

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIENDS OF FLORIDA STATE FOREST, INC.
FEBRUARY 2, 2012
BEAU TURNER YOUTH CONSERVATION CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
LAMONT, FL

President Karels welcomed the Board of Directors and opened the meetings at 11:10 a.m.

Quorum Check:

Members Present

President Jim Karels

Vice President Charles Maynard

Secretary Treasurer Sue Noyes

Director Helen Koehler

Director Medora Mullins

Director Larry Scovotto

Members Not Present:

Director Alfredo Lorzeno

Assistant Treasurer Steve Jennings

Staff:

Program Coordinator Katelyn Crow Landrum

Tallahassee Forestry Center Recreation Coordinator Marti Miller

Recreation Program Coordinator Keith Bettcher

Public Information Specialist Lorna Radcliff

Guests:

None

Once the meeting began, the following actions were taken:

- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the July 7, 2011 minutes with no changes.
- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted that the December, 2011 financial statement was reviewed.
- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to endorse the Commissioner of Agriculture's initiative of Operation Outdoor Freedom and that the Friends are capable and ready to handle the administration of this program and future recreational experiences for wounded veterans.
- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to update those authorized on the bank accounts as follows: keep Jim Karels, Steve Jennings, David Core, and Larry Scovotto on the accounts; delete all others currently on record at the banks; and add Katelyn Crow Landrum.
- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to support the RTP Grant proposal by The Southern Trailriders and manage any grant funding, in partnership with Friends, on Lake Talquin State Forest for the following:
 1. Campground connection trail and sustainable wetland crossing design and development.
 2. Ft. Braden East Loop Equestrian Trails (6miles) evaluation and improvements.
 3. Ft. Braden equestrian trails carrying capacity study.
- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the new Board Nominees as presented including Jeff Vowell, Tim Clifford, Martha Monroe, Kelly Langston, Robin Will and Brenda Foreman.
- On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to reaffirm electronic approval of the budget.

Topics of Discussion:

- Administrative costs of grants.
- Florida Forest Service budget.
- Oil and gas issue at Blackwater River State Forest.

- Possible land trade at Point Washington State Forest for county to construct a welcome center.
- Status of off-highway vehicle recreation area at Blackwater River State Forest.
- Volunteer Program.
- Loss of inmate labor due to privatization of prisons.
- Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition.
- Website redesign status.
- Membership status and future reports.
- Recent donation to Goethe State Forest by The Goethe Trail due to international ride conducted.
- Recognition of Board of Directors with expiring term limits.