

Meeting Minutes

Rural Lands Stewardship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, June 1, 2004 11:00 a.m.

Indian River Citrus League conference room, Vero Beach, FL

Attendees: Doug Bournique
Craig Evans
Pam Mac'Kie
Peter Spyke
Bill Kerr
Nat Roberts
Doug Bournique
Mr. Cambruck
John Ashbum
Sonny Williamson
John Abney
Jim Bridgeman (sitting in for Pam Mac'Kie)
Terry Thomas
Michael Collins
Jack Hayman
Randy Bateman
Mitch Hutchcraft
Kevin McMCKyton
Walker Banning

Agricultural Element

Try to find Federal funds step it up

Invite other counties and restore

SFWMD SJRMD NFWMD grant writing support matching funds to counties

Bridgeman: Ag. Liaison position dedicated to this program supported 100% GIS: Yes

Al Reynolds: New aerial photo, land use, other

Craig: Matching positions at St. John's; databases – land use cover matching. Who would take lead? 9 counties; Volusia, Osceola, St. John, Brevard, St. Lucie, Indian River, Palm Beach

Legal place district level? No

Not necessarily job for water management district

Rural land stewardship

Legislation allows important to be consistent

Multiple rural land stewardship areas

Dave: Fundamentally multi decision making needs to be county level

Job of rural land stewardship, driven by property owners, people who live in area stakeholder group

Volusia City - smart growth
Brevard – Brevard tomorrow
Hendry – cattleman organized?

Smaller counties don't have resources

Regional planning councils have strong GIS

\$800,000 collecting, correcting errors

Pulling data together

Somebody besides water management district SF not going to be available '05

Get into budget process now

Collier County GIS – started with FL natural areas inv.

Pete: somehow or another we've got to figure this out. Need to hone in – get a grip on GIS Black hole with no plan. GIS deals with specifics

C: WMDs willing & helpful. St. Johns and other counties, Indian River citrus looking into other producers

Commissioner Abney: Okeechobee City very interested

Al Reynolds: concise write up of information? Get advance of meeting. Ultimate goal of project

Suggest set meeting with GIS people and list of requested info asap

Local city info

Counties & WMD come together

Craig: a lot of work and little time. List that Collier needs. Bring wants, needs, data, budget. Could we get Al to come to this side of state? Not a problem. Data sets will be common. Data sets were developed from different data sets

Kennedy Space Center
EPA
CDA – Walker Dept. Comm. Affairs

Support to small rural counties that don't have staff

Walker: recognized needs in all phases of planning. Rural lands stewardships have been supported talked about. 1 of many assignments.

Walker: DM on call. Do what we can to support program

Data sets from Geo plant center

University of Florida extensive Data (GIS)

Chuck: Question bill senate 2188 go to gov. office _____. Any resistance?

Chuck: No resistance – same problem @ staff level. No one voted against – passed unanimously

No problems to this point. Doesn't anticipate any

Funding 5m governor vetoed purchase easements would have been useful

Al Reynolds Action: please provide wm districts emails

Craig: Rural lands committee. Craig will follow up WMD's: South Florida, St. John, S_____ budget requests beyond data gathering. Ag. Liaison planner

Al Reynolds calendar wk 21 out in town 28th

Al needs week to get stuff out

Wednesday or Thursday. Will check with Pam. Probably by email too

Scope – unintelligible. Keep it manageable (counties) have group continue work effort

ACTION ITEM: June 29 for GIS meeting along with contact information