

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 30, 2025

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 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 9:30 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Valant were Linda Cunningham, Erin Muir, Marv Schindler, and Sandi Williams. Also present were Executive Director Cynthia Guerra, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, and Office Manager John Beyers. Property Acquisition Specialist Paunece Scull, 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, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the agenda, and Mr. Schindler seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item (Item 4) was approval of the minutes for the March 26, 2025, meeting. Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item (Item 5) was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 3 property for conservation – Block 5, Lot 18, Cahill Pines and Palms on Big Pine Key, near mile marker 30 from Thomas V. Beever and Kimberly Olsen Beever, also known as Kimberly Olsen-Beever, for the price of \$100,000. Mr. Rosch and Mr. Oropeza addressed the committee. The subject property consists of a 6,000 square foot lot and is located on East Cahill court of the ocean side of Big Pine Key. The property has a tier designation of Tier 3 – Infill Area, a zoning designation of Improved Subdivision (IS), and vegetation mapped as buttonwood. Following discussion, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$100,000 and Ms. Williams seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item (Item 6) was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation - Lot 46, Niles Channel, near mile marker 25 from Edward A. Kovac and Linda S. Murano, formerly known as Linda S. Kovac, for the price of \$60,000. Mr. Rosch and Ms. Guerra addressed the committee. The subject property consists of 0.88 acres and is located on Niles Road on the bay side of Summerland Key. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Sparsely Settled and Native Area (SS and NA), and vegetation mapped as buttonwood, salt marsh and mangrove. Following discussion, Ms. Cunningham made a motion to approve the item at the purchase price of \$60,000 and Mr. Schindler seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item (Item 7) was approval of a resolution approving an option agreement to sell pre-acquired Florida Forever land described as Lots 8 and 9, 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 addressed the committee. Following discussion, Ms. Williams made a motion to recommend approval of item and Ms. Muir seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item (Item 8) was approval of a resolution authorizing the conveyance of real property described as Block 1, Lots 8 and 9, Darios Subdivision (PB 3-92), located at 30919 Edward Road on Big Pine Key, having Parcel ID# 00300390-000000 and 00300390-000100 to Monroe County for affordable housing subject to a Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA). (*30919 Edward Road, LLC property*). Ms. Guerra and Mr. Rosch addressed the committee. Following discussion, Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the item and Ms. Muir seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 5/0.

The next item (Item 9) was the Executive Director's report. Ms. Guerra reported that the Voluntary Home Buyout Program is close to final closed out. The program was allocated a \$15 Million budget \$14.7 Million was spent on qualifying properties. The program resulted in 21 ROGO units being moved to Administration Relief inventory and the properties are now deed restricted.

The next MCLA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Ms. Cunninham, Ms. Muir, Ms. Williams, and Chairman Valant said they would be able to attend. Mr. Schindler will confirm his attendance after checking on a possible conflicting appointment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

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Approved by the Advisory Committee on May 28, 2025.