

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING March 27, 2013**

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Barbara Whittier, Ed Ghiglieri

Staff: Sherry Williams

Guests: Alex Ghiglieri, Max Ortiz

LOCATION:

Econ River Wilderness Area
3795 Old Lockwood Road
Oviedo, FL 32765

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Toured Econ River Wilderness Area and discussed management issues including:
 1. Invasive species on the property – air potato and cogongrass have both continue to be minor problems and are treated when observed.
 2. Restoration of sandhill – looked at prescribed burns in sandhill from last summer and discussed restoration strategy of having contractor girdle oaks that have invaded – reduces shading of canopy trees, encourages grasses and forbs to spread as ground layer.
 3. Contractor widened firelines – making prescribed burning safer by creating a larger defensible boundary line (around each burn zone).
 4. Discussed trail system and how staff need to re-mark the trail system. Subcommittee members offered to assist with this and set May 5 to meet at ERWA at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.