fill the remaining seats with candidates with the highest County Commission ranking. Appointments will be for two year terms, after which time members and alternates may be considered for reappointment or replacement. If replacement members or alternates are required, the entity

who selected that member can upgrade the alternate to the member seat, choose a replacement from the existing pool of applicants, or request a new call for qualified citizen volunteers.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Although Save Our Lagoon plan was developed with the best information available in 2016, verifying the sources of water quality pollution and keeping up with technological advancements is important for maximizing timely and cost-effective solutions. In order to review and adapt to better information and opportunities through time, monitoring is necessary. As projects from this plan are implemented, the actual costs and nutrient reduction benefits will be tracked.
2. Brevard County staff will provide project monitoring reports to the Oversight Committee and will work with them to recommend adjusting the planned projects, as needed. An adaptive management process shall be utilized to allow alternative projects to be submitted by municipalities and other community or lagoon focused partners for review by the Oversight Committee for inclusion in the next annual update to this plan.
3. The role of the Oversight Committee will be to review monitoring data on timeliness of project delivery, actual and updated project costs, and actual nutrient removal effectiveness, review new literature and local studies on the types of projects included in the plan and potential alternative project types, evaluate alternative project proposals received from the community, and recommend annual adjustments to the plan including Table 46, the Timeline for Funding Needs.
4. The Committee's recommendations will be presented annually by the Committee Chair, working with Department staff, to the Board of County Commissioners for their inclusion; modification and inclusion; or non-inclusion in the Save Our Lagoon plan. The Board shall not take action on the plan recommendation/s any sooner than 15 days after receipt and posting of the plan on the County's or Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Committee's websites.
5. Upon County Commission approval, a project or projects that deliver comparable nutrient removal benefits may be added to listed Save Our Lagoon projects or substituted for the funding allocated to one or more other Save Our Lagoon projects in the same sub-lagoon. Unless otherwise agreed to by the County Commission, if a substituted project costs more than the project listed in the Save Our Lagoon plan, the requesting partner must provide the balance of the costs.

**SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for three alternates to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

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 tourism. 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 resumes and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **December 27, 2018**. The Space Coast League of Cities will review applications on **January 14, 2019** and recommend appointment to fill two vacant seats (Tourism and Real Estate). The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will appoint new alternates (including Education/Outreach) at the regular meeting on **January 22, 2019**.

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, St., Zip
Phone
Cell Phone
Email

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes___No___ No. 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 match(es) your expertise:
___Science ___Economics/Finance ___Education/Outreach ___Lagoon Advocacy

___ Technology ___ Real Estate ___ Tourism

FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH

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.
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.
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.
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.

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application posted at <http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>, a resume 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, resume, and letter(s) of reference to:
Natural Resources Management Department, Carol Gerundo, Administrative
Assistant to the Director
Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov
Phone: 321-633-2016