

**Seminole County  
Acquisition and Restoration Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2025**

**Members Present:**

Jay Exum, Phyllis Hall, Jeanette Schreiber, Beverly Evans, David Bear, Tim Jackson, Gabbie Milch

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:**

Cindy Haller, Jeremy Morton

**Staff Present:**

Sherry Williams, Special Projects Program Manager  
Michael Wirsing, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director  
Allegra Buyer, Natural Lands Program Manager  
Gerlin Kahn, Assistant County Attorney  
Cindy Kelley, Administrative Assistant

**Location:**

Boombah Soldiers Creek Park  
2400 SR 419, Longwood, FL 32750

**Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions**

The ARC meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Jay Exum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Visitors**

- There were 3 visitors—Jeremy Morton, Cindy Haller, and a third person who left before we could document his name. Ms. Haller and Mr. Morton stated that they were happy the County was involved in land acquisition again and they were excited about the program.
- Sherry was asked by Jay Exum if she had any other contact from the public. Sherry mentioned letters of support for some Seminole Forever applications.
- Sherry also mentioned that Ms. Haller had called to ask when meetings were open to the public.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jay Exum asked if there were any comments or edits to the November 20, 2024, minutes. Minutes were approved with no edits. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Old Business:**

- Tally sheet reviewed. Revised tally sheet given out and approved.
- No changes to the Acquisition Scoring Criteria due to being approved by the Board of County Commissioners except for one typographical error on last page that was corrected after the last meeting.
- All applications will be given to ARC committee and if County staff determines that any do not meet the basic criteria in the Seminole Forever Ordinance, a reason will be given as to why it would not fit into the program.
- The committee will be provided with a packet including maps and information for each property. Packets will be delivered via email to the committee by March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Site visits will be scheduled the first week of February. There will be a list sent out with dates and times to all committee members. Each committee member will choose up to 3 properties to visit from a list sent out. The list will include address and site conditions. There will be a schedule for members attending the site visit as soon as possible when we hear from everyone.
- If a committee member has a close relationship with the property owner, e.g., mother, father, daughter, son, employer, etc.; then the ARC member would need to disclose the potential conflict to the committee, and, potentially recuse themselves from scoring the property.
- The March 18<sup>th</sup> ARC meeting will be from 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm to discuss the site reviews, and to score the properties. Scoring the properties may require additional work during the April ARC meeting.
- The April 15<sup>th</sup> ARC meeting will be held in the BCC chambers. The committee will receive reports from staff and landowners will be able to comment.
- The May 20<sup>th</sup> ARC meeting will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting and, afterwards, scores for each property will be revealed and discussed.
- Scores from the final list, along with any recommendations will be presented to the BCC in June.
- The ARC discussed a target date of December 2025 for production of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the 5-year Acquisition Plan, but this date could be postponed.

**New Business:**

- Staff has received applications from all over the county. Still waiting on 2 applications to be received.

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- Tim Jackson moved to keep Jay Exum in Chairperson position. Was not voted on and was suggested that Jay Exum stays on thru June to get thru one cycle of ranking.
- Recommended that the Vice Chairperson could rotate amongst the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES, ADA COORDINATOR 48 HOURS IN

ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT 407-665-7941.

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