

MEETING SUMMARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIENDS OF FLORIDA STATE FORESTS, INC.
JANUARY 25, 2022
CONFERENCE CALL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

NOTE: This is a summary of the meeting, not an actual transcript of the meeting. This meeting was advertised in the Florida Administrative Register.

Agenda Items

1) Mr. Albury welcomed the Board of Directors and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Quorum Check

Members Present on Conference Call Line:

President Erin Albury
Charles Maynard
David Hunt
Joe Fritz
Dr. Morgan Varner
Amy Morie
Charlie Kemp
Chris Reed

Absent:

Jessica Ireland

FFSF Program Staff:

Lorna Radcliff, Program Coordinator
Kelly Boutwell, Program Fiscal Coordinator

Guests:

Johnny Sabo, Florida Forest Service Assistant Director
Jimmy Roberts, Forest Management Bureau Chief
Brian Camposano, Forest Management Assistant Bureau Chief
Darby Shaw, FDACS Senior Attorney
Kelly Kennedy, FDACS Attorney
Duane Weis, FFS Myakka River District Manager
Erica Woods
Montgomery Simpson
Bill Vander May

3) Board Action Items:

a) On a motion duly made by Dr. Morgan Varner and seconded by Chris Reed, it was unanimously voted to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes (summary).

b) On a motion duly made by Amy Morie and seconded by Charles Maynard, it was unanimously voted to approve the Articles of Incorporation for the Babcock Ranch Preserve Chapter.

c) On a motion duly made by Charles Maynard and seconded by Montgomery Simpson and David Hunt, it was unanimously voted to approve Charles Maynard as the Vice President of the Board.

d) On a motion duly made by Dr. Morgan Varner and seconded by Montgomery Simpson and Erin Albury, it was unanimously voted to amend the Management Policies pertaining to Member Dues from the current levels to the new levels:

Current Levels

- Individual 20
- User/Member 60
- Dogwood 250
- Hickory 500
- Magnolia 1000
- Cypress 2500
- Live Oak 5000
- Longleaf 10,000

New Levels

- Individual 20

Donations to a State Forest, Recreation, and Reforestation will remain.

4) Board Discussion:

Mr. Albury discussed updates since the November meeting regarding the Operation Outdoor Freedom (OOF) Program and the State Forest Marketing Campaign. David Hunt elaborated on the recent OOF events held. Twenty-four events have been held on 10 FFS properties and 13 other managed lands in the past two months. Events included hunting, fishing, kayaking, and a python hunt. Jimmy Roberts elaborated on the Marketing Campaign status. The awarded vendor was BowStern, who recently completed a successful wildfire marketing campaign for FFS. The contract is for two and a half years, and they are excited to promote forest recreation activities and to increase the awareness of Florida State Forests to the public.

Ms. Shaw provided an overview of the Articles of Incorporation for the Babcock Ranch Preserve Chapter, as well as background on why the chapter was formed. Ms. Shaw also explained the process for submission of the Articles of Incorporation to the State and discussed the importance of the Sunshine Law as it relates to the new chapter board as well as the current board.

Montgomery Simpson asked that a contact list of the FFSF Board of Directors is sent out to all Directors.

The board tentatively scheduled the next board meeting for the Fall of 2022. A poll will be conducted closer to that time for potential dates and times to ensure a quorum.

On a motion made by Charles Maynard and seconded by David Hunt, to adjourn the meeting and unanimously voted by the board to adjourn, as this was accomplished by Board President Mr. Albury at 11:07 am.

Summary of meeting provided by:

Lorna Radcliff

Program Coordinator

Friends of Florida State Forests