



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ACTION SUMMARY
MAY 19, 2026 ~ 9:00 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS
2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sarah Heard, Chair
Edward V. Ciampi, Vice Chairman
Eileen Vargas
Stacey Hetherington
J. Blake Capps

Don G. Donaldson, P.E., County Administrator
Elysse A. Elder, County Attorney
Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

PRESETS

9:05 AM - Public Comment
9:30 AM - Lease Agreement with Martin County Healthy Start Coalition (DEPT-4)
5:05 PM - Public Comment

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:02 AM

Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance - **Cecil "Ed" Whitaker**, US Marine & Vietnam Veteran

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additional Items – [The Additional Items of PROC-2, CNST-19, and CNST-20 were added to the Agenda.](#)
Approval of Agenda – [The Agenda was approved with DPQJ-1 being continued at the applicant's request.](#)

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PROC-1 PRESENT PROCLAMATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VIA THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board is asked to present proclamations declaring National Safe Boating Week, recognizing Public Works Week, declaring Memorial Day, and declaring Emergency Medical Services Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0711

ACTION TAKEN: [The proclamations were presented.](#)

PROC-2 RECOGNITION OF THE PINE SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board is asked to hear a presentation recognizing the boys' soccer team as the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) Class 1A State Champions.

Agenda Item: 26-0909 Additional Item

ACTION TAKEN: The Board heard the presentation.

COMMENTS

Public (9:05 AM) - Please limit comments to three minutes.

Commissioners – The Board asked staff to bring back an agenda item regarding quiet zones with a Federal Rail Administration expert in attendance. The Board asked staff to post the informational graphic regarding the P3 Process for the County Operations Facility to the web under Hot Topics.

County Administrator

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda – The Consent Agenda was approved minus CNST-8, CNST-16, CNST-17, and CNST-18.

Consent Agenda items are considered routine and are enacted by one motion and will have no action noted, but the "Recommendation" as it appears on the Board item is the approved action.

Discussion of Pulled Consent Items

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-1 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Agenda Item: 26-0568 Supplemental Memorandum (3 items)

CNST-2 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST FOR DISBURSEMENT VIA CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Chapter 136.06, Florida Statutes, checks, and electronic payments issued by the Board of County Commissioners are to be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. In compliance with statutory requirements, the Warrant List is added to the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. This Warrant List is for disbursements made between April 20 and May 3, 2026. Additional details related to these disbursements may be viewed in the office of the Martin County Clerk of Court and Comptroller or on the Clerk's website.

Agenda Item: 26-0574

CNST-3 NOTED ITEMS

Noted items are documents for the Board's information that must be a part of the record but do not require any action.

Agenda Item: 26-0578

CNST-4 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Lupus Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0783

CNST-5 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MEN'S HEALTH MONTH AND NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring Men's Health Month and National Men's Health Week in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0794

CNST-6 APPROVAL OF REVISED LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FY 2023-2026

The Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) governs Martin County's State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) programming and expenditures. The revised 2023-2026 LHAP was prepared by staff and reviewed by Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC), which approved the technical revision to the LHAP on April 6, 2026. This revision will mirror the 2026-2029 LHAP which was approved by the Board on March 24, 2026.

Agenda Item: 26-0789

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.10

AIRPORT

CNST-7 REQUEST TO APPROVE SCORING CRITERIA AND BEGIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PROPERTIES AT THE MARTIN COUNTY AIRPORT/WITHAM FIELD

Staff requests approval to begin the Request for Proposal process for two vacant aeronautical parcels at Witham Field, each being 6.52± acres, located off Airport Road. The process will comply with all applicable laws and the Voluntary Corrective Action Plan, as approved by the Board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Agenda Item: 26-0879

FIRE RESCUE

CNST-8 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF STUART

Martin County and the City of Stuart (City) currently provide mutual and automatic aid response for all fire suppression and emergency services within each party's jurisdictional boundaries. Representatives from the County and the City have been meeting to update and revise the existing Interlocal Agreement, with the most recent meetings focused on finalizing proposed changes. The proposed Interlocal Agreement includes revisions to response guidelines and dispatch protocols. The outcome of these discussions is reflected in a new Letter of Understanding (LOU) and an updated, signed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Stuart Fire Rescue.

Agenda Item: 26-0876

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the Interlocal Agreement and authorized the Chair or designee to execute the Interlocal Agreement, as well as any related agreements or documents upon review and concurrence of the County Attorney's Office.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

CNST-9 REQUEST TO RELEASE A UNITY OF TITLE FOR LOT 14 OF THE FISHERMAN'S PARADISE UNRECORDED PLAT

The applicant, Ruth M. Campbell, requests the release of the Unity of Title for the property legally described as Lot 14 of the Fisherman's Paradise unrecorded plat. The parcel is located on the east side of SE Sailfish Lane approximately 1,000 feet north of SE Saint Lucie Boulevard within the City of Stuart.

Agenda Item: 26-0855

[RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.11](#)

PARKS AND RECREATION

CNST-10 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY

The Transportation Services Agreement with the School Board of Martin County is for the use of school buses to transport after school and summer camp participants for field trips, special events, and activities from July 2026 through June 2027.

Agenda Item: 26-0830

PUBLIC WORKS

CNST-11 REQUEST THAT MARTIN COUNTY GRANT AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICES FOR A NEW CHILLER PLANT AT THE CUMMINGS LIBRARY IN PALM CITY

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) has requested approval of an Underground Utility Easement for extension of electrical service to the new chiller plant on County-owned property at the Cummings Library, located at the northeast corner of SW Martin Downs Boulevard and SW Matheson Avenue in Palm City.

Agenda Item: 26-0818

CNST-12 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM CORAL LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, ALONG THE PLATTED ROADS WITHIN THE CORAL LAKES SUBDIVISION IN STUART

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Utility Easement from Coral Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, to allow for water and sewer related services and equipment along the platted roads within the Coral Lakes subdivision in Stuart.

Agenda Item: 26-0819

[RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.12](#)

CNST-13 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A WARRANTY DEED FOR DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM SROA SE SANDY FL, LLC, FOR THE STORAGE RENTALS OF AMERICA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN HOBE SOUND

This request is for adoption of a resolution approving and accepting a Warranty Deed conveying approximately 5,329 square feet of dedicated right-of-way (ROW) consisting of three 5-foot strips along SE Sandy Lane, SE Osprey Street, and SE Dixie Highway from SROA SE Sandy FL, LLC, a foreign limited liability company (SROA), as a condition of post-approval for the Storage Rentals of America Planned Unit Development (PUD) Final Site Plan in Hobe Sound.

Agenda Item: 26-0836

[RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.13](#)

CNST-14 ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A DRAINAGE, ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT FROM RIVER WATCH PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JENSEN BEACH MOSQUITO IMPOUNDMENT

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Drainage, Access and Maintenance Easement from River Watch Property Owners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (RWPOA), to provide Martin County access to certain land owned by RWPOA in St. Lucie County for the operation and maintenance of the existing outflow structures, exotic vegetation control, mosquito control, channel maintenance and maintenance of the access road, all in support of the Jensen Beach Mosquito Impoundment area.

Agenda Item: 26-0840

[RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.14](#)

CNST-15 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM THE ESTATE OF MARION L. KIRBY, ALONG NE SANTA CRUZ DRIVE IN JENSEN BEACH

This is a request for the adoption of a Resolution accepting and approving a Utility Easement from the Estate of Marion L. Kirby to allow for the installation of water and sewer related services and equipment to serve the properties along NE Santa Cruz Drive, north of NE Alice Street, in Jensen Beach.

Agenda Item: 26-0842

[RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.15](#)

CNST-16 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF TWO PARCELS TOTALING 1.15-ACRES LOCATED OFF SE DIXIE HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO THE COUNTY OWNED HOBE SOUND SCRUB PRESERVE FOR CONSERVATION AND PERPETUAL PRESERVATION

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting the donation of two parcels totaling approximately 1.15-acres located off SE Dixie Highway adjacent to the County-owned Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve in Hobe Sound (the Property). The Property is being generously donated to the County, for perpetual conservation and public use, by Ms. Louise C. Yeiser.

Agenda Item: 26-0858

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.7

ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted the Resolution approving and accepting the donation of two parcels totaling 1.15 acres from Louise C. Yeiser and authorized the Chair to execute all documents associated with this transaction.

CNST-17 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A 4-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADJACENT TO A COUNTY-OWNED PARCEL KNOWN AS EAST FORK CREEK IN HOBE SOUND

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting the donation of a 4-acre parcel located on the east side of SE Federal Highway in Hobe Sound, adjacent to a County-owned conservation parcel, known as East Fork Creek STA and situated between SE Heritage Boulevard and SE Constitution Boulevard (the Property). The Property is being generously donated to the County, for perpetual conservation and public use, by Ms. Louise C. Yeiser.

Agenda Item: 26-0860

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.8

ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted the Resolution approving and accepting the donation of a 4-acre parcel from Louise C. Yeiser and authorized the Chair to execute all documents associated with this transaction.

CNST-18 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF TEN PARCELS TOTALING 1.54-ACRES LOCATED OFF SE DIXIE HIGHWAY AND FRONTING SE HILLSIDE CIRCLE IN HOBE SOUND FOR CONSERVATION AND PERPETUAL PRESERVATION

This is a request for the adoption of a resolution approving and accepting the donation of ten parcels totaling approximately 1.54-acres, located off SE Dixie Highway and fronting SE Hillside Circle in Hobe Sound (the Properties). The Properties are adjacent to the Hobe Sound Scrub Preserve property and other parcels donated by Ms. Louise C. Yeiser for perpetual conservation and public use.

Agenda Item: 26-0861

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.9

ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted the Resolution approving and accepting the donation of ten parcels totaling 1.54 acres from Louise C. Yeiser and authorized the Chair to execute all documents associated with this transaction.

UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE

CNST-19 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE THIRD RENEWAL TO THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARTIN COUNTY AND THE SOLAR AND ENERGY LOAN FUND OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Martin County and the Solar Energy Loan Fund of St. Lucie County (SELF) entered into an Agreement to support home improvements and sustainability financing on March 26, 2019 with subsequent renewals. SELF has requested a change in the interest rate to reflect lending market conditions along with a date and an index for future annual adjustments, lower the minimum number of loans provided, and removing the upper limit of the number of loans available.

Agenda Item: 26-0889 [Additional Item](#)

ADMINISTRATION

CNST-20 ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2026 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board is asked to adopt a proclamation declaring May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0908 [Additional Item](#)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MARTIN COUNTY TRICO SETTLEMENT - MICHELLE POUCH VS. MARTIN COUNTY, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In accordance with the Procedure for TRICO settlements established by the Board of County Commissioners (Board), the public is provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed settlement in the case of Michelle Pouch v. Martin County, Case No. 24-01185-CAAXMX. The case arose from a trip and fall accident. The County is self-insured, and TRICO (our insurance pool) assigned counsel to the matter. Settlement discussions occurred on this case. A proposed settlement is before the Board for public comment.

Agenda Item: 26-0832

ACTION TAKEN: The Board conducted the public hearing; there were no public comments.

PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISIONS 1 & 5, ARTICLE 12, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, MARTIN COUNTY CODE, REGARDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS IN THE HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA

This is a request by Floridays Mobile Park, LLC, to amend Division 1, Uniform Redevelopment Standards, and Division 5, Hobe Sound, Article 12, Community Redevelopment Code, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code (LDR), to modify the recreational vehicle (RV) park standards specific to the Hobe Sound Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). This item was continued from the March 10, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Agenda Item: 26-0854 [Supplemental Memorandum](#) **ORDINANCE NO. 1274**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit and approved the Ordinance amending Article 12, Community Redevelopment Code, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code. A maximum of four recreational vehicles may be occupied by managers or caretakers utilizing the short-term tenancy exemption.

**DEPARTMENTAL QUASI-JUDICIAL
GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

DPQJ-1 REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR HERITAGE RIDGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PARCEL C-4, LOT 2B, FOR THE STORAGE PLACE HOBE SOUND PROJECT (K024-006)

This is a request by McCarty & Associates Land Planning & Design, LLC, on behalf of 8280 Constitution, LLC, for final site plan approval to construct a three-story, 64,260-square-foot residential storage facility and associated infrastructure within Parcel C-4, Lot 2B, of the Heritage Ridge Planned Unit Development (PUD). The 1.5-acre undeveloped site is located on SE Constitution Boulevard, approximately 440 feet northeast of the intersection of SE Federal Highway and SE Constitution Boulevard, in Hobe Sound. Included is a request for Certificate of Public Facilities Reservation. This item was continued from the May 5, 2026, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Agenda Item: 26-0885 [Supplemental Memorandum](#)

ACTION TAKEN: The Board continued this item (not date certain) as requested by the applicant.

PUBLIC WORKS

DPQJ-2 REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT ON A LEGAL LOT OF RECORD THAT DOES NOT FRONT AN OPEN ROAD BUT HAS ACCESS VIA AN EASEMENT

Pursuant to Section 4.843.K.1.c, Land Development Regulations, Martin County Code, this is a request from Robert Donovan and Jaime Donovan and Shannon Beem and Gerald Beem for a variance to allow the issuance of a building permit on a legal lot of records that does not front an open road, but has access to an open road established by a record easement no more than 1/4 mile (1,320 feet) long.

Agenda Item: 26-0857

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.17

ACTION TAKEN: The Board received and filed the agenda item and all attachments as an exhibit, granted the variance, and adopted the Resolution to allow the issuance of building permits on certain parcels identified as Exhibit "A".

REQUEST AND PRESENTATION

R&P-1 MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT (MARTY) SYSTEM UPDATE

At the May 19, 2026, BOCC Meeting, Martin County Transit, LLC will present an update on the County's Public Transportation system.

Agenda Item: 26-0870

ACTION TAKEN: The Board heard the presentation.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

DEPT-1 OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL

This is a placeholder on all Board meeting agendas to streamline the process for grant applications, awards, budget resolutions, budget transfers from reserves, and CIP amendments. Specific items requiring approval, if any, will be provided by Supplemental Memorandum.

Agenda Item: 26-0584 **Supplemental Memorandum (2 items)**

ACTION TAKEN:

1. **Permission to Accept the Local Agency Program (LAP) Grant for Funding Assistance from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the SW Bulldog Way Sidewalk Project (FM#454876-1-58-01) -** The Board authorized the Chair to execute the Local Agency Program Agreement; authorized the Martin County Administrator, or designee, to execute any non-monetary and/or time extension grant related documents upon review and concurrence of the Martin County Attorney's Office; adopted the Board Resolution to accept the Local Agency Program Agreement; adopted the Budget Resolution to approve the budget increase; and approved the amended FY26 SW Bulldog Way Sidewalk CIP sheet. **RESOLUTION NOS. 26-5.18 and 26-5.19**
2. **Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget**
 - A. **Request to Allocate Unanticipated Contribution for Improvements at William G. "Doc" Meyers Park –** The Board approved the Budget Resolution to accept the \$24,400 contribution for improvements at William G. "Doc" Meyers Park. **RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.20**

DEPT-2 CONTRACTS THAT MEET THE THRESHOLD FOR BOARD APPROVAL \$1 MILLION OR GREATER

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Agenda Item: 26-0589 [Supplemental Memorandum \(3 items\)](#)

ACTION TAKEN:

A. CONTRACTS OVER \$1,000,000

1. [Dixie Stormwater & Streetscape – Design \(RFQ2025-3695\)](#) - The Board awarded the contract to the highest-ranked firm, GAI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$1,700,409.34 and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.
2. [Parks & Recreation Planning, Design & Construction Administration Services \(RFQ2-2026-3749\)](#) - The Board awarded the contract to the three highest scoring firms: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Miller Legg, WGI, Inc. and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.
3. [Disaster Recovery & Resiliency Services \(RFP2026-3758\)](#) - The Board awarded the contract to the two highest ranked firms: LaConte Engineering and Tidal Basin Government Consulting, LLC and authorized the County Administrator or designee to execute all documents related to this request.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

DEPT-3 REQUEST APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO PRESERVE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PINE SCHOOL F/K/A ST. MICHAEL'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL (\$170-014) TO MODIFY AN EXISTING PRESERVE AREA

This is a request by Lucido & Associates and Haley Ward, on behalf of The Pine School, Inc., for approval of an amendment to the existing preserve area boundary as defined in The Pine School Preserve Area Management Plan (PAMP), which was approved on June 28, 2005, and recorded Official Records Book 2063, Pages 2055, Public Records of Martin County, Florida.

Agenda Item: 26-0865

ACTION TAKEN: [The Board approved the PAMP Amendment for The Pine School project.](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

DEPT-4 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPTION TO LEASE AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN COUNTY HEALTHY START COALITION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR USE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ON SE TOWER DRIVE IN STUART

This is a request for adoption of a resolution approving an Option to Lease (Option) and Public Purpose Lease Agreement (Lease) between Martin County and Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. (MCHSC) for the construction and operation of a public community-based maternity center, located along SE Tower Drive between SE Salerno Road and SE Willoughby Boulevard.

Agenda Item: 26-0738

RESOLUTION NO. 26-5.16

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the Option to Lease between Martin County and Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation; direct staff to include in the Lease a term and renewal period acceptable to the Board; adopted a Resolution approving the Public Purpose Lease Agreement upon satisfaction of all requirements set forth in the Option to Lease with final approval by the County Attorney's Office; and authorized the Chair to execute any documents necessary to complete this transaction.

DEPT-5 APPROVAL OF THREE MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, RURAL AND FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PARCELS USING SURTAX FUNDING

In 2024, Martin County voters approved a referendum establishing a 0.5% sales tax to fund the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands through fee simple and conservation easement purchases. This item requests Board of County Commissioners (Board) approval of Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, to acquire conservation easements on three separate parcels. Approval of the MOAs will enable partnership with FDACS to secure these easements. The Environmental Lands Oversight Committee recommended these properties on September 5, 2025, and the Board approved them on October 21, 2025.

Agenda Item: 26-0820

ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the MOAs with the FDACS Rural and Family Lands Protection Program to acquire conservation easements on the three identified properties and authorized the Chair to execute the MOAs.

PUBLIC - PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES.

ADJOURNED AT 4:38 PM

The next meeting is June 9, 2026.