

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 29, 2025

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, in the first floor Media Room of the Marathon Government Center located at 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Valant at 9:31 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Valant were Erin Muir and Marv Schindler. Linda Cunningham and Sandi Williams were absent. Also present were Acting Executive Director Cynthia Guerra, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, and Office Manager John Beyers. Property Specialist Dina Gambuzza and Counsel Greg Oropeza participated via Zoom.

Following the call to order and roll call, the next item (Item 3) was additions and deletions to the agenda. There being no additions or deletions, Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Muir seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item (Item 4) was selection of a Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2025. Mr. Schindler nominated Ms. Valant to serve as Chairman. Ms. Valant nominated Ms. Muir to serve as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and Ms. Valant was selected as Chairman and Ms. Muir was selected as Vice Chairman by unanimous vote of the members present.

The next item (Item 5) was approval of the minutes for the December 18, 2024, meeting. Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Muir seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item (Item 6) was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation - Block 4, Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, Kinercha on Big Pine Key near mile marker 31 from Paul F. Roberts, Jr. Estate for the price of \$200,000. Mr. Rosch addressed the committee. The subject property consists of five contiguous lots totaling 26,250 square feet and are located on 5th Avenue on the ocean side of Big Pine Key and includes the street addresses of 30729, 30721, 30681, and 30673. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Commercial (SC), and vegetation consisting of tropical hardwood hammock and developed land. Following discussion, Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$200,000 and Ms. Muir seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item (Item 7) was to recommend approval of resolutions of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority approving Option Agreements to sell pre-acquired Florida Forever land as follows:

- a) Part of Tract H, Summerland Key Properties on Summerland Key to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the price of \$84,000;

- authorizing the Chairman to execute same; and authorizing the Chairman to execute the deed and associated closing documents. (Ramirez property)
- b) Part of Tract KK, Summerland Key Properties on Summerland Key to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the price of \$60,000; authorizing the Chairman to execute same; and authorizing the Chairman to execute the deed and associated closing documents. (Marino property)
 - c) Lots 10 and 11, Block 9, Bahia Mar Estates on Key Largo to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the price of \$275,000; authorizing the Chairman to execute same; and authorizing the Chairman to execute the deed and associated closing documents. (Crawdaddy, Inc. property)

Mr. Rosch and Ms. Guerra addressed the committee. Following discussion, Mr. Schindler made a motion to recommend approval of items 7a, 7b, and 7c as listed in the agenda and Ms. Muir seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item (Item 8) was the Executive Director's report. Ms. Guerra had additional comments.

The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Ms. Muir, Mr. Schindler, and Chairman Valant said they would be able to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on 02-26-2025

