SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE/NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITEE MINUTES OF MEETING June 29, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Staff:

Tom Boyko, Mark Brandenburg, Barbara Whittier Jim Duby, Sherry Williams Trish Walden, Wes Boreman Lori Hartsock

LOCATION: TIME:
Geneva Wilderness Area 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Geneva Wilderness Area (GWA) and the minutes for May 2011 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Duby gave an update on the status of the Natural Lands Enhancement Projects, stating that the design phase would be going out as an RFP instead of with internal Master Agreement. It was explained that this phase would generate plans that would then be used to bid out the construction phase.

Jim also updated the committee on the status of the Villineuve parcel, stating that the County Attorney's Office has made an offer and is awaiting a response from the realtor and or owners.

Mark Brandenburg led a discussion on the subcommittee's goals and favorable success to this point reaching many of the 1, 3 and 5 year goals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lori Hartsock, Greenways and Natural Land's new Program Coordinator was introduced and gave an update on the success of Eco Camp.

The group then traveled to view a property adjacent to the GWA. This approximate 15 acre parcel is located on the southwest side of the Wilderness area and is also bordered to the south by the Little Big Econ State Forest. The site was observed to be mature scrub habitat and all agreed it would make a nice addition to similar habitat on the GWA. The group then traveled to the Lake Proctor Wilderness Area (LPWA) to view two parcels adjacent to the Wilderness Areas northeast side. One parcel historically was managed as a Sand Pine Plantation but had recently (1-2 years) been cleared and now is predominately Bahia grass with some recruitment of young sand pines. Sherry Williams lead discussions on some options for restoration. The second site was forested Bayhead and wet Flatwoods and has recently had a perimeter line cleared around its boundary.

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