



AGENDA REPORT
February 12, 2019

Resolution, Re: Amending Membership Criteria for the Selection and Management Committee for the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

SUBJECT:

Waiving Amendment and Updating Procedures to the Environment Endangered Lands (EEL) Program Land Acquisition Manual and Amending Membership on the Selection and Management Committee (SMC) for the Environmental Endangered Lands Program

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 2

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the resolution amending the EEL Land Acquisition Manual criteria for membership on the Selection and Management Committee.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

At the January 8, 2019 Board Meeting, the Board provided staff direction regarding the appointments of SMC members: reappoint Oli Johnson and Tammy Foster and to advertise for the remaining members. In addition, the Board requested that Commissioner Lober provide the Board with language to change the selection criteria of the SMC members.

The EEL program has a Land Acquisition Manual (LAM) that among other required operational items, defines how amendments are implemented and mandates the qualifications of the SMC memberships.

At the request of the Board of County Commissioners, the attached resolution would:

- (1) Waive the update procedures of the LAM as defined on page 8; and,
- (2) Amend the education degree requirements of SMC members from a Master's degree to a four-year postsecondary academic degree, B.S. or equivalent as defined in paragraph 3 on page 14 of the LAM; and,
- (3) Allow the current members that were not reappointed to continue as SMC members

until reappointed or new appointments are made.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

□ **Resolution**



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mary Ellen Donner, Parks and Recreation Director Attn: Mike Knight

RE: Item I.3., Resolution Amending Membership Criteria for the Selection and Management Committee for the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on February 12, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-019, amending the Environmentally Endangered Land (EEL) Land Acquisition Manual criteria for membership on the Selection and Management Committee. Enclosed is a certified copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner
County Manager
County Attorney

RESOLUTION 2019- 019

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ENVIRONMENTALLY
ENDANGERED LAND PROGRAM'S LAND ACQUISITION
MANUAL CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE
SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND
WAIVING THE LAND ACQUISITION MANUAL
REQUIREMENT FOR REVIEW OF CHANGES TO THE
MANUAL BY THE EEL PROCEDURES AND SELECTION
AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Land Acquisition Manual for the Environmentally Endangered Land Program by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is required to appoint Environmentally Endangered Land Program Selection and Management Committee members periodically, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined the requirements for membership are overly onerous and the number of potential volunteers is unreasonably restricted as a result of the criteria, and

WHEREAS, the Land Acquisition Manual of the Environmentally Endangered Land Program currently requires review of all changes to the Land Acquisition Manual to be reviewed by the Environmentally Endangered Land Program Procedures and Selection and Management Committees, and subsequently by the Board of County Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to amend the membership criteria absent review by the committees described above, and

WHEREAS, because the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Land Acquisition Manual for the Environmentally Endangered Land Program by resolution, it may amend and/or waive the Land Acquisition Manual by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

SECTION 1: The Amendment and Updating Procedures on page 8 of the Land Acquisition Manual are hereby waived for purposes of this Resolution and

alteration of the Environmentally Endangered Land Program Committee membership criteria.

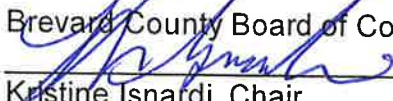
SECTION 2: The Land Acquisition Manual criteria for Selection and Management Committees is hereby amended to delete the requirement for a graduate degree and allow members to have an academic degree in specified fields. The revised paragraph shall read as follows:

Have a four-year postsecondary academic degree (B.S. or equivalent) in biological or environmental sciences or demonstrated professional expertise (minimum six (6) years) in a closely related conservation field such as ecosystem management, natural resources conservation, aquatic biology, field ecology, marine biology, botany, geology, hydrology, fire ecology, natural areas management, human use and recreation in natural areas, science education, or natural area sanctuary design.

The revised page 14 of the Land Acquisition Manual is attached as "Exhibit A".

SECTION 3: On January 8, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners addressed the appointment of Selection and Management Committee members for the Environmentally Endangered Land Program. Multiple terms had expired. The Board reappointed Oli Johnson and Tammy Foster for two year terms and authorized staff to initiate procedures to appoint replacement members for 5 other members whose terms had expired, while inviting those members to reapply. Section 2-213(2) of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida, entitled, "Uniform Advisory Board" provides: "An at large member may continue to serve after the expiration of his or her term until he or she is reappointed or until a new appointment is made." The Board intended to allow the 5 members with expired terms who were not reappointed on January 8, 2019 to remain on the committee until reappointed or a new appointment is confirmed.

DONE AND ADOPTED in Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, on this 12 day of FEB., 2019.

By: 
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Kristine Isnardi, Chair
(as approved by the Board on FEB. 12, 2019)

ATTEST:



SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

EXHIBIT "A" (P. 14, Land Acquisition Manual)

All EEL Selection and Management Committee members shall:

1. Have a willingness to serve in a voluntary capacity.
2. Be willing to make a long-term commitment to the EEL Selection and Management Committee.

No further qualifications will be required for the member appointed through the TDC or EDC.

All remaining EEL Selection and Management Committee members shall:

3. Have a four-year postsecondary academic degree (B.S. or equivalent) in biological or environmental sciences or demonstrated professional expertise (minimum six (6) years) in a closely related conservation field such as ecosystem management, natural resources conservation, aquatic biology, field ecology, marine biology, botany, geology, hydrology, fire ecology, natural areas management, human use and recreation in natural areas, science education, or natural area sanctuary design.
4. Have demonstrated knowledge of Brevard County ecosystems and specific knowledge of the habitat types and conservation land management techniques.

