

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING BOARD

September 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Governing Board of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via Communications Media Technology (CMT) using a Zoom Webinar platform. Chairman David Rice called the meeting to order at 9:26 AM. Attending and answering roll call, in addition to Chairman Rice, were Mayor Heather Carruthers, Commissioner Craig Cates, Commissioner Michelle Coldiron, and Commissioner Sylvia Murphy. Also attending via CMT were Executive Director Charles Pattison, Senior Property Acquisition Specialist Mark Rosch, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and Counsel Ginny Stones.

The first item was approval of the minutes for the August 19, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Mayor Carruthers to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

The second item was approval of a contract to purchase Tier 1 property for conservation - Block 4, Lots 6, 7, 8, and 9, Rainbow Beach, Big Torch Key at a total cost of \$29,735.25. A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Mayor Carruthers to approve the item. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

The third item was approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of Block 17, Lots 1 and 3, Coco Plum Beach for conservation and authorizing the subsequent conveyance of the property to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement. The total cost of the acquisition and conveyance is estimated at \$21,625.50. A motion was made by Commissioner Coldiron and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the resolution. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0). [Resolution 08-2020]

The fourth item was Chairman Rice's item: discussion and direction to staff regarding lot splits within the City of Marathon. Commissioner Rice discussed the concern that the City of Marathon's code allows the lots in certain single-family subdivisions to be developed with more than one unit and may be aggravating the build-out problem in the Keys and undermining the Land Authority's efforts to reduce density. Following Board discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Carruthers and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to authorize staff to meet with the City's staff to determine if there is a problem and if so, whether there is a way to correct it. Other municipalities wishing to participate will be invited. There being no objections, the motion carried (5/0).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.



Minutes prepared by:

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Approved by the Board on:

October 21, 2020