

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE/NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING September 11, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in attendance:

Mark Brandenburg

Barbara Whittier

Tom Boyko

Visitor:

Wes Borgman, DVM

Staff:

Bryan Nipe, Jim Duby, Jane Millen

LOCATION:

Seminole County Softball Complex

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jane Millen was introduced as the new NL Program Coordinator and briefly discussed the new direction of programming and what her role would be with the NLP.

Jim Duby gave a presentation on the **current status of Natural Lands** specifically what is involved in the day to day management of these properties and the program in general. There are currently 7 Wilderness Areas and the Spring Hammock Preserve open for public access and an additional 2 sites to open in the near future.

Mr. Duby gave an overview of the activities involved such as maintenance and security, resource management such as burning and exotic control and finally environmental education.

Mr. Brandenburg then lead a discussion on the role of the subcommittee from this point forward. The group discussed the current state of the economy and that it would make pursuing any land purchases at this time very unlikely. Further discussions focused on the group serving as advocates for the NLP and helping to communicate the importance of this program for the current and future community of Seminole County. A brief discussion was held on the topic of feral cats on County Parks and Trails.

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The group reached consensus that they would only meet on an as need basis until such time as property acquisitions may become more likely.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 4:00 p.m.