

**SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE/NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING December 1, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Mark Brandenburg
Tom Boyko
Trish Walden
Barbara Whittier

Staff:

Sherry Williams
Bryan Nipe

Guests:

LOCATION:

Bailes Property

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
The October minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark Brandenburg inquired about the proposed enhancement projects for Lake Harney, Geneva and Black Bear Wilderness Areas. Bryan Nipe informed the group that the County Manager has approved staff to bring it to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Brandenburg reviewed the five year goals for the subcommittee and asked if there were any additional comments. Barbara Whittier asked who she should be targeting with environmental advocacy and Mr. Brandenburg suggested to start with the Cuplet Fern Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Natural Lands Sub-Committee 1-5 Year Goals

2010-11

- Establish Friends of Seminole County Natural Lands (or focus group if Friends of Seminole County Leisure Services is established)
- Participate in service projects and/or volunteer event within the Department/Division
- Environmental Advocacy – each subcommittee member to promote Leisure Services and Natural Lands with at least 2 groups
- User Survey – develop user survey for natural lands

2011 – 2012

- County-wide analysis of greenway/connectivity for future land acquisition
- Environmental Advocacy – each subcommittee member to organize and

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help setup natural lands displays (posters, pamphlets, etc.) at libraries,
active
recreation parks, trail heads, etc.

2013-15

- Implement Citizen Initiated Dedicated Funding Source

NEW BUSINESS:

Air Potato Raid

Mr. Brandenburg explained that the Leisure Services Advisory Committee would be volunteering at Black Hammock Trailhead for the January 22 air potato raid and that the Natural Lands Subcommittee would be the organizers. Sherry Williams said that she would provide more information to LSAC next week on the event.

Bailes site visit – The committee conducted an onsite review of the Charles Bailes property with the owner (Charles Bailes) present to answer questions. Of note was the location of the property, along the Econlockhatchee River and floodplain forest. There were a few exotics present including air potato and Ceasar's weed. The committee then gathered to rank the site in the standard criteria. Final ranking was 15.5. Mr. Brandenburg was concerned that the ranking process was not fairly ranking wetlands.

The group did not make a final recommendation on this property and agreed to discuss the topic of the ranking system at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for January 18 at 8:00 AM at the Black Hammock Trailhead to review the site for the January 22 air potato raid.

Natural Lands Applications

None were presented.

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 9:30 a.m.