

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING BOARD

May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. 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 9:43 AM. Present and answering roll call, in addition to Chairman Rice, were Commissioner Craig Cates, Mayor Michelle Coldiron, and Commissioner Mike Forster. Commissioner Eddie Martinez was absent. Also in attendance were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and Counsel Greg Oropeza.

The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes for the March 17, 2021 and April 21, 2021 meetings. A motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Forster to approve the minutes as submitted. There being no objections, the motion carried (4/0).

The second item was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation - Block 1, Lots 46 and 47, Cutthroat Harbor Estates, Cudjoe Key at a total cost of \$7,433.50. A motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Cates to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (4/0).

The third item was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 2 property for conservation – Block 6, Lot 9, Eden Pines Colony, Big Pine Key at a total cost of \$31,158.00. A motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Forster to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (4/0).

The fourth item was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 2 property for conservation – Block 23, Lot 1, Eden Pines Colony Third Addition, Big Pine Key at a total cost of \$31,158.00. A motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Cates to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (4/0).

The fifth item was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 2 property for conservation – Block 21, Lot 15, Eden Pines Colony Third Addition, Big Pine Key at a total cost of \$41,215.50. A motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Forster to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (4/0).

The sixth item was discussion and direction to amend the existing interlocal agreement between Monroe County Land Authority (MCLA) and Monroe County (MC) of October 19, 2016, authorizing the MCLA to act as the BOCC's agent for the Density Reduction Program, to expand the scope to move other County managed acquisition programs and up to 5 employees to the MCLA. The programs to be transferred include the Less than Fee; Habitat Restoration; Re-sale of vacant Density Reduction lots without Development Rights; the CDBG-DR Voluntary Home Buyout; and the HMGP-Buyout programs. Mr. Pattison addressed the Board. Following

Board discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Cates to direct staff to prepare the referenced interlocal agreement for consideration at the June Board meeting. Roll call was as follows: Commissioner Cates, yes; Mayor Coldiron, yes; Commissioner Forster, yes; and Chairman Rice, yes. The motion carried (4/0).

The seventh item was discussion and direction regarding the process for selecting a new Executive Director. Mr. Pattison addressed the Board and stated that he will be retiring in October. During discussion, County Attorney Bob Shillinger and Assistant County Administrator Christine Hurley addressed the Board. Following Board discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Forster to appoint Christine Hurley as the next Executive Director of the Monroe County Land Authority. Following Board discussion, roll call was as follows: Commissioner Cates, yes; Mayor Coldiron, yes; Commissioner Forster, yes; and Chairman Rice, yes. The motion carried (4/0).

The Board discussed the transition process for Ms. Hurley. Mr. Pattison advised the Board that this will be effective October 1 and that Mr. Shillinger and Mr. Oropeza will negotiate an employment contract with Ms. Hurley for presentation to the Board at the June meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Minutes prepared by:

Charles Pattison  
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Executive Director

Approved by the Board on:

June 16, 2021

