

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

**AGENDA**

Monday  
**January 23, 2006**  
(Meeting 1)

**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. Election of Officers
3. Member term limits
4. ESL Land Manager position
5. Committee membership update
6. General public comment
7. Approval of meeting minutes from 5/18/05 and 12/14/05
8. Committee member issues
9. Schedule and focus of future meeting(s)
10. Adjournment

January 10, 2006

**MEMORANDUM**

**PD-15**

**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 **January 23, 2006** ESLC Meeting

Planning staff has scheduled a meeting of the ESLC for **Monday, January 23, 2006, 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 discuss the terms of original members, the proposed ESL Land Manager position and the scheduling of future meetings. Members will be notified by phone to confirm meeting date and time.

**ESLC Member Terms**

The ESLC adopted bylaws on November 15, 2004, which among other things set up a term structure for ESLC members. The bylaws state that all members will serve staggered 4 year terms. 4 year terms have been set for all members who have joined the Committee since the adoption of the bylaws but no term limit dates have been set for the existing members with specific expertise. The following members have not yet had term limit dates set:

**Gene Kelly**  
**Richard Poling**  
**Bill Korn**  
**George Foster**  
**Marilyn Bates**  
**Paul Furman**

Staff recommends that these members draw dates to determine the end of their initial terms. The dates will be December 31, 2007, December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009 so that a maximum of two member terms will end on the same date. All members are allowed to reapply after the end of their initial term and serve a total two terms. Members with expertise may be reappointed for a longer period if there are no applicants with appropriate expertise.

**Land Manager Position**

At the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the ESLC discussed the County creating a dedicated Land Manager

position through the ESL Fund. Staff has researched the issue and has created a job description for discussion purposes. The Committee should review this description and discuss the potential job functions and financial impacts to the ESL fund.

### **Future Meetings and Field Visits**

The ESLC have discussed prescheduling meetings for the year. Since several members have scheduling conflicts, members should bring their calendars in order to set appropriate meeting dates.

The ESLC also has inquired about having meetings onsite at some of the ESL Preserves. While this is theoretically possible, Staff feels that the Sunshine Law requirements especially ADA accessibility issues would pose too much of a problem for this to be viable. Staff feels that meeting with any interested ESLC members individually to tour the Preserves could be accommodated. Preserve management plans will be placed online to facilitate the upcoming work program and budget discussions.

### **Committee Membership Update**

Mr. Leland McKeown was approved by the Board on January 10, 2006. Ms. Merrigan has decided to resign from the committee due to time constraints. She has been advised that she must submit a written resignation to the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. Since a resignation letter has not been received staff will reiterate the resignation requirements in a letter.

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  
              Land Manager position description  
              Meeting minutes for 5/18/05 & 12/14/06