

MINUTES
VOLUSIA FOREVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 17, 2008
3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
THOMAS C. KELLY BLDG., TRAINING ROOMS 1 & 2
123 W. INDIANA AVENUE, DELAND, FL 32720

Board Members in Attendance:

Dennis Bayer, Chair
Anne Hallum, Vice-Chair
Dwight Lewis
Chris Schlageter
Wanda Van Dam
John E. Wagner

Also in Attendance:

Douglas M. Weaver	Mark Black
Ed Isenhour	Roy Zimmer
Randall Sleister	Jeanne Butts
Bruce Page	Hal Butts
Jeanette Munson	Chrissy Peterson
Danielle Ivey	Bill Riggle
Gregory Stubbs	Alan Alshouse

Meeting Called to Order

Dennis Bayer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m., and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Dennis Bayer, Chair, instructed the Recording Secretary to record the roll of the Members in attendance, in which six (6) Members were present. Members Gerald Fieser, Jason McGuirk, and Phil Maroney were recorded as an Excused Absence.

Dennis Bayer, Chair, welcomed all those in attendance (i.e., Committee Members, County staff and the public) and introduced Gregory Stubbs, Director of the Growth and Resource Management Department.

Gregory Stubbs introduced himself and offered his assistance with land use issues. He stated that he was attending this meeting to better understand the Committee's role and function regarding the Volusia Forever Land Acquisition Program.

Dennis Bayer, Chair, presented a letter dated September 28, 2008, from Dorothy Hukill, District 28 State Representative, congratulating the Volusia Forever Program's receipt of the 2008 Better Community Award from 1000 Friends of Florida.

Approval of Minutes

Dennis Bayer, Chair, called for a motion to approve the July 16, 2008, Minutes. Member Dwight Lewis made a motion to **approve** the July 16, 2008, Minutes, as amended. Member Wanda Van Dam **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

Douglas Weaver introduced Bruce Page, who was standing in as the Committee's Legal Counsel for Stacey Manning.

Evaluation and Ranking of Eligible Applications – Ed Isenhour explained that the Committee would be reviewing five (5) properties, which were deemed as eligible during the 1st Cycle of 2008 (1-1-08 through 6-30-08), to determine their placement on the Group "A" or "B" List along with reviewing those projects already on the List. The ranking determination of each property (Group "A" or "B" List) would be handled one at a time with a voice vote. He reminded the Committee that in order for a motion to pass it requires a simple majority vote of the Members who are present, which would be four (4). He stated that the Committee's recommended Group "A/B" List would be presented to the County Council on November 6, 2008, for final approval.

Ed Isenhour and Randall Sleister provided a PowerPoint presentation with pictures and location maps, and a brief overview of each property, as follows:

1. **Butts Property** - This property consists of approximately 110 acres of undeveloped land located north of SR 44 and east of Old Sawmill Road. It adjoins the County's Longleaf Pine Preserve and the Smith Property, which is also being reviewed by the Committee to determine its placement on the Group "A/B" List. It is situated north of the regional electrical transmission line corridor. The future land use categories assigned to this property are Agricultural Resource (AR), Forestry Resource (FR) and Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA). The natural community is dominated by mesic pine flatwoods. However, much of the pine flatwoods have recently been harvested and not replanted by the property owner. The western portion of the property is wetter than the eastern side. The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) is interested in a potential funding partnership. This property meets fourteen (14) of the 22 Site Ranking Criteria.

Member Wanda Van Dam asked if the City of Port Orange has indicated an interest in becoming a funding partnership for the potential acquisition of this property.

Ed Isenhour replied that County staff has not approached the City of Port Orange's staff to determine their interest in being a funding partner. He added that the District was approached as a potential funding partner because they assisted the County with the acquisition of other portions of the Longleaf Pine Preserve.

Hal and Jeanne Butts, the property owners, were present to answer any questions and provide additional information.

Member Dwight Lewis made a motion to add the **Butts Property** to the Group "A" List of eligible properties. Member John E. Wagner **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

2. **Smith Property** – This property consists of approximately 60 acres of undeveloped land located north of SR 44 and east of Old Sawmill Road. It adjoins the County's Longleaf Pine Preserve and the Butts Property, which is also being reviewed by the Committee to determine its placement on the Group "A/B" List. It is situated north of the regional electrical transmission line corridor. The future land use categories assigned to this property are Agricultural Resource (AR), Forestry Resource (FR) and Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA). Historically, the natural community was dominated by mesic pine flatwoods. However, much of the pine flatwoods have been converted to semi-improved pasture used for cattle. A state listed species, hooded pitcher plant, has been observed on the property. The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) is interested in a potential funding partnership. The property owners are interested in continuing their cattle operation. A fee simple acquisition is proposed. However, a conservation easement may be considered. This property meets fourteen (14) of the 22 Site Ranking Criteria.

Member Dwight Lewis asked if it was possible to enter into a lease agreement that would allow the cattle operation to continue on lands acquired as fee simple.

Randall Sleister stated that previous attempts to obtain reasonable bids for a cattle lease agreement on conservation lands failed and has not been attempted again.

Douglas Weaver added that the County could discuss this type of offer with the property owners. However, the District, as a funding partner, would also need to agree with this type of use.

Ed Isenhour explained that the District has previously allowed a cattle operation to continue

for a short period on other conservation lands purchased as fee simple.

Member Anne Hallum expressed a concern that a cattle operation would be permitted on lands in need of restoration, and incorporated as part of the passive recreational trails of Longleaf Pine Preserve.

Douglas Weaver again stated that the County with the District would entertain a lease agreement allowing the property owners to temporarily continue a cattle operation on this property after its fee simple acquisition. This temporary use could be during the time a management agreement is developed between the County and District.

Member Chris Schlageter added that a lease agreement would provide a short-term management tool while the County and District develop a management agreement.

Randall Sleister explained that pasture restoration is a difficult undertaking. The lease agreement would temporarily help maintain the pasture area until restoration efforts could begin.

Chair Dennis Bayer asked if the intent of the pasture restoration efforts would be to return the area to a community of longleaf pine.

Randall Sleister replied that the pasture area would likely be returned to a community of flatwoods that would be a combination of longleaf and slash pines.

Bill Riggle, representative for the property owners, was present to answer any questions and provide additional information. He stated that the property owners intend on continuing their cattle operation, but on a smaller scale.

Member John E. Wagner made a motion to add the **Smith Property** to the Group "A" List of eligible properties. Member Anne Hallum **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Roger Page Property** – This property consists of approximately 162 acres of undeveloped land located on the south side of SR 442 (Indian River Boulevard), and west of Air Park Road within the City of Edgewater. This property provides approximately one mile of road frontage on SR 442. The City's future land use category of Conservation has been assigned to this property. However, the County's zoning categories of Resource Corridor (RC) and Transitional Agriculture (A-3) were in place prior to annexation of the property and have been retained by the City. The dominant natural community is bottomland hardwood hammock. Signs of feral hog activity are present, but the amount of damage is minimal. The castor bean, an exotic plant, was also observed on the property. Historic and archaeological evidence suggests that an 18th century settlement and other endeavors existed in this general area, but not necessarily on this property. This property is not contiguous to other public conservation lands, but it is within the boundaries of the Indian River Lagoon Blueway, a Group A "Florida Forever" project. The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) is interested in a potential funding partnership. This property meets nine (9) of the 22 Site Ranking Criteria.

Member John E. Wagner noted that the aerial map potentially reflects three (3) separate parcels as outlined by the red parcel outline. He asked for clarification as to the actual outline of the property included in the Volusia Forever Application.

Ed Isenhour responded that the property being considered is one (1) large area as outlined by the perimeter red lines. He stated that the interior red lines should be ignored to provide

a clearer picture of the property included in the Volusia Forever Application.

Member John E. Wagner asked if the roadway traversing the property is a public/access road to further development possibilities south of this property.

Mark Black, representative for the property owners, was present to answer any questions and provide additional information. He replied that the roadway traversing this property was created by hunters and is not believed to be a public/access road. He added that a private party is interested in becoming a funding partner for the potential acquisition of this property and creating a park on the property.

Chair Dennis Bayer asked if the private party was agreeable to contributing to the acquisition of lands that would be publicly owned.

Mark Black responded that the private party was agreeable to contributing funds to acquire lands that would be publicly owned.

Member John E. Wagner asked if the private party had certain expectations that would need to be met in order for them to contribute their funds.

Mark Black replied that any expectations for the private party's funding contribution had not been discussed at this time.

Member Anne Hallum made a motion to add the **Roger Page Property** to the Group "A" List of eligible properties. Member John E. Wagner **seconded** the motion that **failed** by roll call vote of one (1) to five (5).

Member John E. Wagner made a motion to add the **Roger Page Property** to the Group "B" List of eligible properties. Member Chris Schlageter **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

4. **Kagels/Butts Property** – This property consists of approximately 4 acres of undeveloped land situated on the southern shore of Spruce Creek near the city limits of the City of Port Orange. The future land use categories assigned to this property are Environmental System Corridor (ESC), and Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA). This property can only be accessed from Spruce Creek. The natural community consists entirely of tidal or salt marsh. If acquired, this property would be an addition to the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve. This area and potentially this property are rich in historic and archaeological resources. At this time, a funding partner has not been identified. This property meets eight (8) of the 22 Site Ranking Criteria.

Member Wanda Van Dam asked if this property could be acquired through the Small Lot Acquisition Program.

Douglas Weaver responded that County staff would have to investigate the potential acquisition and funding of this property through the Small Lot Acquisition Program.

Randall Sleister added that the Small Lot Acquisition Program was created to purchase small lots within antiquated subdivisions, such as University Highlands or Cape Atlantic Estates, and not out parcels of a project area like Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve.

Douglas Weaver also added that typically appraisals and surveys are not done on parcels acquired through the Small Lot Acquisition Program. Therefore, there may be some technical issues that would not allow this property to be acquired through the Small Lot

Acquisition Program.

Chair Dennis Bayer asked if it was typical to find artifacts in tidal/salt marsh areas, which would provide an archaeological resource on this property.

Ed Isenhour replied that it is not unusual to discover artifacts along the shorelines of Spruce Creek. He added that the entire area of the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve (Preserve) is rich in historic and archaeological resources.

Randall Sleister added that artifacts have also been found along the St. Johns River's shorelines. These artifacts provide a valuable historic and archaeological resource.

Member John E. Wagner asked who the trustees are of the Florida Internal Improvement Fund.

Douglas Weaver responded that the trustees of the Florida Internal Improvement Fund are the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida. They are the legal entity holding title to public lands, submerged lands, etc. in the State of Florida. However, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is the administrative authority for the trustees.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential funding partnership opportunity through the Florida Internal Improvement Fund or DEP.

Ed Isenhour added that this property is surrounded by other conservation lands and one of the last privately owned parcels along the shoreline of Spruce Creek with no public access. He also stated that Spruce Creek has been designed by the State as an "Outstanding Florida Waterway."

Harold Butts, property owner, was present to answer any questions and provide additional information.

Member John E. Wagner made a motion to add the **Kagels/Butts Property** to the Group "A" List of eligible properties. Member Anne Hallum **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

Member Dwight Lewis expressed a selling price concern regarding the potential acquisition of this project because of its low possibility of being developed and no public access.

Douglas Weaver reassured the Committee that the appraisals would reaffirm the value of this property.

- 5. Anderson Property** – This property consists of approximately 354 acres located on the north side of SR 40 near the Rima Ridge community. Creek Haven Road, the un-marked entrance from SR 40, is a private, gated route that apparently terminates on an adjoining property to the west and appears to be the sole existing means of vehicular access to this contiguous property. A bridge has been constructed on Creek Haven Road as it crosses Haw Creek, at the western boundary of the property. A network of woods roads traverses the property. The future land use categories assigned to this property are Rural, Environmental System Corridor (ESC), Forestry Resource (FR), and Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA). Several food plots and small miscellaneous structures (i.e., small shed) are on the property. The dominant natural community is mesic flatwoods with the community of floodplain swamp being found along Middle Haw Creek, which is located at the western edge of the property. Much of this property was burned during the wildfires

of 1998. A few isolated occurrences of exotic species were observed on the property. At this time, a funding partner has not been identified. This property meets ten (10) of the 22 Site Ranking Criteria.

Ed Isenhour added that the vehicular access that is provided by Creek Haven Road to the adjoining property owner may need to be addressed if the Anderson Property is acquired by Volusia Forever.

Chair Dennis Bayer publicly disclosed a potential conflict of interested as he previously represented these property owners in a legal matter, and other property owners in the area. Even though there is not a direct financial interest in this property, he declared a conflict of interest and opted to reclude himself from any discussion regarding this property. The meeting was turned over to the Vice-Chair, Member Anne Hallum, to conduct.

Member John Wagner noted that this property is not contiguous to any other public lands.

Douglas Weaver announced that an adjoining property owner may be submitting an application to Volusia Forever during the 2nd Cycle of 2008.

Discussion ensued regarding an application that was previously determined not to be eligible for further consideration, which is located on the south side of SR 40 directly south of the Anderson Property.

Bill Riggle, representative for the property owners, was present to answer any questions and provide additional information. He stated that he had been soliciting the adjoining property owners to submit a Volusia Forever Application in an attempt to create one large, contiguous conservation area for wildlife preservation.

Member John E. Wagner added that this area has seen the reintroduction of turkeys.

Member John E. Wagner made a motion to add the **Anderson Property** to the Group "B" List of eligible properties. Member Dwight Lewis **seconded** the motion that **carried** by a roll call vote of four (4) to one (1) with Member Anne Hallum opposed and Chair Dennis Bayer abstained.

The meeting was turned back over to Chair Dennis Bayer.

6. **Current Group "A" List –**

- a. **Severson Property** – Ed Isenhour reminded that the Committee that this property consists of approximately 80 acres of undeveloped land located at the south east corner of the tiger Bay State Forest, near LPGA Boulevard and US Hwy. 92 in the Daytona Beach area. The application was received during the 2nd Cycle of 2007, determined to be eligible for further consideration and placed on the Group "A" List. County staff had determined that the Division of Forestry's (DOF's) staff is very interested in the property's preservation and possible addition to the Tiger Bay State Forest, but they are not in a position to participate as a funding partner at this time. As such, County staff would recommend moving this property from the Group "A" to the Group "B" List until DOF is in a position to participate as a funding partner.

Chair Dennis Bayer asked if the both DOF and the property owners were amenable with the movement of this property from the Group "A" to the Group "B" List.

Ed Isenhour responded that DOF is amenable to this property's movement from the Group "A" to the Group "B" List. However, the property owners have not responded

to the notification letter that County staff mailed to them.

Chair Dennis Bayer asked if the property owners or their representative were present and wished to address this proposal.

Hearing no response, Member Dwight Lewis made a motion to move the **Severson Property** from the Group "A" to the Group "B" List of eligible properties. Member Anne Hallum **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

After several Members asked for updates on the remainder of the Group "A" List, Douglas Weaver provided the following information:

- b. **Volusia Conservation Corridor** – County staff continues to solicit applications from various property owners within the boundaries of this 28,000 +/- acre area that is a top priority. This project area is on the Group "A" List to reaffirm the Corridor's importance as the overriding priority for the land acquisition program in Volusia County and to enable staff to quickly handle potential acquisitions within this project area.
- c. **Stanaki Property** – this property is within the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve (DLSCP). The City of Port Orange (City) acquired the northerly 225+/- acres of the overall 450+/- acres. The City filed an application with Florida Communities Trust (FCT) seeking partial reimbursement from the State. The City was successful and will receive approximately \$2.2 million from the State. A citizen has filed a lawsuit against the City regarding this acquisition. However, the County has remitted a letter to the City indicating that the County still wishes to be a funding partner, but will not enter into an agreement/contract until the lawsuit is resolved. Additionally, the southerly 225+/- acres of the overall 450+/- acres will remain on the Group "A" List.
- d. **Ocklawaha Property** – this property is within the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve. At this time, there isn't any progress in the acquisition process.
- e. **Lake George Conservation Area** - County staff continues to solicit applications from various property owners within the boundaries of this project area that is a top priority. This project area is on the Group "A" List to enable staff to quickly handle potential acquisitions within its boundaries and to complete project begun under previous land acquisition programs.
- f. **Ponce Preserve Project** – this is a continuing project with the Town of Ponce Inlet. At this time, there isn't any progress in the acquisition process.
- g. **Double B Ranch Property**– County staff has been negotiating fee simple and conservation easement proposals with the property owners of this 3,700 acre tract that is adjacent to the District's Haw Creek Preserve without success. Initially the District had an interest in being a funding partner on the potential acquisition of this property. However, the District's position has changed, and they are no longer interested in being a funding partner. One of the issues holding up the negotiations is the long-term timber lease with Plum Creek.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential transfer of the timber lease if the County were to acquire the property.

- h. **Holiday Haven** – this 49 acre piece of property located off the tributaries of Hitchens Creek in the Lake George State Forest is now under public ownership and will be removed from the Group "A/B" List.
- i. **David Strawn Property** – this 1,200 acre tract abutting the Heart Island Conservation Area in the DeLeon Springs area is under contract and moving towards closing. The St. Johns River Water Management District is a 25% funding

partner for this acquisition.

- j. **Hughes/Huntington Trust (Colony Park) Property**– this 42+/- acre tract owned by Huntington Trust has been re-appraised due to a configuration change of the lands being offered for sale to the County, and negotiations have begun.
- k. **Thornby Property** – this 38+/- acre tract located in the City of Deltona is under contract for purchase by the County. On October 20, 2008, the City of Deltona’s Commission will determine if they will be a funding partner for the acquisition of this property.
- l. **Hamlin-Dann Property** – this 1,172 acre tract located in the southeast section of the County near Lake Harney is on hold, as the previous offer for purchase of a conservation easement was not accepted by the property owners.
- m. **Zimmer-Heideman Property** - this 215+/- acre tract of land located on Old New York Avenue in the DeLand area near the St. Johns River is on hold as there is no funding partner and it is not contiguous to other public lands. The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) is involved, but at this time this project is on hold.
- n. **Duff Spring Garden Lake Property** - this 9+/- acre tract located on Living Water Street in DeLeon Springs was successfully purchased by the County and is now in public ownership. It will be an addition to the County’s Chuck Lennon Park.
- o. **Lake Moore Project (Ford/Mikol Properties)** – an offer to purchase this 121+/- acre tract of undeveloped land located between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Beltway and Summit Avenue in the City of DeLand has been presented to the property owners. The City of DeLand is a potential funding partner.
- p. **Smith Trust** - this 337+/- acre undeveloped tract located on the shore of Lake George, west of Old Bubbly Road and south of Ninemile Point Road in the Pierson area has been appraised and an offer for purchase of a conservation easement has been presented to the property owner.
- q. **Hicks Joint Trust Property** – this 58+/- acre tract located south of McGregor Road at the intersection with Fatio Road in the DeLand area is under contract for purchase. It is adjacent to the Blue Springs State Park and the County’s Lake Beresford Park.
- r. **Mazeika Property** - this 48+/- acre tract located on the west side of Peninsula Drive in the unincorporated community of Wilbur-by-the-Sea, at the northern town limit of Ponce Inlet, is on hold.
- s. **Glenwood Park Property** – this 219+/- acre tract located southwest of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Plymouth Avenue, west of Deland is in the beginning stages of the acquisition process.
- t. **Fatio Road Property** – this 72+/- acre tract located at the intersection of Fatio and McGregor Roads in the southwest area of DeLand Deland has been appraised and negotiations are forthcoming. It is contiguous to Blue Springs State Park, the County’s Lake Beresford Park, and the Hicks Joint Trust Property.

Member Anne Hallum made a motion to **approve** the Group “A” List of eligible properties as amended. Member Dwight Lewis **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

- 7. **Current Group “B” List** – Ed Isenhour reminded the Committee that Resolution 2004-80 was amended to allow more flexibility in the management of the Group “A/B” List. The Committee may recommend the removal of a Group “B” List project from the list after two (2) ranking cycles, which is typically one (1) year. However, it does not mean that they would automatically be removed after this time. As such, County staff would recommend the removal of the following five (5) properties from the current Group “B” List. He provided the following updates:

- a. **O’Reilly-King Property** – this property consists of approximately 2,200 acres

located on the south side of S.R. 44 within the city of New Smyrna Beach. An application was received during the 2nd Cycle of 2002. The property was determined as eligible and placed on the Group "A" List. In the fall of 2004, the Committee moved the property to the Group "B" List at County staff's recommendation.

Douglas Weaver recalled that there was an issue with a timber lease.

- b. Scheible Property** – this property consists of approximately 10 acres is located on the south side of Nine Mile Point Road adjacent to the Lake George Forest and Wildlife Management Area in the Pierson area. An application was received during the 1st Cycle of 2003. The property was determined as eligible and placed on the Group "A" List. An offer had been submitted to the property owners, but County staff never received a response. Therefore, in the fall of 2004, the Committee moved the property to the Group "B" List at County staff's recommendation.

Several Committee Members asked if the property owners had knowledge of the offer.

County staff stating that there had been telephone conversations with the property owners about a forthcoming offer. Since that time, the property owners have not been in contact to continue the negotiations. County staff believes that the property owners are not interested in continuing with the negotiations.

- c. Eagan Property** - this property consisting of approximately 170 acres is located along the St. Johns River in DeBary. During the 1st Cycle of 2003, the City of DeBary submitted four (4) applications as a package that would provide one large contiguous area of conservation along the St. Johns River. This property along with the Gardella, Oglesby and Murphy properties were included in this package. All four (4) properties were determined as eligible and placed on the Group "A" List. The Gardella and Oglesby properties were acquired for conservation by the City, County and District. Currently, this property and the Murphy Property are currently under contract to a third party for a proposed residential development, but have not closed. There isn't a funding partner as the City and District lost interest after the Murphy Property was appraised. In the spring of 2005, the Committee moved the property to the Group "B" List at County staff's recommendation.
- d. Murphy Property** - this property consisting of approximately 102 acres is located along the St. Johns River in DeBary. During the 1st Cycle of 2003, the City of DeBary submitted four (4) applications as a package that would provide one large contiguous area of conservation along the St. Johns River. This property along with the Gardella, Oglesby and Murphy properties were included in this package. All four (4) properties were determined as eligible and placed on the Group "A" List. The City, County and District acquired the Gardella and Oglesby properties jointly. Currently, this property and the Murphy Property are currently under contract to a third party for a proposed residential development, but have not closed. After this property was appraised, the City and District lost interest as funding partners. In the spring of 2005, the Committee moved the property to the Group "B" List at County staff's recommendation.

Bill Riggle, representative for the property owners of the Eagan and Murphy properties, stated that these property owners are interested in conservation and are aware of the issues regarding the lack of funding partners. Currently, these properties are under contract to a third party for the potential development of a residential project. In October, the City is scheduled to hold a second reading for

the Planned Unit Development (PUD) and zoning approval that would allow the development project proposed by the third part. The City supports this development proposal. It is understood that the County Council would provide final approval of the Committee's recommendation to remove these properties from the Group "B" List. It is also understood that the property owners would have to resubmit an application to Volusia Forever once they are removed from the List.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for funding partnerships to maximize the use of Volusia Forever monies, especially as these monies begin to diminish through the acquisition of projects already on the Group "A" List.

- e. **1675 Perch Lane Property** - this property consisting of approximately 12 acres located on Lake George within the Pine Island community. An application was received during the 1st Cycle of 2006. The property was determined as eligible and placed on the Group "B" List. There are access issues and no funding partner.

Member Dwight Lewis made a motion to **remove** the **O'Reilly/King, Scheible, Eagan, Murphy and 1675 Perch Lane properties** from Group "B" List of eligible properties and **approve** the Group "B" List as amended. Member John E. Wagner **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.

Additional Staff Updates –

- a. **Ford Property** – Douglas Weaver added that this 57 +/- acre tract within the Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve is under contract for purchase by the County, and moving toward closing. The St. Johns River Water Management District is a funding partner.
- b. **TTT Ranch, LLC Property** – Ed Isenhour stated that the property owner, Lou Tulp, is willing to offer this property as a fee simple acquisition instead of a conservation easement. It consists of several small lots within an antiquated paper platted subdivision totaling approximately 500 acres. It is located off Pell Road and Lopez Road in the Osteen area. It is contiguous to but not within the boundaries of public owned property (i.e., Wiregrass Prairie Preserve and the Volusia/Flagler Conservation Corridor).
- c. **2009 Committee Meeting Schedule** – Ed Isenhour explained that County staff provided the Committee with the 2009 Meeting Schedule, which consists of four (4) core meetings (January - Eligibility & Goal Setting; April - Ranking & Election of Officers; July - Eligibility; and September - Ranking). He added that the meetings have been moved to the 4th Wednesday of the 3rd. This change would allow County staff additional time after an application cycle closes to prepare the meeting material.

Adjournment

Member Dwight Lewis made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at **4:50p.m.** Member Anne Hallum **seconded** the motion that **carried** by unanimous voice vote.