

**HERNANDO COUNTY  
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS COMMITTEE  
(ESLC)**

**REVISED AGENDA**

Wednesday  
**May 18, 2005**  
(Meeting 4)

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Hernando County Planning Conference Room (2nd Floor), which is located in the Hernando County Government Center/Administration Building, 20 N. Main Street, Room 261, Brooksville, FL 34601

1. Meeting called to order
2. Committee appointment recommendations
3. Janet Butterfield Brooks Preserve update
4. ESL budget discussion
5. General public comment
6. Approval of minutes from February 9, 2005 and March 16, 2005
7. Committee member issues
8. Schedule and focus of next meeting
9. Adjournment

May 10, 2005

**MEMORANDUM**

**PD-257**

**TO:** Environmentally Sensitive Lands Committee

**VIA:** Lawrence Jennings, Director  
Growth and Development Services

**FROM:** Dawn Velsor, Lead Environmental Planner  
Hernando County Planning Department

**SUBJECT:** Discussion Items for **May 18, 2005** ESLC Meeting

Planning staff has scheduled a meeting of the ESLC for **Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at 5:30 pm in the Planning Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 261)**. The main focus of the meeting will be to review new applicants for the two committee vacancies and to review the Janet Butterfield Brooks Preserve offer information provided by The Nature Conservancy. Members will be notified by phone to confirm meeting date and time.

**Committee Vacancy Update**

There are currently two committee vacancies. Professional expertise is preferred for one of the open positions. The other vacancy is for a layperson position. Staff has sorted the applications into either of the two categories.

The applicants for the professional expertise position are:

**Doran E. Mann**  
**James Merlin Clayton, Jr.**

The applicants for the layperson position are:

**Linda K. Prescott**  
**Peter Gregory Finn**

The Committee can recommend the appointment of one applicant from each category to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment to the ESLC.

**Janet Butterfield Brooks Preserve**

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has offered to donate the Janet Butterfield Brooks Preserve to Hernando County. The Butterfield Brooks Preserve is adjacent to the Fickett Hammock Preserve.

TNC has supplied a packet of information which includes a description of their current management activities and the deed restrictions on the property. Staff would like the ESLC to review the enclosed packet. The Committee should discuss the merits and liabilities of the County accepting title to the property and provide any recommendations. TNC is also discussing this transfer with the National Audubon Society.

### **Budget Discussion**

Staff has enclosed the proposed 2005/06 budget for the ESL Program. Estimated costs to complete the house are attached for review. Staff would like the Committee to discuss the pros and cons of finishing the house versus preparing a mobile home site to serve as security housing. The Committee should provide any recommendations concerning this issue.

The County's Budget Office has inquired about using the Sensitive Lands Fund in order to fund personnel salaries that are necessary to manage the ESL Program. This issue is under legal review at the current time. The ESLC should discuss this issue and make any recommendations.

### **ESL Project Ranking and Peck Sink Offer**

The Board of County Commissioners will consider the ESLC's proposed project ranking at their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. At this meeting the Board will also consider an offer by the owner of Peck Sink and approximately 80 surrounding acres to sell this critical component of the Peck Sink Floodplain project to the County. Both agenda items are attached.

DMV/JLH

pc: ESLC members  
Mikel Renner  
Gulf Coast Conservancy  
Adrian Kilby  
Dixie Lee Bait Shop  
Nancy Sutherland  
Terry Bickel

email: Dave Bayliss, Property Management Coordinator

Attachments: Meeting Agenda  
Committee vacancy applications  
Janet Butterfield Brooks information  
FY 2005/2006 proposed ESL budget  
Use of ESL Funds LR 05-244  
Cypress Lakes house improvements estimate  
BCC ranking agenda item

BCC Peck Sink agenda item