

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
GOVERNING BOARD

July 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. The meeting was a hybrid format with the Governing Board members assembled at the Marathon Government Center located at 2798 Overseas Highway Marathon, Florida. Some members of the public participated via Communications Media Technology (CMT) using a Zoom Webinar platform, while other members of the public attended the meeting in person. Chairman David Rice called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

G-1 Roll Call. Present and answering roll call, in addition to Chairman David Rice, were Commissioner Michelle Lincoln, Commissioner Holly Raschein, and Commissioner Jim Scholl. Commissioner Craig Cates was absent. Attending the meeting in person was Executive Director Cynthia Guerra. Attending via CMT were Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Property Specialist Dina Gambuzza, Office Manager John Beyers, and Counsel Greg Oropeza.

G-2 Bulk Approvals. A motion was made by Commissioner Lincoln and seconded by Commissioner Raschein to approve items G-3 through G13 in bulk.

G-3 Approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2025 meeting.

G-4 Review of MCLA expenses for the time period of 6/1/25 through 6/27/25.

G-5 Monroe County Land Authority Executive Director Monthly Report for July 2025 (through June 30, 2025).

G-6 Approval of a contract to purchase property for conservation within the City of Marathon - Block 4, Lots 28 and 29, Sunset Bay on Grassy Key near mile marker 58 from Danny E. Borden and Gilda E. Garcia, formerly known as Gilda E. Borden, for the price of \$28,000.

G-7 Approval of a contract to purchase property for conservation within the City of Marathon - Block 40, Lots 2 and 3, Crains on Grassy Key near mile marker 58 from John H. Cromartie, Jr. for the price of \$28,000.

G-8 Approval of a contract to purchase Tier 3 property for conservation - Block 4, Lot 19, Bahia Mar Estates on Key Largo, near mile marker 102 from Charles Merrick Sturup for the price of \$135,000.

G-9 Approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation - Block 3, Lot 7, Paradise Point on Key Largo, near mile marker 105 from Paradise Point Estates, Inc. for the price of \$15,000.

G-10 Approval of a contract to purchase property for conservation within the City of Marathon - Block 2, Lot 7 and Block 56, Lot 15, Crains on Grassy Key near mile marker 58 from Austin Notgrass for the price of \$28,000.

G-11 Approval of a contract to purchase property for conservation within the City of Marathon - Block 5, Lots 10 and 11, Sunset Bay on Grassy Key near mile marker 58 from Emilia Machado and Elizabeth Squitieri, formerly known as Elizabeth Machado Martinez, for the price of \$28,000.

G-12 Approval of a contract to purchase property for conservation within the City of Marathon - Block 4, Lot 23, Sunset Bay on Grassy Key near mile marker 58 from Ricardo Cano for the price of \$14,000.

G-13 Approval of a resolution approving an option agreement to sell preacquired Florida Forever land described as Lots 5 and 18, Block 12, Thompsons on Key Largo to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida for the price of \$69,000; authorizing the Chairman to execute same; and authorizing the Chairman to execute the deed and associated closing documents. [Resolution 33-2025]

There being no objections, the motion carried (4/0).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 AM.



Minutes prepared by: Cynthia Guerra
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Executive Director

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