

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING March 28, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier

Staff:

Jim Duby

LOCATION:

Geneva Wilderness Area

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and the minutes for the December 14, 2011 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natural Lands Enhancement projects – Jim gave an update on the status informing the group that the firm Miller Legg & Associates had been selected to perform the engineering, design and environmental permitting for the projects at Geneva, Lake Harney and Black Bear Wilderness Areas. Miller Legg will provide the necessary documents to then bid the projects out for construction.

FYCCN – Jim stated the agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Wildlife Foundation of Florida had been approved by the BCC. Staff from the three entities will be meeting sometime in April to discuss the next steps to developing the partnerships and programming opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Re-opening of Black Bear Wilderness Area - Jim announced that the Black Bear wilderness Area would be re-opening for public access this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. No special event is planned due to parking restraints.

New Division Manager – Jim informed the group that Kelly Snook had been selected and accepted the position of Greenways and Natural Lands Division Manager.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The group discussed several items and agreed upon the following topics to be considered for future meetings.

- Marketing of the Natural Lands sites to increase awareness and appreciation.
- Review other Natural Lands sites for public accessibility and educational opportunities.

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