The Governing Board of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The meeting was a hybrid format with the Governing Board members and staff assembled at the Harvey Government Center located at 1200 Truman Avenue, Key West, Florida. Members of the public attended both in person and via Communications Media Technology (CMT) using a Zoom Webinar platform. Chairman David Rice called the meeting to order at 9:28 AM. Present and answering roll call, in addition to Chairman Rice, were Commissioner Craig Cates, Commissioner Michelle Coldiron, Commissioner Holly Raschein, and Commissioner James Scholl. Also in attendance were Executive Director Christine Hurley, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and Counsel Greg Oropeza.

The first item (1-1) on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the April 20, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Raschein to approve the minutes as submitted. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

The next item (1-2) was the Monroe County Land Authority Executive Director Monthly Report for April 2022. This was an informational item and there was no action taken.

The next item (1-3) was a public hearing to consider approval of a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Ms. Hurley addressed the Board. There were no public speakers. A motion was made by Commissioner Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Cates to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0). [Resolution 06-2022]

The next item (1-4) was approval of a contract to purchase property within the City of Marathon for conservation – Block 6, Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key near mile marker 58.

The next item (1-5) was approval of a contract to purchase property within the City of Marathon for conservation – Block 6, Lot 15, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key near mile marker 58.

The next item (1-6) was approval of a contract to purchase property within the City of Marathon for conservation - Block 26, Lots 9 and 10, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key near mile marker 58.

The next item (1-7) was approval of a contract to purchase property within the City of Marathon for conservation - Block 49, Lots 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, and 16, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key near mile marker 58.

The next item (1-8) was approval of a contract to purchase property within the City of Marathon for conservation – Block 56, Lots 4, 5, and 6, Crains Subdivision, Grassy Key near mile marker 58.

Ms. Hurley addressed the Board regarding items I-4 through I-8 and gave a presentation on property acquisitions in Crains Subdivision and the City of Marathon’s plans for habitat
restoration and resource-based recreation in the area. Following Board discussion, Commissioner Coldiron made a motion to approve items 1-4 through 1-8 and Commissioner Cates seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

The next item (1-9) was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation – Block 3, Lots 6 and 8, Summerland Estates Re-subdivision No. 2, Summerland Key near mile marker 25. A motion was made by Commissioner Cates and seconded by Commissioner Raschein to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

The next item (1-10) was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation – Block 55, Lot 5, Sands Subdivision, Big Pine Key near mile marker 31. A motion was made by Commissioner Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Cates to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

The next item (1-11) was an add-on item - approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to terminate the agreement for the purchase of lands for Key Largo property at the corner of US1 and Samson Drive with Real Estate # 00086680-000000, upon conditions met. Ms. Hurley and Counsel Oropeza addressed the Board. Following Board discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Cates and seconded by Commissioner Coldiron to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0). [Resolution 07-2022]

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Minutes prepared by: Christine Hurley
Approved by the Board on: June 15, 2022