

CAPTIONING  
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CONE RANCH ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY PANEL

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>>HEIDI McCREE: GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.

GOOD MORNING.

I'D LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER OUR CONE RANCH ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING FOR TODAY, WHICH IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER  
16th, 2009, AND THANK THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ALL BEING  
IN ATTENDANCE THIS MORNING AND ALL OF THE PUBLIC FOR BEING  
IN ATTENDANCE AND OUR TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO GOOD  
MORNING ALL.

OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE  
RECAP FOR THE OCTOBER 23rd, 2009, MEETING THAT WE HAD HERE  
IN THIS ROOM.

ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS, CHANGES, SUGGESTIONS, OR I'LL  
ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR APPROVAL.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>HUGH GRAMLING: MADAM CHAIR, MOTION TO APPROVE.

>> SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: A MOTION AND A SECOND.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

OKAY.

GREAT.

THANKS.

AND THANKS TO THE STAFF FOR PUTTING THOSE TOGETHER.

I'D LIKE TO START TODAY'S MEETING WITH JUST, AS YOU ALL KNOW, A COUPLE OF HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS.

ONE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDS TO LEAVE AT 11:00.

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED UNTIL 11:00, AND THEN LAST MONTH WE EXTENDED IT TILL NOON, SO WE CAN MEET UNTIL NOON, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO HAVE EVERYBODY AWARE THAT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WILL BE LEAVING AROUND THE 11:00 HOUR, SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN ADDRESS THE BULK OF OUR MEETING BY THEN AND MOVE FORWARD FROM THERE.

SECONDLY, I WANTED TO -- I'LL JUST GO INTO -- I WANTED TO GIVE A REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER 4th BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING AT WHICH YOU-ALL ASKED ME TO GO GIVE A STATUS REPORT TO THE BOARD, WHICH I DID, AND IT WENT PERFECTLY FINE.

THEY HAD A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT LARGELY THEY WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT WE'VE BEEN PUTTING INTO ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF THE FUTURE OF CONE RANCH.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT -- THAT SEVERAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS

AND THE CHAIRMAN REITERATED AND I SAID TO THEM WAS THAT WE ARE ALL HERE TO ADDRESS THE FUTURE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF CONE RANCH, AND THAT WAS NOT DEBATED AT ALL, AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD TODAY WE WANT TO DISCUSS WHERE AND HOW TO PUT THAT INTO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS SO THAT THAT BECOMES PART OF THE -- THE ULTIMATE DISCUSSION AND INTENT OF OUR GROUP AND THEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION.

SO IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS OF ME ABOUT THAT PRESENTATION OR IF YOU SAW IT OR WHAT HAVE YOU, I'M HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN ANY OF THOSE, BUT THAT DID OCCUR PER YOUR SUGGESTION.

TODAY'S MEETING PROCESS -- AND I WILL DIRECTLY GO TO THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE I KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, AND THERE IS NO INTENT FOR THIS -- AT LEAST IN MY OPINION, AND I'M SURE EVERYBODY CONCURS ON THE PANEL -- FOR US TO MAKE A DECISION BEFORE HEARING ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

THE REASON IT SAYS TODAY'S MEETING PROCESS ON THE AGENDA AS IS IS WE HAVE A BIT OF A DISCUSSION, AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT RIGHT NOW.

AT OUR LAST MEETING YOU-ALL SUGGESTED THAT WE HAD HEARD MANY, MANY, MANY PRESENTATIONS FROM MANY EXPERTS ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT WE NOW NEED TO TURN AMONGST OURSELVES AND DELIBERATE AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF MAKING THE

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO WANT TO HEAR AS MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT AS WE STILL NEED TO HEAR, SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, RECOGNIZING WE HAVE PROBABLY ABOUT TWO HOURS.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER PREPARATIONS.

WE CAN ASK QUESTIONS OF ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WE NEED.

WE'VE GOT OUR TECHNICAL STAFF HERE, FCEG IS HERE, I SEE THEM IN THE AUDIENCE, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SO WE CAN BRING ANYONE TO THE PODIUM THAT WE WOULD LIKE, BUT WE REALLY ARE -- ARE HERE TO -- TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS TODAY, AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THIS TIME TO YOU-ALL TO SORT OF HELP ME MAKE A DECISION AS TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO DELIBERATE FOR A WHILE AND THEN TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND THEN DELIBERATE?

AND WE HAVE 14 FOLKS SIGNED UP RIGHT NOW, SO WE WOULD BE TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR A WHILE, AND THEN WE COULD CONTINUE TO DELIBERATE.

I WILL ALSO NOTE -- AND I HOPE EVERYONE'S READ -- AND I'M SURE THEY HAVE -- ON THE WEB SITE THAT -- AND APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU SUBMITTING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

AGAIN AT THE LAST MEETING WE SUGGESTED IF YOU SO WISHED TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS AND THOUGHTS TO DO SO TO EDITH SO

THAT WOULD HELP US FACILITATE THROUGH THIS MEETING  
BECAUSE -- AND I THINK IT WILL.

I THINK IT'LL ENABLE US TO BE MORE TIMELY IN OUR  
DELIBERATIONS TODAY BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO READ WHAT  
EACH OTHER THINKS ABOUT THIS -- THIS ISSUE, SO WE HAVE HAD  
THAT PRESENTED AMONGST OURSELVES, AND WE KNOW SORT OF WHERE  
WE'RE HEADED.

SO WITH THAT, WHAT'S THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMITTEE?

I'LL TAKE PAMELA AND THEN HUGH.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: ALL RIGHT.

WELL, MY THOUGHTS -- MY THOUGHTS ARE AS MY COMMENTS WERE  
PUBLISHED ON THE WEB SITE, YOU KNOW.

I'M PREPARED TO MYSELF MAKE A RECOMMENDATION -- MAKE A  
MOTION FOR A RECOMMENDATION THAT ESSENTIALLY FOLLOWS THE  
COMMENTS THAT ARE POSTED ON THE WEB SITE THAT I SUBMITTED;  
HOWEVER, ALSO I THINK IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THE NEW  
INFORMATION THAT'S COME OUT -- AND I'VE READ IT IN THE  
NEWSPAPER -- THAT THIS PROPOSAL BY FC&EG IS ON THE TABLE AT  
LEAST FOR A WHILE, AND OTHER -- THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS ARE CONSIDERING OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

I THINK PROBABLY THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING.

I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S PROPER THAT WE DISBAND OURSELVES.

I THINK THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROBABLY HAVE TO DO  
THAT OFFICIALLY, BUT I THINK THAT WE'RE PROBABLY READY TO  
MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, SO I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT

I'M PREPARED TO SUGGEST -- SUGGEST A RECOMMENDATION AND MAKE A MOTION, BUT I'LL PUT THAT ON THE TABLE IF THE PANEL WANTS TO HEAR THE PUBLIC COMMENTS FIRST BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR THE PUBLIC COMMENTS FIRST AND WE ALL CONSIDER THAT IN CASE THAT MIGHT CHANGE THINGS OR SHED SOME NEW LIGHT ON THINGS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

HUGH.

>>HUGH GRAMLING: YEAH, I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT THERE BE A MOTION AND A SECOND, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE, AND THEN THE PUBLIC HAS SOMETHING TO COMMENT ABOUT, AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY.

THAT WAY AT LEAST THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THEIR COMMENTS TOWARDS WHAT -- WHAT THE PANEL IS CONSIDERING, AND I CERTAINLY HOPE WE STICK TO THE THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT. YOU KNOW, IF WE'RE GOING TO BE COMPLETED IN THE TWO HOURS AND IT'S BEEN THE POLICY OF THIS GROUP TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY MEMBER'S HERE EVERY TIME -- AND WE ALREADY KNOW ONE HAS TO LEAVE -- I THINK IT'S REAL IMPORTANT THAT WE LIMIT THE COMMENT.

EVERYBODY'S HAD MORE THAN ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND THE E-MAILS HAVE BEEN GENEROUS, TO SAY THE LEAST, SO I THINK WE'VE GOT THE GIST OF THE PUBLIC, BUT I DON'T WANT TO LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO COMMENT ON THE MOTION.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

ROSANNE.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: DO WE HAVE A COMPILATION OF WHAT WAS ON THE WEB OF ALL OF OUR COMMENTS THAT CAN BE DISPLAYED RIGHT NOW, OR ARE WE GOING TO START FROM SCRATCH?

>>HEIDI McCREE: I THINK WHAT -- I DON'T KNOW THE -- NO IS THE ANSWER TO THAT.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: OKAY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: BUT HOPEFULLY EVERYBODY'S READ -- AND I CAN CERTAINLY DO -- OR WE CAN EACH DO A SYNOPSIS IF WE WANT TO, BUT I THINK THAT THERE'S A -- THERE'S A GENERAL FORMAT IN WHICH WE CAN SORT OF MOVE FORWARD, AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE CAN TALK ABOUT IN A MINUTE IS WHAT WOULD THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS BE?

AND WE MIGHT WANT TO COME UP WITH SOME GENERALLY AGREED-UPON PRINCIPLES AND THEN WHERE WE DIVERGE AS A COMMITTEE, TALK ABOUT WHAT THOSE AREAS OF DIVERGENCE ARE AND HOW WE MIGHT PRESENT THAT TO THE BOARD IN A WAY THAT THEY CAN ADDRESS.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: WELL, I SUGGEST PERHAPS AN OVER -- ONE SOLID MOTION.

THEN WHAT WE CAN DO THEN IS ADD RECOMMENDATIONS TO THAT BECAUSE IF WE DO A MOTION AND THEN HAVE A LOT OF, YOU KNOW, PROVISIONS ON IT, I -- I WOULD MAKE A MOTION THAT WE

RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT IN  
WHATEVER FORM --

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

WAIT.

WE'RE NOT GETTING INTO -- I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHERE WE'RE  
TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT RIGHT NOW, SO BEFORE WE GET INTO SOME  
OF THE MOTIONS OF THE --

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: OKAY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: IS THAT ALL RIGHT?

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: HAVE WE DECIDED WHERE WE'RE --

>>HEIDI McCREE: WHAT I'M HEARING RIGHT NOW IS WE'D LIKE TO  
DELIBERATE AMONGST OURSELVES A BIT AND THEN TAKE PUBLIC  
COMMENT AND THEN COME BACK TO DO THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION,  
FINAL -- AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT, WE CAN MAKE A -- YOU KNOW,  
INCLUDE THAT INTO THE PROCESS IF WE'D LIKE, BUT WHAT I'M  
HEARING IS DELIBERATE AMONGST OURSELVES, MAKE SOME  
RECOMMENDATIONS SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON WHERE  
WE'RE HEADED.

>> YES.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

SO IS THERE CONSENSUS ON THAT?

>>VIVIANNE HANDY: JUST QUICKLY.

IF THAT PROCESS CAN GO -- I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO GET  
BOGGED DOWN INTO TOO MUCH DELIBERATION --

>>HEIDI McCREE: RIGHT.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: -- AND THEN ONCE AGAIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS SORT OF PUSHED OFF TO THE END.

>>HEIDI McCREE: NO.

AND WHAT I'LL SAY RIGHT NOW IS WE'VE CALCULATED WE HAVE ABOUT 45 MINUTES OR SO OF PUBLIC COMMENT, SO WHY DON'T WE BE MINDFUL OF THAT, I'LL BE MINDFUL OF THAT AS YOUR CHAIR, AND YOU KNOW, IF WE CAN JUST MOVE FORWARD.

NOW --

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: I LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING A MOTION THAT THE PUBLIC CAN THEN COMMENT ON, BUT AGAIN, I JUST DON'T WANT IT TO TURN INTO SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW, THEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT GETS OVERLOOKED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: I UNDERSTAND THAT.

I THINK THAT'S CRITICAL.

NOW, MOVING TO THE NEXT BULLET, RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT OUR MOTIONS IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO ALSO IS BE ABLE TO DIRECT STAFF HERE, BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOME OF THE WORK OF PUTTING THIS DOCUMENT TOGETHER -- TALK ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE, BUT DO WE WANT TO HAVE SORT OF AN OVERARCHING COUPLE OF GENERAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND THEN SOME ACTION STEPS THAT GO FOLLOWING THAT?

FOR INSTANCE, THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF CONE RANCH AND

STATE SOME FACTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, AND YOU-ALL CAN TALK ABOUT THAT IN YOUR MOTIONS, BUT I'D LIKE AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO HAVE YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THE -- THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

SO WITH THAT, LET'S ENTER IN -- AND BEFORE WE GET INTO SPECIFIC MOTIONS, I WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION, HAS EVERYBODY READ AND FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT THE COMMENTS ARE OF EACH OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE WEB SITE ESSENTIALLY VIA EDITH?

AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE, WE CAN HAVE EVERYONE GO AROUND AND SAY WHAT THEY RECOMMENDED, BUT WE I THINK HAVE TAKEN -- AND HOPEFULLY THE GOAL WAS THAT WE'VE TAKEN THE TIME TO REVIEW EVERYBODY'S COMMENTS.

YOU KNOW, GENERALLY SPEAKING -- AND I'M JUST GOING TO THROW THIS OUT THERE -- I FEEL LIKE THERE -- BECAUSE OF FCEG'S DECISION TO PULL BACK -- AND WE'VE ALL READ THOSE LETTERS AND WE'RE AWARE OF THAT, AND WE CAN ASK THEM ANY QUESTIONS WE WANT TO TODAY, BUT I FEEL LIKE AT THIS POINT YOU-ALL ARE POSITIONING EITHER TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD GO TO ELAPP OR TO RETAIN THE PROPERTY IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND WORK ON SOME ISSUES TOWARDS PROTECTION IN THAT REGARD, AND I'D LIKE TO OPEN IT UP AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THAT BECAUSE THERE IS A DIVERGENCE THERE.

OKAY.

LET'S TAKE ROSANNE BECAUSE I KEEP TELLING HER TO BE QUIET,

AND SHE -- [LAUGHTER] -- AND THEN DEE AND THEN VIVIENNE,  
AND WE'LL GO AROUND THIS WAY.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: I THINK WE COULD MAKE -- AND I'M INTO  
THE OF NOT GOING TO MAKE IT NOW, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT  
SOMEONE MAKE A MOTION, AND I MIGHT MAKE IT, THAT WE  
RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE --  
THAT THE PROPERTY, THE CONE RANCH, BE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED  
IN SOME SORT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, EITHER -- AND IT DOESN'T  
MATTER WHOSE NAME IT'S IN -- AND THEN WE LIST TO THEM OUR  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE  
WITH THE PROPERTY FOR PRESERVATION AFTER THAT.

I MEAN, IT'S ONE RECOMMENDATION, PERIOD, AND THEN --  
BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GET BOGGED DOWN IN DETAILS AND  
LITTLE, YOU KNOW, I'VE GOT THIS IDEA OF HOW, YOU KNOW, THE  
PROPERTY MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE MANAGED AND HUGH'S GOT AN IDEA  
OF HOW IT COULD BE MANAGED.

THERE ARE AN INFINITY AMOUNT OF POSSIBILITIES IN HOW THIS  
CAN BE HANDLED IN OWNERSHIP, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE  
TO GIVE EVERY ANSWER TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
BUT I KNOW THAT MY MOTION WOULD BE THAT WE PUT IT THAT THE  
PROPERTY BE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

DO WE WANT TO TAKE THAT UP AS A MOTION?

IS THERE A SECOND?

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: I THINK WE NEED TO HEAR, DON'T WE?

WAS THAT A REAL MOTION?

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: YES, I WOULD.

>>HUGH GRAMLING: I'LL SECOND THAT.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: SO STEP ONE IS PERMANENT PROTECTION,  
ABOUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW YET; RIGHT?

>>HEIDI McCREE: THE MOTION IS, YES, PERMANENT PROTECTION  
IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

THAT'S STEP ONE, THE MOTION.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: OKAY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: AND THAT COULD BE THE OVERARCHING GUIDING  
PRINCIPLE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

DEE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: UNTIL I FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS  
CONSOLIDATION -- WELL, I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WATCHING IT AT  
THE LOCAL LEVEL NOW FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS SO IT ISN'T  
NEW.

IT PLAYS INTO A BIGGER ROLE THAT I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW  
UP IN TALLAHASSEE.

THE LAST 12 YEARS -- AND THIS IS ABSOLUTELY PERTINENT TO  
WHAT WE'RE DOING AND TO WHAT WE ALL THOUGHT AS FAR AS OUR  
RECOMMENDATIONS -- AND I READ EVERYBODY'S -- SOUTH COUNTY,  
MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD COUNTY, HAS BEEN DESPERATELY TRYING TO  
GET THEIR HANDS ON WATER IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA FOR YEARS.  
THEY HAVE SLOWLY BUT SURELY OVER THE YEARS BEEN NUDGING  
TOWARD REGIONAL WATER SUPPLIES, WHICH IS FINE, WE'VE GOT

ONE, AND THEY'VE USED TAMPA BAY WATER AS AN EXAMPLE OF A REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY, BUT THE BIGGER ISSUE IS THE PRO DEVELOPMENT FORCES.

THIS HAS BEEN VERY PREVALENT IN TALLAHASSEE FOR 12 YEARS. US DOING WHAT WE'RE DOING IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD THAT, AND CONE RANCH SITTING IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT NOW COULD BECOME A REGIONAL ASSET VERSUS A COUNTY ASSET ALONE AND ULTIMATELY A STATE ASSET IF IT ENDS UP INTO A STATE CONSOLIDATION BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE WE'RE MOVING, MY FRIENDS.

IT MIGHT TAKE US ANOTHER FIVE YEARS, TEN YEARS TO GET THERE, BUT THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADING.

BECAUSE OF THAT, I CANNOT SUPPORT THE MOTION ON THE TABLE. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND GO JUST ONE TINY STEP FURTHER.

I DO BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD RETAIN OWNERSHIP, BUT I BELIEVE ELAPP NEEDS TO BE THAT OWNER.

[APPLAUSE]

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

>>DENISE LAYNE: NOW, IN WHAT SHAPE OR FORM?

AND AGAIN, WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER, BUT ELAPP HAVING CONTROL ALLOWS GREATER LATITUDE THAN ALL OF THE -- THE CONSTRAINTS PUT ON IT BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND THE BONDING, SO WHETHER IT'S CONSERVATION EASEMENT, RIGHT-OUT OWNERSHIP, I THINK ELAPP NEEDS TO PLAY OUT IN THIS, AND IT SHOULD BE NOT AND NOT STAY WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

>> AND I'D LIKE TO PLEASE ADD TO THAT.

I AGREE, I THINK IT -- I'M NOT SURE THAT I'D BE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT MOTION EITHER BECAUSE I THINK IT DOES MATTER WHAT ENTITY WITHIN THE COUNTY OWNS THE PROPERTY BECAUSE THE STATUS QUO IS NOT REALLY ACCEPTABLE.

THE WATER UTILITY IS NOT A GOOD STEWARD OF THE LAND, THEY'RE NOT LAND MANAGERS, THEY'RE NOT A CONSERVATION ENTITY, SO ULTIMATELY THAT -- THAT WOULD NOT BE THE WAY TO GO.

>>HEIDI McCREE: MAY I ASK A POINT OF CLARIFICATION?

THE MOTION RIGHT NOW SAYS THAT CONE RANCH SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, PERIOD.

NOW, I THINK WHAT I HEARD YOU SAYING IS WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MECHANISM.

THERE COULD BE A MYRIAD, AND MAYBE WE NEED TO HAVE, YOU KNOW, MORE MOTIONS AFTER WE -- YOU KNOW, BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF A -- DO -- WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS WHEN WE GO TO THE BOARD, WE NEED TO SAY CONE RANCH SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY PROTECTED, WE AGREE ON THAT; IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, DO WE AGREE ON THAT?

NOW, IN WHAT TYPE OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP I THINK IS BEING DEBATED HERE, AND WE CAN HAVE THAT DEBATE AND WE CAN TAKE SOME MOTIONS AND TAKE SOME VOTES AND, YOU KNOW, SEND WHAT HAVE YOU BACK TO THE BOARD, BUT THE ONLY QUESTION I'M HAVING RIGHT NOW IS THE MOTION IS -- IS THOSE TWO ITEMS,

PERMANENT PROTECTION AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I HAVE MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

>>HEIDI McCREE: I KNOW.

I'M HEARING THAT.

I JUST WANTED -- IT'S GETTING VERY SPECIFIC.

>>DENISE LAYNE: PUT THAT IN ELAPP AND WHAT FORM IT TAKES WITH THAT, AND IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT.

THERE IS A LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN OUT THERE.

IT HAS -- NOT SQUAT'S BEEN DONE WITH IT SINCE 1999.

>>HEIDI McCREE: SO YOU'D LIKE TO GET VERY SPECIFIC?

>>DENISE LAYNE: ABSOLUTELY.

THE REASON WE'RE SITTING HERE NOW IS BECAUSE THE WATER DEPARTMENT --

>> WAS THAT A SECOND TO THE MOTION?

>> YES, THAT WAS A SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ROBERT'S RULES.

CAN I TAKE SUBSTITUTE MOTIONS AND BUILD THEM ON THERE?

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: I HAVE TO BE -- I GUESS I HAVE TO RELINQUISH MY MOTION; RIGHT?

>>DENISE LAYNE: NOT WHEN THERE'S A SECOND TO A SUBSTITUTE.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: OKAY.

NOT WHEN THERE'S A SECOND?

>>HEIDI McCREE: YOU KNOW, YOU -- I THINK WE NEED TO THEN VOTE ON THE -- IF YOU DON'T AGREE TO THE SUBSTITUTE TO THE MOTION, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE IT UP OR DOWN --

>>DENISE LAYNE: I'M PUTTING THE MOTION OUT THERE -- THE  
SUBSTITUTE OUT THERE -- AND EXCUSE ME BECAUSE I'M KIND  
OF FLOPPING ALL OVER [INAUDIBLE]

>>HEIDI McCREE: LET'S HAVE SOME --

>>DENISE LAYNE: THERE'S A SECOND, AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO  
TABLE THAT, UNLESS SOMEBODY'S GOING TO SUBSTITUTE MY  
SUBSTITUTE, TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS BECAUSE AFTER  
THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO NITTY-GRITTY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: EXACTLY.

MY CONCERN IS WE RIGHT NOW COULD POSSIBLY SAY TO THE COUNTY  
WE WANT TO BE -- HAVE CONE RANCH BE IN PERMANENT PROTECTION  
IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, WE AGREE ON THAT, AND THEN WE COULD GO  
INTO DEBATE OVER HOW TO -- YOU KNOW, WE COULD VOTE UP OR  
DOWN, SHOULD IT GO TO ELAPP OR SHOULD IT GO TO THE WATER  
DEPARTMENT.

IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S DIVERGENT OPINIONS ON THAT.

>>DENISE LAYNE: WHEN THERE'S A SUBSTITUTE MOTION, YOU  
CAN'T KEEP GOING BACK TO THE FIRST.

>> I HAVE A CONCERN ON THAT, AND THE CONCERN IS ONCE THIS  
COMMITTEE MAKES A MOTION, EVEN IF IT'S A MOTION TOWARD  
PARTIAL RECOMMENDATION, WE'VE TAKEN ACTION, AND I'M  
CONCERNED THAT SOMEONE COULD LOOK AT THAT ACTION AND TAKE  
IT OUT OF CONTEXT AND APPLY IT, YOU KNOW, IN SUCH A WAY TO  
SAY, OKAY, PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND THAT'S IT, THEN IT STAYS  
WHERE IT'S AT, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

SO THE PERSON WHO MADE THE ORIGINAL MOTION IS NOT ACCEPTING THAT SUBSTITUTE, SO I THINK WE NEED TO VOTE --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>HUGH GRAMLING: VOTE ON THE SUBSTITUTE.

>>HEIDI McCREE: VOTE ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

IS THERE -- AND PLEASE, IF ANYBODY HAS ROBERT'S RULES AND THEY'D LIKE TO TELL ME DIFFERENTLY, I'LL LISTEN TO THAT. FURTHER DISCUSSION?

>>HUGH GRAMLING: YEAH.

I THINK THE HYPE ABOUT REGIONALIZATION IS OVERPLAYED TO SAY THE LEAST.

THERE'S VIRTUALLY NO WATER THERE.

EVERYBODY KEEPS TALKING ABOUT THE WATER IMPORTANCE OF CONE RANCH, AND THERE'S NEGLIGIBLE WATER SUPPLY THERE.

THERE MAY BE THREE TO FIVE MILLION GALLONS.

IT'S NOT A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO SURFACE WATER SOURCES.

SWFWMD WAS VERY PLAIN ABOUT THAT.

IF THIS WAS A BIG WATER RESOURCE, SWFWMD ALREADY WOULD HAVE OWNED IT.

THEY HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT.

IT'S NOT WORTH ANYTHING TO THEM OR VERY LITTLE TO THEM, I SHOULD SAY, FOR ITS ASSET AS A WATER SUPPLY OR PROTECTING A WATER RESOURCE.

SO I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG PAWN IN ANY KIND OF REGIONALIZATION THAT'S LIKELY TO OCCUR.

AND I'M -- I'M STILL STICKING WITH THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

WE SEEM TO FORGET THAT THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE ONE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING CARE OF THIS PROPERTY, IT'S PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THEY CERTAINLY HAVE MORE THAN ADEQUATE CHALLENGES WITH THE BUDGETS THAT THEY'VE BEEN DEALT FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND I THINK THERE'S A -- A WAY THAT WE CAN MANIPULATE THIS TO GIVE THEM THE FUNDS TO DO THINGS LIKE MITIGATION BANKING OR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY AND STILL LEAVE IT IN THE OWNERSHIP WHERE IT IS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: FELIX, DID YOU HAVE -- NO.

OKAY.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>> YES.

>>HEIDI McCREE: WE'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE ON THE MOTION, BY THE WAY, UNTIL WE -- WE ARE GOING TO DO SOME PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT VIVIANNE.

>>VIVIANNE HANDY: I DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT HUGH WAS SAYING THERE BECAUSE AS LONG AS WE'RE UNDER THIS BLANKET OF HIGHEST AND BEST USE AND YOU CAN'T RESTORE THE WETLANDS BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO DEVALUE -- EXCUSE ME -- OUR ASSETS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT PARKS AND REC WANTS TO DO. THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS SAYING NO, YOU CAN'T, SO THEREFORE, ONCE AGAIN, THE STATUS QUO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ROSANNE.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: I DON'T AGREE.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT HASN'T SAID NO, YOU CAN'T.

THEY JUST CAN'T TAKE MONEY OUT OF THEIR BUDGET TO RESTORE  
THE LAND BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THEIR CHARGE.

MY POINT OF NOT INCLUDING ELAPP IN MY MOTION IS THAT I  
DON'T WANT TO SEE ELAPP HAVING TO SPEND COUNTY MONEY TO  
PURCHASE LAND FROM ANOTHER COUNTY AGENCY.

IT'S RIDICULOUS TO SPEND THAT KIND OF MONEY.

THE LAND CAN BE CONVEYED TO ELAPP IN SOME FORM, AND I DON'T  
KNOW THAT IT'S OUR CHARGE OR THAT THE COUNTY WANTS US TO  
TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL THEM HOW TO CONVEY THEIR  
LANDS, BUT THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO PUT ANY -- TO SAY IN  
THE OVERALL -- YOU KNOW, THE OVERREACHING MOTION THAT WE --  
THAT WE TELL THE COUNTY HOW EXACTLY TO DO IT.

I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER THAT BECAUSE  
WE'VE SAT HERE AND TALKED AND LISTENED TO STAFF AND GOTTEN  
ALL OF THE -- THIS INFORMATION.

WE FEEL SOMEWHAT REASONABLY EDUCATED ON BEING ABLE TO GIVE  
THEM RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE FEEL THE -- THERE OUGHT TO  
BE BETTER WAYS TO -- TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY, BUT THAT'S  
WHY I DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO TELL THE COUNTY THAT IT HAS  
TO GO TO ELAPP.

WE CAN RECOMMEND AT SOME POINT THAT WE BELIEVE THAT ELAPP  
BE THE HOLDER OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ACROSS THE PROPERTY

SO THAT IT COULD BE IN PERMANENT PRESERVATION, BUT THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DONE BY CHANGING -- BY MONEY HAVING TO BE CHANGED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: PAMELA JO.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: I SIDE WITH MS. HANDY.

I DISAGREE THAT THE STATUS QUO IS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE WE ALL SAW THAT MEMORANDUM -- AND I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME, BUT IT WAS DATED SEVERAL YEARS AGO -- FROM THE WATER UTILITY I BELIEVE IT WAS TO PAT BEAN SAYING, YOU KNOW, STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING OUT THERE, IT'S NOT IN THE INTEREST OF OUR WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO IMPROVE AND PROTECT AND PRESERVE THIS LAND.

WE DON'T WANT TO -- WE DON'T WANT TO PRESERVE THESE WETLANDS BECAUSE FRANKLY THAT MAKES THEM LESS VALUABLE, AND ONE OTHER POINT I'D MAKE IS BROOKER CREEK.

I MEAN, LOOK AT BROOKER CREEK, ALL RIGHT.

IT'S IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, BUT WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT ALL OVER THE PLACE OUT THERE FOR UTILITIES, YOU KNOW, MIXING FACILITIES AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN ON CONE RANCH, SO I BELIEVE THAT THE STATUS QUO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE UNDER THE UTILITY'S, YOU KNOW, BUSINESS PLAN IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS PROPERTY THE WAY IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. IT'S GOING TO BE STAYING IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND IT'S GOING

TO BE PROTECTED, THEN THAT NEEDS TO BE EXPLICIT IN THE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, AND THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DO THAT IS THROUGH ELAPP.

[APPLAUSE]

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

DEE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: JUST TO CLARIFY, I'M NOT SAYING ELAPP SHOULD OWN IT, ELAPP SHOULD -- HOW ELAPP SHOULD TAKE CONTROL, SO LET'S CHANGE THE WORD TO MAKE SURE ELAPP CONTROLS THE PROPERTY, AND THEN WE CAN HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT THE OWNERSHIP PART, AND AGAIN, YOU KNOW, JIM NORMAN'S ALREADY SAID CONE RANCH IS AN ASSET OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BRINGING TO THE TABLE IN THIS WATER CONSOLIDATION THING.

WHETHER THAT'S GOING TO WORK OR NOT, WHO KNOWS.

IN TIME IT PROBABLY WILL, SO AT THIS POINT THE MOTION IS THIS NEEDS TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF ELAPP, AND I THINK WE NEED TO LET THE ELAPP COMMITTEE DECIDE HOW BEST THEY THINK IT SHOULD BE WITHOUT TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO.

BUT ELAPP SHOULD HAVE CONTROL, AND THAT'S THE CLARIFIED MOTION.

AND THEN I WANT TO TABLE IT ONCE IT GETS SECOND.

I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO DO THAT.

VIVIENNE.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: HAS EVERYONE HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THIS LETTER FROM DR. GARRITY?

>>HEIDI McCREE: THAT'S A GOOD POINT.

AND THAT WAS HANDED OUT AT LEAST TO THE COMMITTEE THIS MORNING.

DID ANY -- I'M IMAGINING EVERYONE HAS A COPY OF IT.

YES, VIVIENNE, GO AHEAD.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: THERE HAS BEEN SOME -- I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS -- OF WHAT THIS LETTER IS STATING, THE PURSUING A MITIGATION BANK.

IT WILL GENERATE FUNDS, IT WILL ENSURE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF CONE RANCH THROUGH CREDIT SALES, IT WILL PROVIDE A BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY IF WE GET SOME PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS INVOLVED.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ELAPP IS ALLOWED TO HAVE OWNERSHIP AND ALSO SELL CREDITS, AND I AGREE WITH DEE, LET THEM FIGURE THAT OUT.

AS LONG AS THEY HAVE CONTROL AND ULTIMATE MANAGEMENT, THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE, BUT WHAT -- WHAT THE EPC LETTER IS BASICALLY WHAT I'VE BEEN SORT OF SPOUTING FROM DAY ONE, MUCH-NEEDED REVENUE CAN BE GENERATED, IT ENSURES RESTORATION, AND ULTIMATELY ELAPP CAN TAKE CONTROL.

JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT LETTER TO EVERYBODY BEFORE WE

WENT TOO MUCH FURTHER.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: AND AGAIN, I AGREE WITH DEE THAT I'D LIKE TO OPEN IT UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE WE GO TOO MUCH FURTHER.

>>HEIDI McCREE: WELL, IF I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER COMMITTEE COMMENTS AT THIS POINT, IT'S 9:30.

WE HAVE ABOUT 45 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENT.

WITH THE PUBLIC'S INDULGENCE, THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO STAY TO THE THREE MINUTES.

I KNOW SOME OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK LONGER.

WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT, WE APPRECIATE THAT.

WE HAVE READ YOUR COMMENTS ON THE WEB SITE, SO IF YOU COULD JUST PLEASE RESPECT THE FACT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE THE PROCESS ALONG, AND WE MAY ASK SOME QUESTIONS, AND IF -- YOU KNOW, IF YOU COULD JUST TRY TO STAY TO THE THREE MINUTES, WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THAT SO THAT EVERYONE HERE COULD SPEAK.

AND WE'LL START OFF WITH MR. WESLEY BAILEY.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

MADAM CHAIRMAN, I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE TIME, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE PANEL OR THE CHAIRMAN IN THE EVENT THAT I DO RUN LONG, WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR OTHER SPEAKERS TO YIELD TIME TO ME THAT I MIGHT CONTINUE AND

CONCLUDE MY REMARKS?

>>HEIDI McCREE: I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW SPEAKERS CAN AGREE ON --

>> VERY WELL.

>>HEIDI McCREE: -- AND IF THAT'S THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD, BUT WE WOULD THEN PROBABLY, YES, TAKE THEIR TIME, SO THAT'S YOUR CHOICE.

>> GOOD.

YES.

AS LONG AS WE GET OUT OF HERE ON TIME; RIGHT?

>>HEIDI McCREE: THAT'S RIGHT.

THANK YOU, SIR.

>> FIRST OFF, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT BESIDES THE EPC, THE TAMPA SIERRA CLUB, TAMPA CITY COUNCIL, THE LITHIA -- THE RURAL LITHIA AREA NEIGHBORHOOD DEFENSE PEOPLE, U-CAN, KEYSTONE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, AND OTHERS SUPPORT PLACING CONE RANCH INTO ELAPP, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF ELAPP TO PLEASE STAND.

OKAY.

THESE PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD FROM THE WAY THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM.

THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS THE WAY THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S EVER BEEN ANY DOUBT FROM THE VERY

BEGINNING WHAT THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT CONE RANCH IS.  
THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH HAS CREATED AN AGENCY  
SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND IT IS ELAPP.  
THAT'S WHY THEY EXIST, AND I WILL POINT OUT TO YOU THAT IN  
THE LAST ELECTION ELAPP RECEIVED 348,000 VOTES.  
THAT IS MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY VOTES AS WERE RECEIVED BY  
ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS THAT APPOINTED YOU HERE WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF KEVIN BECKNER.  
WE'VE HEARD THIS MORNING AND BEFORE THAT CONE RANCH IS NOT  
A VIABLE WATER SOURCE.  
AS IT SITS NOW, THAT IS TRUE; HOWEVER, DURING THE FOUR  
WETTEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR CONE RANCH RECEIVES AN  
ANNUALIZED AVERAGE -- CONE RANCH PRODUCES AN ANNUALIZED  
AVERAGE OF 90 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY DURING THE FOUR  
WETTEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR BY WAY OF BLACKWATER CREEK.  
THIS IS FROM -- THESE FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE, AND  
FRANKLY, I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU A  
LONG TIME AGO.  
IF WE HOLD BACK 11% OF THAT 90 MILLION GALLONS A DAY FROM  
THE FOUR WETTEST MONTHS UNTIL THE FOUR DRIEST MONTHS, WE  
CAN MAKE UP THE SHORTFALL IN TAMPA'S CITY WATER, WHICH  
COMES TO ABOUT TEN MILLION GALLONS A DAY DURING THE DRIEST  
MONTHS.  
IN 2007 AND IN 2008 THE CITY OF TAMPA SPENT \$14.2 MILLION  
MAKING UP FOR THIS SHORTFALL OF SURFACE WATER.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION.

SWFWMD AND THE COUNTY RELY ON SUBSURFACE WATER.

THE CITY OF TAMPA RELIES ON SURFACE WATER.

THERE HAS BEEN A TIDAL WAVE OF SUPPORT FOR CONE RANCH SO FAR, BUT THIS IS JUST A TRICKLE COMPARED TO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AT THE BOCC IF THIS PANEL DOES ANYTHING OTHER THAN RECOMMEND CONE RANCH GOING TO ELAPP.

YOU WERE PUT HERE PROBABLY TO TAKE THE HEAT FOR MAKING A TOUGH DECISION, BUT IN ANY EVENT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP YOUR COMMISSIONERS ONE BIT IF YOU GO WITH -- TO THEM WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW. YOU'VE GOT E-MAILS, YOU'VE RECEIVED PHONE CALLS.

IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT'S COMING, TRUST ME.

WE'VE HELD OUR FIRE, SAVED OUR POWDER FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING, AND THEY'RE GOING TO FEEL THE HEAT.

YOU CAN HELP THEM OUT BY SUPPORTING THE CONE RANCH SOLUTION -- THE ELAPP SOLUTION FOR CONE RANCH.

UP TO \$200,000 AN ACRE HAS BEEN PAID IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FOR WETLAND MITIGATION.

AT THAT RATE ONLY ONE HALF OF 1% -- ONLY ONE HALF OF 1% OF THE ACREAGE AT CONE RANCH WOULD GENERATE \$13 MILLION.

THE MONEY'S THERE, BUT THIS PANEL WAS NOT CREATED TO TELL ELAPP HOW TO FINANCE THIS PURCHASE OR NEGOTIATE A PRICE.

BY THE WAY, ABOUT THAT PRICE, CONE RANCH IS A CAPITAL ASSET

OF THE WATER ENTERPRISE, AND I'M JUST A COUNTRY CARPENTER,  
BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WHEN YOU KEEP BOOKS, YOU HAVE TO  
LIST A CAPITAL ASSET ON YOUR LEDGER SHEET.

THERE'S GOT TO BE A NUMBER WRITTEN DOWN SOMEPLACE.

WHY HAVEN'T YOU-ALL HAD THAT NUMBER?

WHERE'S THAT NUMBER AT, IF YOU'LL PARDON THE DANGLING  
PREPOSITION?

SERIOUSLY.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

ANYWAY, ELAPP WAS DESIGNED TO DO EXACTLY WHAT NEEDS TO BE  
DONE AT CONE RANCH.

THE CITY OF TAMPA COUNCIL PEOPLE -- THE CITY COUNCIL IS  
VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE \$14.2 MILLION THAT THEY'RE SPENDING  
BECAUSE THEY RUN -- THE RESERVOIR RUNS DRY.

11% IS A VERY MODEST GOAL FOR WETLAND RESTORATION, VERY  
MODEST.

YOU'VE GONE FROM 65%, 80% WETLANDS OUT THERE DOWN TO 35%.

SO I'M GOING TO WRAP IT UP.

YOUR CHARGE WAS TWOFOLD, BUT NOW -- NOW THAT FC&EG IS OFF  
THE TABLE, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT AND, YOU'VE  
ACKNOWLEDGED, IT'S WHAT TO DO WITH CONE RANCH, HOW TO BEST  
SAVE -- PRESERVE CONE RANCH.

YOU'RE NOT HERE TO SOLVE EVERY BUMP IN THE ROAD THAT WE'RE  
GOING TO ENCOUNTER BETWEEN WHERE WE ARE NOW AND WHERE WE  
WILL BE WHEN CONE RANCH IS A PART OF ELAPP, SO PLEASE DO

YOUR COMMISSIONERS A FAVOR, DO THE PEOPLE OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY A FAVOR.

DO THE RIGHT THING.

VOTE TO PUT CONE RANCH IN ELAPP, AND I THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. BAILEY.

YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH, AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE TIME YOU'VE PUT INTO THIS ISSUE, WE REALLY DO.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

ALL RIGHT.

GREAT.

JOYCE NEWNAM.

>> HI, EVERYONE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR VALUABLE TIME.

WE ACTIVISTS HAVE GIVEN A LOT OF TIME TO THIS ISSUE AS WELL, AND WE ARE UNANIMOUS, AND WE STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AND A TO ASK THAT YOU DO PLACE CONE RANCH INTO ELAPP'S CARE FOR -- IN ITS ENTIRETY AND JUST SAY NO TO ANY PRIVATE ENTITY SUCH AS FC&EG AND A STADIUM, A PRISON, EAGLE CAMPS, MERCENARY -- MERCENARY CAMP THAT HIGHLANDS COUNTY KICKED OUT OF THEIRS.

WE DON'T WANT ANY TYPE OF PRIVATE ENTITY CONTROLLING OUR LANDS, AND WE DO WANT AND DO ASK YOU TODAY TO PLACE ELAPP -  
- PLACE CONE RANCH IN ELAPP'S CARE FOR PERPETUITY.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JOYCE.

MARCELLA OSTEEN, AND GEORGE NIEMANN WILL BE AFTER MARCELLA.  
GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR GIVING YOUR TIME TO THIS.  
IT'S TAKEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME, NOT TO MENTION THE  
STAFF TIME THAT'S BEEN DEVOTED TO THIS FOR ALL COUNTY  
EMPLOYEES.

IT'S BEEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

AND TODAY IS THE DAY FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR RECOMMENDATION  
BECAUSE THE IDEA OF PUTTING IT IN LIMBO OR ON HOLD UNTIL  
THE WATER CONSOLIDATION THING COMES -- IS EVALUATED IS  
RATHER RIDICULOUS.

I HOPE THAT NONE OF YOU ARE EVEN CONSIDERING PUTTING IT ON  
HOLD.

TO ME THE BEACHES AND THE PALM TREES OF FLORIDA ARE PRETTY,  
BUT TO ME THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IN FLORIDA IS SCRUB  
LAND, IS LAND LIKE CONE RANCH WITH PALMETTOS AND MOSS AND  
PINES AND OAKS.

THAT TO ME IS FLORIDA.

I'M NOT A BIG LANDOWNER.

MY FAMILY'S BEEN HERE FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS, AND THEY'VE  
BEEN SMALL FARMERS, AND TO ME I'LL NEVER HAVE THE BLESSING  
OF OWNING LAND LIKE THE CARLTONS OR THE THOMASES OR  
WHOEVER, BUT I DO OWN LAND AS PART OF THE PUBLIC, AND THIS

IS A TREASURE THAT I DO NOT WANT TO SEE GO INTO PRIVATE HANDS OF -- IN ANY WAY, EVEN FOR A DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTREMELY LARGE LOTS OF 2,000 ACRES.

IT'S JUST NOT -- SHOULD NOT HAPPEN.

SO -- IT WAS -- I THOUGHT THAT CONE RANCH WAS SAFE PRETTY MUCH.

WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AT ALL, I FIGURED IT'S IN THE BAG, IT'S SAFE, UNTIL THE BROKERS COME WITH THEIR PROPOSAL TO BUY IT, AND MUCH TO MY SURPRISE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING NO, IT'S NOT FOR SALE, ENTERTAINED THE NOTION, SO THIS IS A SCARY THING, AND THEY WERE TREATING IT OR ARE TREATING IT LIKE A COMMODITY, AND IF TIMES GET HARD, DOWN THE ROAD HARDER, THEN THEY MAY SAY, OKAY, ALL YOU TAXPAYERS, YOU -- TO HAVE YOUR SERVICES IN PLACE, WE HAVE TO SELL THIS COMMODITY.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN WITH A COMMODITY.

THE PANDORA'S BOX HAS BEEN OPENED.

I SEE THAT NOW.

SO TO ME THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO SECURE IT NOW, TO SECURE IT BY IT GOING TO ELAPP.

NOW, WHEN I SAY GOING TO ELAPP, I DON'T MEAN JUST UNDER THE CONTROL OF ELAPP, I MEAN FOR ELAPP TO OWN IT.

TO ME THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO SECURE THIS PROPERTY FOREVER, AND THAT'S WHAT SHOULD BE DONE, SO I ASK YOU TO MAKE YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOCC TO MAKE THIS SO.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

GEORGE NIEMANN.

>> HE STEPPED OUT FOR A MINUTE.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

MARIELLA SMITH, AND THEN BEV GRIFFITHS.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

I'M MARIELLA SMITH, AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE ELAPP COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS NOW GIVEN CONE RANCH OUR HIGHEST RANKING FOR ACQUISITION WITHIN ELAPP.

THE NEW POSSIBILITY OF UTILITY CONSOLIDATION IS A GAME CHANGER THAT HAS ELIMINATED MOST OF YOUR OPTIONS AND SHOULD MAKE YOUR DECISION QUITE SIMPLE.

IT WOULD NOW BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO LEAVE THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE WITHIN THE WATER UTILITY'S ASSETS WHEN THOSE ASSETS MAY SOON BE SNATCHED AWAY INTO A REGIONAL UTILITY.

THE IMMINENT DANGER OF CONE RANCH BEING ABSORBED INTO SOME AS YET UNDETERMINED REGIONAL BODY MEANS OUR COUNTY MAY SOON HAVE LITTLE CONTROL OVER WHAT IS TODAY COUNTY PROPERTY.

WHILE IT STILL IS COUNTY PROPERTY, WHILE WE RIGHT NOW HAVE THIS CHANCE TO SETTLE THE FATE OF CONE RANCH ONCE AND FOR ALL AND PROTECT IT ONCE AND FOR ALL, PLEASE RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNTY CONVEY THIS PROPERTY INTO THE CARE OF ELAPP

ENTIRELY AND FEE SIMPLE.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS RECOMMEND THAT THE BOCC DIRECT THE WATER UTILITY TO WORK OUT A SALE OR TRANSFER TO ELAPP.

LET THE ELAPP PURCHASERS NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS.

THAT'S THEIR JOB.

THEY'VE BEEN BUYING LAND FOR 20 YEARS, AND THEY CAN HANDLE THIS PURCHASE WITHOUT ANY EXTRA MICROMANAGEMENT.

IF ANYTHING, THIS DEAL SHOULD BE EASIER THAN WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE SELLER ONCE THE COUNTY COMMISSION DIRECTS BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

YOU NEED NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW ELAPP CAN PAY FOR THIS PURCHASE.

ELAPP CAN GET PAID BACK FOR THE COSTS OF PURCHASE AND RESTORATION, AS YOU'VE DISCUSSED AND AS KEN BAILEY EXPLAINED, THROUGH THE SALE OF MITIGATION CREDITS.

THEY'VE DONE THIS BEFORE OVER AND OVER.

FOR EXAMPLE, AT OUR BROOKER CREEK BUFFER PRESERVE, ELAPP BOUGHT THE SITE, THEN SOLD A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO SWFWMD, WHO SOLD MITIGATION CREDITS TO FDOT, WHICH PAID ELAPP BACK EVERY PENNY, SO AT THE END OF THE DEAL, ELAPP OWNS THE LAND, HOLDS THE TITLE, WHILE SWFWMD HOLDS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT, ADDING AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF PROTECTION, AND ELAPP GOT ALL ITS MONEY BACK.

WIN-WIN.

THAT CAN HAPPEN HERE.

ELAPP HAS OFFSET THEIR COSTS WITH MITIGATION CREDITS ON OTHER SITES, AND IT SHOULD BE EVEN EASIER HERE SINCE CONE RANCH IS SO RICH IN POTENTIAL WETLAND RESTORATION CREDITS IN THE HILLSBOROUGH RIVER BASIN WHERE -- WATERSHED WHERE THEY'RE SO VALUABLE AND SO RARE, NOT TO MENTION GOPHER TORTOISE RELOCATION CREDITS AND CARBON CREDITS.

AND THIS SITE SHOULDN'T BE TOO EXPENSIVE SINCE IT LEASES FOR ONLY \$150,000 A YEAR.

NEITHER THE BONDHOLDERS NOR ANY FUTURE CONSOLIDATED UTILITY SHOULD CARE WHETHER THEY GET THE LAND OR THE CASH VALUE AS LONG AS IT'S A FAIR DEAL.

BUT ALL THE DETAILS OF PRICE AND MITIGATION CREDITS CAN BE WORKED OUT BY THESE TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ONCE YOU RECOMMEND THAT THE BOCC SETS THEM ON THAT PATH TO GET THIS LAND WHOLLY INTO ELAPP, AND THEN JUST LET THEM DO THEIR JOBS.

YOU KNOW, ONE OTHER EXAMPLE OF OUTSIDE FUNDING THAT CAN BE USED -- THAT CAN BE DRAWN ON -- AND -- AND THEY KNOW ABOUT THIS.

WE ALL DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS, BUT THERE'S A \$750,000 RESTORATION PROJECT THAT'S -- THAT'S BEING -- BEGINNING RIGHT NOW ON AN ELAPP SITE AT COCKROACH BAY BEING PAID FOR ENTIRELY WITH FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY.

THAT DID NOT NEED ANY COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT, WE DID NOT NEED TO SELL OFF THAT LAND TO GET IT RESTORED.

THE BUSINESS OF BUYING AND RESTORING LAND HAPPENS WITHIN  
ELAPP ALL THE TIME.

IT'S WHAT THEY DO.

IT'S WHAT THE VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY DIRECTED THEM TO DO AND  
WHAT THE CITIZENS CLEARLY WANT TO HAPPEN HERE ON CONE  
RANCH.

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS VOTE TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION TO LET  
THEM -- SET THEM ON THIS PATH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU, MARIELLA.

APPRECIATE IT.

[APPLAUSE]

BEV AND THEN DAVID NICHOLSON.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>>HEIDI McCREE: GOOD MORNING.

>> MY NAME'S BEV GRIFFITHS.

I'M CURRENT CHAIR OF TAMPA BAY SIERRA CLUB.

I AM A VOLUNTEER FOR SIERRA CLUB, REPRESENTING OUR 1700  
MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND I ALSO WANT TO  
THANK THE PANELISTS FOR SERVING.

I WONDER WHETHER ANY OF YOU WATCHED THE PBS SERIES

"NATIONAL PARKS: AMERICA'S BEST IDEA."

IT'S THE STORY OF THE BIRTH, DEVELOPMENT, AND HISTORY OF  
OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM, AND IT'S ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS,  
THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL AND PLAYED A ROLE -- A KEY

ROLE IN BRINGING THESE PARKS ABOUT.

HAD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT STEPPED IN AND ACQUIRED THOSE LARGE WILDERNESS TRACTS, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MINED AND THEIR FORESTS CLEAR CUT AND THEIR RIVERS DAMMED.

YOU'VE MOST LIKELY VISITED SOME OF THEM YOURSELF, AND IF YOU HAVEN'T, I WHOLLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO.

PRESERVING THIS AREA'S NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY MATTERS TOO.

YOU HAVE A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PRESERVE THIS LAND AND ITS NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS BY VOTING TO PLACE IT INTO ELAPP, THEN LET ELAPP HANDLE THE DETAILS.

HILLSBOROUGH IS NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL.

LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

MR. NICHOLSON AND THEN ELIZABETH BELCHER.

GOOD MORNING.

>> HELLO.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

I'M A RETIRED ENGINEER.

I LIVE IN FREEDOM PLAZA IN SUN CITY CENTER, ALONG WITH A LOT OF OTHER RETIRED PEOPLE, AND -- BUT I WORKED IN FOUR DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES DURING MY WORKING CAREER, IN NUCLEAR, AUTOMOTIVE, AIRCRAFT, AND PHARMACEUTICAL, AND I RETIRED IN

'93.

SINCE THEN I'VE WORKED ON A LOT OF -- STUDIED A LOT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND SO FORTH, AND I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A RECENT BOOK THAT I'VE READ, AND I'LL HOLD IT UP.

IT'S "COLLAPSE" -- CALLED "COLLAPSE" BY JARED DIAMOND, AND IT'S A 2005 BOOK, AND HIS SUBTITLE IS, "HOW SOCIETIES CHOOSE TO FAIL OR SUCCEED," AND HE STUDIED 14 PAST SOCIETIES AND SEVEN MODERN ONES.

AND IN CHAPTER 16 HIS FIRST TWO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE CAUSE OF FAILED SOCIETIES WERE DEFORESTATION AND DAMAGE OF THE WATER SUPPLY.

NOW, CONE RANCH IS AN EXAMPLE OF BOTH OF THOSE EVENTS.

IT WAS DEFORESTED -- WE USUALLY CALL IT AS BEING USED -- IT WAS CLEARED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE, BUT THAT'S DEFORESTATION, AND THE POLLUTION FROM THE SURFACE WATER FROM THE COWS IS POLLUTING THAT RUNOFF WATER.

I GREW UP IN OHIO AS A BAREFOOT COUNTRY BOY WALKING OUT AMONG THE COWS, AND WE HAD TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO NOT WALK ON THE COW PIES, BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, THEY PRODUCE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF -- OF "EXCREMENT" I GUESS WOULD BE THE WORD.

BUT ANYWAY, BACK TO THE POINT WHY WE'RE ALL HERE.

AND I WANT TO THANK YOUR PANEL FOR ALL OF YOUR VERY STRONG AND DILIGENT WORK TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE A STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TO TRANSFER -- SOMEHOW TRANSFER CONE RANCH TO ELAPP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THIS DELAY TO MORE STUDIES WILL JUST DELAY AND EXHAUST EVERYONE AND USUALLY WILL RESULT IN FINAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN AREA LIKE THAT, AND WE LIVING IN THIS HILLSBOROUGH AREA, WE NEED GOOD WATER FOR THIS GENERATION, THE NEXT GENERATION, AND THE NEXT ONE AFTER THAT.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

APPRECIATE IT.

[APPLAUSE]

ELIZABETH BELCHER, FOLLOWED BY ALLIGATOR BOB YOUNG.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

TO START, I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY HAS BECOME CONFUSED.

WHEN A PERSON PURCHASES A PIECE OF PROPERTY, THEY DO NOT PAY FOR THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF THE PIECE OF LAND.

THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A PIECE OF LAND IS WHAT A WILLING SELLER AND A WILLING BUYER AGREE TO, SO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF CONE RANCH MAY BE FAR BELOW THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE, WHICH IS THE CONCEPT USED ONLY IN DEDUCTING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON A TAX RETURN.

SECOND, THE COMMITTEE HAS WRESTLED WITH SEVERAL ISSUES CONCERNING OWNERSHIP OF CONE RANCH.

THE CONCEPT OF PAYING A GOVERNMENT ENTITY A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A PIECE OF LAND THEY APPARENTLY INITIALLY ACQUIRED FOR A DOLLAR IS INSANE.

THE CONCEPT OF SPENDING OVER \$100,000 FOR AN APPRAISAL FOR A SALE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES -- ENTITIES IS ILLOGICAL, AS WELL AS THE IDEA THAT THE WATER DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE ANY TYPE OF PROFIT FROM THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. FORGIVE THE BLUNT LANGUAGE, BUT STOP DITHERING AROUND ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS.

THERE IS A COUNTY ATTORNEY WHO'S BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS PANEL.

THE LEGAL QUESTIONS PUT BEFORE HER SHOULD INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, CAN THE COUNTY TAKE OWNERSHIP FROM -- OF CONE RANCH FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT?

IF SO, WHAT'S THE MECHANISMS TO DO SO?

WHAT WOULD BE THE LEAST EXPENSIVE WAY TO GO ABOUT DOING THIS?

ARE THE OUTSTANDING BONDS DISCUSSED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ONLY INVOLVING CONE RANCH OR DO THEY INCLUDE OTHER ENTITIES?

IN EITHER SITUATION, CAN THE BONDS INVOLVING ONLY CONE RANCH BE CALLED AND PAID BY REISSUING NEW BONDS?

IN THIS DAY OF MINIMAL INTEREST RATES, THE NEW BONDS COULD CERTAINLY BE ISSUED FOR 1% OR 2%, WHICH IS MUCH LOWER THAN THE RATE THEY ARE NOW BEING PAID FOR.

AS FAR AS ANY HYBRID METHOD, I RAISED THE ISSUE OF A FOR-PROFIT CREATING A NONPROFIT TO EVADE PUBLIC BIDDING IN FRONT OF THE BOCC.

SUSAN FERNANDEZ'S RESPONSE IS INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION.

ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN WILL OPEN A FLOODGATE OF SECRET SALES BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND FOR-PROFITS WHO THINLY VEIL THEIR TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A NONPROFIT.

IF THIS ISSUE ISN'T ENOUGH TO REJECT ANY FC INVOLVEMENT WITH THE DEPOSITION OF CONE RANCH, CONSIDER THEIR ABSOLUTE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY DEFINITE EXPLANATION ON HOW THEY WILL HANDLE THE PROPERTY, A TWO-PAGE PRESENTATION IN WHICH THE PRESENTERS KEPT REPEATING ANYTHING CAN BE NEGOTIATED UNACCEPTABLE.

ESSENTIALLY FC HAS PROVIDED NOTHING BUT A MOVING TARGET. FIRST THEY WERE GOING TO SET UP A LAND TRUST, DETAILS NOT PROVIDED, TO TAKE OWNERSHIP.

WHEN QUESTIONS AROSE, FC STATED THAT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY WOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN SOME WAY, WHICH WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST WAS REPRESENTED.

HOW THE NATURE -- HOW IS THE NATURE CONSERVANCY GOING TO DO THAT?

AFTER ALL, THEY ARE BEING RETAINED BY FC TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

LET'S HAVE SOME SUNSHINE.

HOW IS -- HOW MUCH IS NATURE CONSERVANCY RECEIVING NO  
MATTER WHAT FORM?

PAYMENT FOR ADVICE?

DONATIONS, LIKE KIND TRANSACTIONS, WHATEVER?

AND WITNESS -- AND WHAT DOES THEY HAVE TO DO TO RECEIVE  
THESE BENEFITS?

TO ME THIS IS SIMILAR TO AN EXPERT WITNESS IN A CRIMINAL  
TRIAL.

EXPERTS ARE PAID AND THEY'RE PAID VERY WELL FOR THEIR  
EXPERTISE, WHICH ALWAYS SUPPORTS THE SIDE WRITING THE  
CHECK.

THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY QUESTIONABLE LEGAL ISSUES INVOLVED  
TO ALLOW ANY PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF CONE RANCH.

ALLOW ELAPP TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AND DEVELOP CARBON  
CREDITS, ET CETERA, TO FINANCE THE PROBLEM.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

APPRECIATE THAT.

[APPLAUSE]

ALLIGATOR BOB AND TERRY FLOTT.

GOOD MORNING.

>> MADAM CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL, I'D LIKE TO TAKE  
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND RESEARCH  
AND EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE.

IT IS A HIGH RECOMMENDATION TO YOU TO TAKE ON THIS TASK

WHICH WAS VERY OBVIOUS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, BECAME VERY COMPLICATED, BUT IS COMING BACK AROUND TO THE OBVIOUS ANSWER TO ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE COME UP.

THE PROPERTY AT CONE RANCH SHOULD BE PRESERVED, AND WE HAVE AN ENTITY WITHIN THE COUNTY CREATED YEARS AGO TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE ONCE THESE PROPERTIES ARE DEVELOPED FOR WHATEVER, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE USE, BUILDING BUILDINGS AND MAKING PARKING LOTS AND STADIUMS AND ALL THESE OTHER IDEAS THAT HAVE COME OUT OVER RECENT TIMES, THE LAND -- THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THAT LAND IS LOST FOREVER.

IT NEVER COMES BACK.

LIKE A FARMER TOLD ME A LONG TIME AGO WHEN I WAS A WEE BOY, LAND, GOD DOESN'T MAKE ANYMORE OF IT.

YOU GET ONE SHOT AT IT.

WHEN YOU GET IT, KEEP IT.

SO I HAVE THE VERY FIRST HOME THAT I EVER PURCHASED AND I HAVE EVERY HOME SINCE BECAUSE I CANNOT BRING MYSELF TO SELL IT BECAUSE I CAN'T REPLACE IT.

AND I FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT CONE RANCH.

I LIVE VERY CLOSE TO CONE RANCH.

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN VERY DEAR TO ME, AND I FOUGHT THREE BATTLES TO KEEP CONE RANCH AS IT IS OR LET IT GO BACK TO NATURE.

AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO THE SAME THING.

MAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION THAT THE FEE SIMPLE TRANSFER OF THIS PROPERTY GO TO ELAPP.

ELAPP KNOWS HOW TO MANAGE IT, THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF IT.

I SIT ON THAT COMMITTEE.

I HAVE HAD SOME VERY GOOD TRAINING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION ON CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THE IUCN, WHICH IS A WORLDWIDE CONSERVATION GROUP.

I AM A SITTING MEMBER OF THAT TODAY, AND I CAN TELL YOU THE VALUE-ADDED CONSERVATION IS SOMETHING THAT I BRING TO ELAPP EVERY TIME I MEET WITH THEM, THAT THIS PROPERTY IS VALUABLE TO US, WE'RE GOING TO PRESERVE IT -- ALL OF THE ELAPP PROPERTIES, AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE PUBLIC ACCESSIBLE TO IT, AND THE PUBLIC IS WILLING TO PAY FOR THAT.

THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT IN THE ELECTION.

WE HAVE -- AMONG OURSELVES IN THE PUBLIC WITH THIS CONE RANCH ISSUE HAVE TALKED ABOUT CREATING A PASSIVE PARK PAID FOR BY THE COMMUNITY THROUGH MEMORIALS, CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS, AND THAT KIND OF THING.

ONCE THE COUNTY COMMISSION SAYS WE WANT IT TO GO INTO ELAPP, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD INTO MAKING THAT A REALITY.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

I KNOW IT WAS AN ARDUOUS TASK, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

TERRY AND FOLLOWED BY JAMES --

>> SHIRK.

>>HEIDI McCREE: -- SHIRK.

THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, PANEL MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU BEFORE YOU  
HAVE FURTHER DELIBERATIONS.

MY NAME IS TERRY FLOTT.

I'M CHAIRPERSON OF UNITED CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK, AND I'M  
HERE TODAY TO FORMALLY STATE THAT U-CAN SUPPORTS THE  
PROPERTY OF CONE RANCH BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE ELAP  
PROGRAM.

WE'VE DELIBERATED THIS ON MANY OCCASIONS, AND WE HAD SOME  
MIXED EMOTIONS EARLY ON IN THIS AMONGST OUR MEMBERS, BUT I  
CAN TELL YOU [INAUDIBLE] FOR ME IS THIS PACKET THAT WENT  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THE LAST BOARD  
MEETING, CONSOLIDATION OF OUR WATER UTILITIES.

SO LET ME TELL YOU, THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CAN  
MAKE THINGS HAPPEN IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION -- AND THEY CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN  
PRETTY QUICKLY WHEN IT'S A DESIRED PROJECT FOR THEM AS WE

SAW WITH THE SUN CITY CENTER ACTION AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING.

SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS PROPERTY FEE SIMPLE BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE ELAP PROGRAM.

WE ARE IN DANGER, FOLKS, OF LOSING A LOT OF PROPERTIES THAT WE HAVE AND GOING INTO CONSOLIDATION WITH THE COUNTYWIDE UTILITIES PROGRAM.

SO TODAY IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN IT'S EVER BEEN OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVED, SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO ACT QUICKLY AND STRONGLY THAT THIS PROPERTY NEEDS TO BE SAVED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

JAMES SHIRK AND THEN VIVIAN BACCA.

GOOD MORNING.

>> MADAM CHAIR, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

I'D LIKE TO PUT IN A WORD FOR THE FACT THAT USE OF ELAPP AND WETLANDS MITIGATION WILL HAVE A VERY POSITIVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON WILDLIFE.

WILDLIFE'S SIZE IS A FUNCTION OF THE -- OF THEIR RANGE, AND BY HAVING 12,000 ACRES OF UNINTERRUPTED RANGE, LARGER AND MORE COMPLEX, MORE DIVERSE FAUNA WILL BE -- WILL BE

POSSIBLE.

NOW, WHAT'LL HAPPEN IN THE MITIGATION IS THAT SCATTERED LITTLE BITS OF WETLAND WILL BE MITIGATED AND TRANSFERRED INTO THIS LARGE 12,000-ACRE RANCH -- RANCH -- CONTIGUOUS AREA, AND THAT WILL ENCOURAGE LARGER FAUNA, BOBCATS, POTENTIALLY FLORIDA PANTHER.

THE LARGER FAUNA WILL BE ABLE TO EXIST IN THIS LARGER AREA. SO THAT'S A REALLY GOOD REASON TO GO TO ELAPP AND WETLANDS MITIGATION, TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN OUR FLORIDA WILDLIFE.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

VIVIAN BACCA, BRANDON, FLORIDA.

PUBLIC PRESERVATION THROUGH ELAPP IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE OPTION.

YOU-ALL KNOW I HAVE BEEN BUGGING YOU ABOUT THOSE WATER RIGHTS AND THE FACT THAT THEY EXPIRED AFTER 15 YEARS AND THEY WERE NOT RELEASED.

IT WOULD APPEAR THE CONTRACT WAS ACTUALLY ABROGATED.

WE HAVE ALL SORTS OF THINGS.

WE HAVE THE 1999 ANALYSIS.

THAT WAS ALMOST TEN YEARS AGO, AND AT THAT POINT WE WERE

SUPPOSEDLY NEGOTIATING WITH TAMPA BAY WATER TO RELEASE THE WATER RIGHTS.

STILL WE'RE HEARING ABOUT THE WATER RIGHTS, SO I'VE GOT TO BELIEVE THAT IT HASN'T HAPPENED.

THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO.

THIS SHOULD NOT BE HELD BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT IN THE THOUGHT PROCESS THAT WE DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY IN ELAPP.

ELAPP IS THE ONE THAT CAN MANAGE THIS PROPERTY.

I SUPPORT KENT -- WESLEY KENT BAILEY'S PROPOSAL, MARIELLA SMITH'S PROPOSAL, AND I YIELD THE BALANCE OF MY TIME.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

MS. BARBARA DOWLING AND THEN PAM CLOUSTON.

>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

BARBARA DOWLING, NORTHWEST HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

I'M SITTING HERE LISTENING TO EVERYBODY, AND I AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, AND IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO REINVENT THE WHEEL.

WE ALREADY HAVE A PROCESS IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND IT'S CALLED ELAPP.

I THINK WE OUGHT TO USE IT.

I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO DARE LOSE 12,000 ACRES THAT CAN BE PRESERVED AND THAT WE CAN USE FOR WATER.

I WAS QUITE TAKEN WITH THE -- MR. BAILEY'S COMMENT OF 90

MILLION GALLONS A DAY WOULD MAKE UP THE CITY OF TAMPA'S  
SHORTFALL.

IF IT DOESN'T COME FROM CONE RANCH, YOU KNOW WHERE IT COMES  
FROM?

NORTHWEST HILLSBOROUGH, FROM ALL THE PUMPING.

IT COMES FROM OUR LAKES, IT COMES FROM OUR WETLANDS UP  
THERE.

IF WE CAN USE THAT WATER, IT WOULD HELP DEFRAY THE PUMPING  
UP IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION, SO FOR THAT -- AND ALSO IS --  
KEYSTONE CIVIC ASSOCIATION IS FULLY IN SUPPORT OF PUTTING  
CONE RANCH IN ELAPP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

PAM, AND AFTER PAM IS KELLY CORNELIUS, AND THEN GEORGE  
NIEMANN.

AND I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CARDS AFTER THAT, SO IF ANYONE  
ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, IF YOU COULD SUBMIT THOSE NOW.

THANKS.

GOOD MORNING.

SORRY.

>> GOOD MORNING.

THANK YOU.

PAM CLOUSTON, R-LAND.

YOU STATED THAT IT -- SOMEBODY STATED THAT IT IS NOT YOUR

JOB TO ACTUALLY TELL THE BOCC WHERE THEY SHOULD TURN THIS OVER FOR PRESERVATION; HOWEVER, IF YOU WERE CONSIDERING FC&EG'S PROPOSAL, YOU WOULD BE TELLING THEM, YEAH, GIVE IT TO THEM, SO YOU WOULD BE DOING THAT.

SO YES, IT IS YOUR JOB TO MAKE THAT RECOMMENDATION.

HOLDING OFF ON A DECISION ABOUT WHERE THIS SHOULD GO BECAUSE OF MAYBE CONSOLIDATION -- DO YOU PUT THINGS OFF IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE BECAUSE MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE WILL MAKE A DECISION ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE SOME OTHER TIME?

NO.

WE WOULD NEVER GET ANYTHING DONE IF WE DID THAT.

FC&EG IS NOW OFF THE TABLE.

THEY'VE WITHDRAWN.

THE CITIZENS HAVE NOT WITHDRAWN.

ELAPP HAS NOT WITHDRAWN.

IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE IT, IT IS YOUR JOB TO DETERMINE WHO WILL BEST PRESERVE IT, AND WE KNOW IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BY SOME FIGURE -- HUGE FIGURE THAT WESLEY STATED THE CITIZENS WANT ELAPP.

THEY WANT ELAPP TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB, SO THEY GAVE THEM MORE MONEY.

ANY SUGGESTION OTHER THAN ELAPP WILL LEAVE THIS AMBIGUOUS. WE WILL NEVER KNOW WHEN WE'LL BE BACK HERE AGAIN FIGHTING FOR THIS, AND I DO TRULY THANK YOU ALL FOR THE TIME THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN TO DO THIS.

I KNOW YOU'VE HAD TO READ THROUGH -- I KNOW HOW MUCH TIME I'VE HAD TO TAKE DOING THIS AND ALL THE CITIZENS THAT ARE OUT HERE THAT ARE TRYING TO BE WELL INFORMED AS WELL, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME.

>>HEIDI McCREE: AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PAM.

[APPLAUSE]

KELLY, AND GEORGE IS AFTER KELLY.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING.

MY NAME'S KELLY CORNELIUS FROM LITHIA.

I'M HERE AGAIN TO URGE YOU TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THIS LAND GO TO ELAPP.

FIRST REASON THAT WE REALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE THIS IN THE WATER UTILITY IS BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE IT IN THE WATER UTILITY.

AFTER THE LAST MEETING I DID A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST ON HOW MUCH THESE MEETINGS ARE COSTING US, AND I KNOW YOU-ALL ARE VOLUNTEERS, AND I APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT AND THANK YOU FOR THAT, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT THE STAFF ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARE NOT VOLUNTEERS, AND THE ONLY AGENCY THAT I'VE HEARD BACK FROM IS EPC, SO THANK THEM FOR SENDING BACK THEIR FIGURES ON THIS.

FOR THE FIVE MEETINGS PRIOR TO THIS ONE, ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, THE COST OF JUST HAVING THE EPC INVOLVED ALONE IS \$2,588.43.

NOW, JUST ON YOUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, YOU'VE GOT TEN OTHER AGENCIES.

THERE'S SWFWMD THAT WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM; THE DEBT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM; PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION BOARD; PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT; PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT; WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; THE REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT.

THESE PEOPLE AREN'T CHEAP.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

THEY'RE ESPECIALLY NOT CHEAP, AND THEY NEED RAISES A LOT. COUNTY BOND COUNCIL, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION.

THESE ARE ALL THE AGENCIES THAT HAVE NOT WEIGHED IN ON THEIR COSTS JUST TO HAVE YOU GUYS SITTING HERE, SO IF WE'RE GUESSING FROM WHAT IT COST US FROM THE EPC TIMES ANOTHER TEN AGENCIES, THAT'S \$25,000 TO DECIDE.

NOW, LET'S SAY YOU LEAVE IT IN THE WATER UTILITY AND NEXT YEAR KEN HAGAN GETS ANOTHER HAREBRAINED IDEA FROM ANOTHER FCEG THAT COMES ACROSS AND WE'RE HERE AGAIN.

LET'S SAY THE YEAR AFTER THAT COMMISSIONER NORMAN WANTS TO PUT ANOTHER VANITY PARK OUT THERE.

WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH THAT COST US FOR ALL THE STUDY OF CHAMPIONSHIP PARK, SO PLEASE SAVE THIS LAND FROM OUR OWN BOCC AND PUT IT INTO THE CARE OF ELAPP, I URGE YOU, AND I KNOW THE GENTLEMAN SPOKE ABOUT HAVING TO NEGOTIATE COW

PATTIES IN OHIO.

WE HAVE PLENTY IN THIS BUILDING TO NEGOTIATE, SO PLEASE  
HELP US BE DONE WITH THIS AND PUT IT TO REST AND PUT IT IN  
THE SAFEST PLACE THAT WE HAVE, AND THAT IS ELAPP.

THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

GEORGE NIEMANN.

IS HE -- GEORGE.

GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

GEORGE NIEMANN, DOVER, FLORIDA, MEMBER OF UNITED CITIZENS  
ACTION NETWORK.

I'M GOING TO SOUND LIKE AN ECHO IN THE ROOM.

I AGREE WITH ALL THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS.

ELAPP IS THE BEST PROTECTION WE CAN GET.

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR  
DECISION.

I'D LIKE TO THANK DEE LAYNE AS WELL AS VIVIENNE HANDY FOR -  
- DEE FOR HER SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND VIVIENNE FOR CHIMING IN  
BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE THIS UNCLEAR.

WHAT -- MY BIGGEST FEAR COMING HERE TODAY IS THAT WHEN YOU  
MAKE YOUR DECISION, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF DISCUSSION  
SIMILAR TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS WHERE AT  
THE END OF THE MEETING WE DON'T HAVE A CLEAR ANSWER.

I THINK WE NEED TO BE CLEAR WITH THIS BOCC BASED ON THEIR -  
- THEIR TRACK RECORD.

IF IT'S NOT CLEAR AND WE DON'T SAY IT'S ELAPP AND WE JUST  
SAY, YEAH, WE WANT IT PROTECTED, THAT'S NOT REALLY GOING TO  
FLY.

IT'S GOING TO LEAVE TOO MANY HOLES IN THE THING, AND YOU  
KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IF WE -- IF WE DON'T TIGHTEN THINGS UP.  
SO I URGE YOU TO -- WHEN THE MOTION COMES UP TO VOTE FOR  
ALLOWING ELAPP TO ACQUIRE IT, AND KEEP IN MIND, YOU KNOW  
YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE THE CITIZENS WANT IT.  
IT'S INTERESTING.

I'VE WATCHED ALL THE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND THIS IS KIND OF  
UNUSUAL.

YOU DON'T SEE -- I HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE CITIZEN COME UP  
AND SPEAK AGAINST ELAPP GETTING IT, AND I WOULD SAY -- I  
DON'T KNOW ALL THE COMMENTS YOU RECEIVED IN E-MAILS.

I WOULD GUESS IF YOU GOT ANY CITIZEN THAT SAID I DON'T  
THINK -- I DON'T THINK ELAPP IS A GOOD CHOICE, I WOULD BE  
VERY SURPRISED.

SO YOU'LL FEEL CONFIDENT TODAY WHEN YOU VOTE TO ALLOW ELAPP  
TO ACCEPT -- TO ACQUIRE IT KNOWING THAT THE CITIZEN -- THE  
COMMUNITY THAT YOU'RE SERVING REALLY WANTS IT.

AND TO GET TO THE -- WHEN WE GET TO THE VOTE, WHAT I DID  
WAS -- THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME WRANGLING OVER A SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION AND THE RULES -- ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, SO I THINK

YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO NEED THIS, AND I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS COPY TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION PERSON, BUT -- BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO READ.

I MEAN, I COULD GO TO CHAPTER 7 AND WHATEVER.

I DON'T WANT TO BORE YOU WITH READING IT, BUT A SUBSTITUTE --

>>HEIDI McCREE: IT MIGHT TAKE LONGER.

>> WHAT'S THAT?

>>HEIDI McCREE: IT MIGHT TAKE LONGER; RIGHT?

IT MIGHT TAKE A FEW MINUTES.

>> RIGHT.

BUT USE THIS BOOK BECAUSE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION -- THE ORIGINAL MOTIONER DOES NOT GET A SAY AS TO WHETHER SHE ACCEPTS OR REJECTS THE SUBSTITUTE.

WHEN A SUBSTITUTE MOTION IS MADE, IF IT'S SECONDED, IT -- IT GETS VOTED ON FIRST.

IF THAT FAILS, THEN YOU GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

NOW, JUST AS A SIDE NOTE, I WENT DOWNSTAIRS TO THE -- TO THE RECEPTION OFFICE, AND I THOUGHT WHO SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER?

THE CHAIRPERSON TO THE BOCC; RIGHT?

GUESS WHAT.

THEY DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THIS.

THAT SHOULD SAY SOMETHING TO YOU.

[LAUGHTER]

I'M GOING TO -- I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS COPY TO THE  
SUBSTITUTE MOTIONER.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT.

THAT IS ALL WE -- IN TERMS OF PUBLIC COMMENT, THOSE ARE THE  
ONLY -- I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHERS.

DOES ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO SPEAK?

OKAY.

WE DO HAVE A MOTION ON THE TABLE, AND SO WE ARE BACK TO  
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HERE.

>> DO WE HAVE TO REPEAT IT?

>>HEIDI McCREE: YES.

LET ME REPEAT --

>>DENISE LAYNE: I'D LIKE TO MAKE IT VERY, VERY CLEAR SO  
EVERYBODY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT THE BOCC IS GOING TO SEE, NOT  
JUST GENERAL, OKAY?

WE, THE CONE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND THE BOCC  
TO DIRECT THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY TO ELAPP THROUGH A  
CLEAR TITLE, FREE OF ALL ENCUMBRANCES ON THE CONE RANCH  
PROPERTY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

PAM.

>> REPEAT IT AGAIN.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

SO THAT'S MORE SPECIFIC THAN WHAT YOUR ONE WAS BEFORE.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: WE CAN'T -- THEY CAN'T ELIMINATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES.

TAMPA BAY WATER HAS WATER RIGHTS.

THAT'S AN ENCUMBRANCE.

>> THAT IS --

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: THERE'S CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OUT THERE ALREADY FOR THE GOPHER TORTOISES.

THAT'S AN ENCUMBRANCE.

SO I THINK THE LANGUAGE THAT SAYS, YOU KNOW, FREE OF ALL ENCUMBRANCES MIGHT BE A LITTLE --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>DENISE LAYNE: THEN LET'S LEAVE IT WITH A CLEAR TITLE.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: FEE SIMPLE IS --

>>HEIDI McCREE: [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK] PERIOD --

>>DENISE LAYNE: FEE SIMPLE TITLE?

OKAY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: -- PERIOD AND JUST LET THE COUNTY FIGURE IT OUT.

>>DENISE LAYNE: ALL RIGHT.

BECAUSE THE ENCUMBRANCES CAN BE DEALT WITH ACTUALLY BETWEEN THE TWO DEPARTMENTS AND THEY CAN FIGURE THAT OUT, AND I'M NOT TRYING TO TELL ANYBODY EXACTLY, BUT WITH THAT MOTION,

THEN, I WOULD LIKE -- AND I WILL REPEAT THIS AGAIN VERY CLEARLY -- I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ABSOLUTELY.

>>DENISE LAYNE: NOT RIGHT NOW, BUT AGAIN, JUST SO THAT THEY KNOW THERE'S CERTAIN THINGS THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO TO HELP THIS MOVE ALONG THE WAY WE WANT IT TO.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

WILL YOU RESTATE ONE MORE TIME?

>>DENISE LAYNE: WE, THE ADVISORY -- CONE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND THAT THE BOCC, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO DIRECT THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY TO ELAPP A CLEAR TITLE FOR CONE RANCH.

>> I WOULD SUGGEST CHANGING THE PHRASE "CLEAR TITLE" TO "FEE SIMPLE TITLE" BECAUSE THERE ARE -- IT'S A LEGAL IMPOSSIBILITY TO CLEAR UP EVERY ENCUMBRANCE ON THAT PROPERTY.

>>DENISE LAYNE: OKAY.

FEE SIMPLE.

>> AND WHAT -- I SORT OF WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE --

>>DENISE LAYNE: IN ITS ENTIRETY.

>> I SORT OF WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE BIT TOO.

THE ISSUE OF FEE SIMPLE IS SORT OF -- I'VE HEARD THAT A BUNCH.

WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT FEE SIMPLE IS WHEN YOU OWN

PROPERTY, YOU OWN IT -- IT'S CALLED A BUNDLE OF STICKS.  
THAT'S WHAT YOU LEARN WHEN YOU'RE IN LAW SCHOOL, AND YOU  
OWN ALL THESE INTERESTS IN THE PROPERTY.  
RIGHT NOW THE WATER DEPARTMENT OWNS -- WELL, I'LL MAKE THE  
NEXT STEP.

THE PROPERTY'S ACTUALLY DEEDED IN THE BOCC.  
THE WATER DEPARTMENT DOESN'T OWN IT, BUT THEY HAVE CERTAIN  
RIGHTS IN THOSE -- THAT BUNDLE OF STICKS ON THAT PROPERTY  
THAT NEED TO BE CLEARED UP IF THAT PROPERTY'S GOING TO BE  
UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF ELAPP BECAUSE ELAPP'S ROLE IS  
INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S  
ROLE, SO IF ELAPP WERE TO EVER HAVE THAT PROPERTY, YOU'D  
HAVE TO CLEAR UP THOSE SPECIFIC TITLE ISSUES THAT ARE IN  
CONFLICT.

THERE'S OTHER INTERESTS, THE EASEMENTS, THE POTENTIALLY  
EVEN CATTLE RANCHING, THE LOGGING RIGHTS THAT MAY NOT BE IN  
CONFLICT WITH ELAPP THAT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BE A PROBLEM,  
BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE ISSUES THAT ARE A PROBLEM.

>>HEIDI McCREE: I THINK WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO IS  
LET'S KEEP IT AS SIMPLE AND CLEAR AND CONCISE AND DIRECT,  
AND THOSE ISSUES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AND  
RESOLVED, BUT THE DIRECTION IS TO MOVE IN -- THE MOTION'S  
INTENT, AND SO, DEE, LET'S RESTATE IT, KEEP IT SIMPLE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: LET'S TRY IT AGAIN.

>>HEIDI McCREE: AND, YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE INTENT GOING BACK

TO WHY WE'RE EVEN HERE IS TO LOOK AT THE BEST WAY TO  
PERMANENTLY PROTECT CONE RANCH, SO MAYBE WE CAN THROW THAT  
IN THERE TOO, SO START --

>>DENISE LAYNE: OKAY.

WE, THE CONE RANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND TO THE  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DIRECT  
THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY TITLE TO ELAPP OF THE ENTIRE  
CONE RANCH PROPERTY.

WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST, AND UNDERLINE BEST, WAY TO  
PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND RESTORE CONE RANCH IN PERPETUITY.

DO I HEAR A SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: NOW, LET ME JUST ASK, YOU ARE OUR  
SUBSTITUTE MOTION PERSON.

YOU WERE THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION'S SECONDER.

SHALL WE KEEP THAT CONSISTENT?

>> THAT'S FINE.

>> I SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: IS THERE A -- OKAY.

THANK YOU.

OKAY.

DO WE NEED TO RESTATE THAT AGAIN?

>> IT'S PRETTY CLEAR.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

DO WE NEED TO DISCUSS IT?

>>FELIX HAYNES: MADAM CHAIRMAN --

>>HEIDI McCREE: YES, SIR.

>>FELIX HAYNES: -- I NEED TO DISCUSS IT BRIEFLY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: YES, SIR, PLEASE.

>>FELIX HAYNES: DEE REFERRED TO SUBSIDIARY CONCERNS  
BEFORE.

THOSE SUBSIDIARY CONCERNS ARE MY PRIMARY CONCERNS.

I COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT THIS MOTION PROVIDED THOSE  
SUBSIDIARY CONCERNS COME OUT IN THE WASH THE WAY -- THE WAY  
I WOULD LIKE THEM TO, AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE 30 SECONDS --

>>HEIDI McCREE: ABSOLUTELY.

AND I THINK WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS JUST SO -- AFTER THIS  
MOTION, WE CAN THEN DISCUSS FURTHER DETAILS, AND I KNOW YOU  
HAD SOME ISSUES IN YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AND SO DID SEVERAL  
OTHERS, SO I THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THIS MOTION THAT'S ON THE TABLE?

ALL RIGHT.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, LET'S RAISE OUR RIGHT HANDS SO WE CAN  
DO A WHATEVER, ROLL CALL OR WHATEVER, JUST IN CASE THERE'S  
ANY OPPOSITION.

RAISE YOUR RIGHT HANDS SO WE CAN DO A --

>>FELIX HAYNES: I HAVE TO ABSTAIN UNTIL MY SUBSIDIARY  
CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED.

THAT'S WHAT I SAID.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OH, OKAY.

OKAY.

I'M SORRY.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST ASKING FOR A PROCESS.

OKAY.

>> YOU'RE REQUIRED TO VOTE ON EVERY MOTION UNLESS YOU HAVE  
A DECLARED CONFLICT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: I DON'T HAVE A CONFLICT.

>> I APOLOGIZE.

>>FELIX HAYNES: THEN I HAVE TO VOTE NO.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>HEIDI McCREE: DO THE VOTE AGAIN?

>> YEAH.

>>DENISE LAYNE: CAN WE HEAR WHAT HIS CONCERNS ARE BECAUSE  
IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING GOING TO THE MOTION YOU DIDN'T LET  
HIM FINISH, HEIDI.

>>HEIDI McCREE: I APOLOGIZE.

YEAH, I -- THAT WAS MY MISUNDERSTANDING.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I'D AT LEAST LIKE TO HEAR DISCUSSING THE  
MOTION.

>>HEIDI McCREE: I APOLOGIZE.

>>FELIX HAYNES: SOMEONE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION, SO WE HAD  
TO TAKE A VOTE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT TOO.

>> RIGHT, RIGHT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: OKAY.

VERY BRIEFLY I'LL RUN DOWN.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTING THE LAND PERMANENTLY, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT A COMPLETE LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN TO PROTECT AND RESTORE CONE RANCH, I'M CONCERNED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS CARRIED OUT, I'M CONCERNED THAT SOME -- THAT PUBLIC ACCESS TO SOME PORTION OF THE PROPERTY FOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE PROTECTION OF THE LAND BE PROVIDED FOR, AND I'M CONCERNED THAT IF THERE IS ANY SALE OF THE LAND TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT IT BE BY COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

DEE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: AS MAKER OF THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION, I AGREE WITH YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AND I -- I THINK EVERY ONE OF YOUR ISSUES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AS AN ANCILLARY TO THIS, AS SUPPORTING THIS, AND I THINK AS FAR AS A PRIVATE ENTITY, THAT SHOULDN'T PROBABLY EVEN BE IN THERE ANYMORE BECAUSE IF IT'S GOING TO GO TO ELAPP, THAT'S PUBLIC AND IT JUST STAYS PUBLIC, BUT ALL THE REST OF YOUR CONCERNS ABSOLUTELY WE WANT TO ADDRESS FURTHER.

THIS IS JUST LIKE THE BLANKET OF WHERE WE'RE STARTING, AND THEN TO ACHIEVE THIS, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING KIND OF THINGS, OKAY, SO I HOPE --

>>HEIDI McCREE: I APOLOGIZE BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS SOME FURTHER DETAILS TO SEND SOME MORE DIRECTION TO THE BOARD AFTER THIS, SO I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: QUESTION.

DO I -- WOULD I HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE MY VOTE TO NO AT THE END OF IT IF I'M NOT SATISFIED THAT ALL THE SUBSIDIARY CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED?

>>HEIDI McCREE: I DON'T BELIEVE SO.

I THINK THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO, YOU KNOW --

>>FELIX HAYNES: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

>>HEIDI McCREE: AGAIN, TO REITERATE, I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS COME UP WITH OUR OVERARCHING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD THAT THEN THEY WOULD -- THAT WE WOULD DIRECT THEM TO GO FORWARD TO PURSUE.

NOW, WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO, I BELIEVE IS MY UNDERSTANDING, IS ALSO TALK ABOUT SOME OTHER SPECIFIC DIRECTION THAT WE COULD GIVE THEM TO ENABLE THEM TO PURSUE THAT COURSE WITH THE STAFF.

>> IS THERE SOMEONE FROM ELAPP THAT COULD ADDRESS DR.

HAYNES' CONCERNS, LIKE IF IT IS CONVEYED TO ELAPP, WHAT THEN HAPPENS AS FAR AS HIS CONCERNS?

>> WELL, CERTAINLY YOU COULD DO THAT THROUGH -- I THINK YOU WOULD DO IT THROUGH THE DIRECTION OF THE MOTION, IS YOU WOULD PUT IN THE MOTION THAT, IN FACT, YOU WANT IT

CONVEYED, BUT YOU ALSO WANT THESE ISSUES ADDRESSED AT THE TIME ELAPP TAKES TITLE TO IT.

I MEAN, ONE OF THE THINGS IS THAT DR. GARRITY WROTE A VERY NICE ANALYSIS HERE ABOUT MITIGATION AND MITIGATION BANKS, SO RIGHT NOW THE BOARD HAS NOT AUTHORIZED US TO DO THAT UNDER THE ELAP PROGRAM AS IT'S PRESENTLY DESIGNED, SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU WOULD ADD THAT IN YOUR MOTION, THAT IN ADDITION TO HAVING ELAPP ACQUIRE IT THAT ELAPP BE GIVEN THE AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS A MITIGATION BANK PROCESS, WHICH RIGHT NOW WE -- WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ONE.

>> THAT WAS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO BRING UP AS A --

>>HEIDI McCREE: A SECONDARY --

>> YEAH, AS A SECONDARY DIRECTIVE TYPE OF THING.

I GUESS, YOU KNOW, DO WE BOG DOWN THE MOTION WITH ALL OF THESE CAVEATS OR --

>>DENISE LAYNE: I'VE GOT 11 THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUT INTO THE MOTION, BUT CAN WE DO IT ONE AT A TIME AND THEN DO -- MAY I SUGGEST WE VOTE ON EACH ISSUE THAT WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN THE MOTION AND THEN DO ONE FINAL EVERYTHING PULLED TOGETHER, LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE NOW THAT WE'VE GOT IT ALL ON PAPER AND MAKE ONE FINAL MOTION TO ACCEPT EVERYTHING?

>> BRAVO.

>>DENISE LAYNE: DOES THAT WORK WITH EVERYBODY?

>>HEIDI McCREE: PAMELA.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: JUST A TECHNICALITY.

I'M CONCERNED WE'VE ALREADY VOTED ON THE MOTION, AND MAYBE WE HAVE RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE SEALED IN THE BAG, AND MAYBE WE OUGHT TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION NUMBER TWO THE LIST OF THESE THINGS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: LET'S TAKE THAT MOTION.

ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AS STATED BY DEE AND SECONDED BY VIVIENNE -- DO WE NEED TO RESTATE IT?

>> NO.

>>HEIDI McCREE: AND IS EVERYBODY READY TO VOTE AT THIS POINT?

I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT YOU'RE SAYING THE VOTES IN A WAY -- THE PEOPLE THAT HAD THEIR HANDS UP --

>> LET ME ASK A ROBERT'S RULE.

WE COULD GO BACK -- SOMEBODY COULD MAKE ANOTHER MOTION TO GO BACK IF -- IF WE ALL AGREED TO THEN AMEND THIS MOTION TO ADD THESE THINGS TO IT?

IS THAT POSSIBLE?

>>DENISE LAYNE: HOW ABOUT IF I DO THIS.

LET'S LEAVE THIS THING OPEN-ENDED.

I'M MAKE THE MOTION PENDING FURTHER MOTIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO ADD TO THIS, BUT FROM WHAT I SAID, I'M NOT CHANGING THE MOTION.

WE AS THE COMMITTEE ADD THE FOLLOWING COLON AS  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEAVE THAT OPEN RIGHT NOW, AND THEN  
LET'S TALK ABOUT EACH ONE WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN, VOTE ON  
IT -- AND I'VE SEEN THE BOCC DO THIS BEFORE -- AND THEN GO  
BACK AND LOOK AT THE BIG MOTION WITH ALL THE PARTS ONE MORE  
TIME.

THEY DON'T USUALLY DO THAT LATELY, BUT THEY HAVE DONE IT IN  
THE PAST, AND THEN -- AND EVERYBODY -- SO WE'RE ALL SAYING  
YES TO EVERYTHING ON THAT PAPER.

AND AGAIN, AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, FOLKS, YOU'RE ALLOWED TO  
HAVE A -- A -- WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? -- A MINORITY DISSENT  
OPINION.

ANY ONE OF US CAN PUT IT IN WRITING IF WE DON'T AGREE WITH  
THE FINAL OUTCOME, JUST SO YOU KNOW THAT.

>>HUGH GRAMLING: MADAM CHAIR.

>>HEIDI McCREE: YES.

>>HUGH GRAMLING: WE'VE ALREADY VOTED ON THE MOTION AND THE  
MOTION PASSED.

>>DENISE LAYNE: YES, IT HAS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THAT WHAT I -- I FEEL LIKE WE HAD THE  
VOTES UP, BUT I DID NOT -- AND I WAS OUT OF RESPECT FOR NOT  
PROPERLY -- I DID NOT ASK FOR THOSE NOT IN FAVOR, SO WE  
PROBABLY NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT.

DID WE HAVE THAT REFLECTED?

DID YOU GET EVERYBODY REFLECTED?

>>EDITH STEWART: [INAUDIBLE]

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

THAT'S HOW I THINK WE SHOULD COME DOWN ON IT BECAUSE OF THE UNFORTUNATE --

>>HUGH GRAMLING: IF THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO GO WITH THE ONE TO TRANSFER TO ELAPP, THEN I THINK THAT'S VERY APPROPRIATE, BUT WE'VE ALREADY VOTED ON THAT MOTION, AND THAT MOTION STANDS UNLESS WE TAKE THE FORMAL PROCESS TO ELIMINATE THE VOTE, AND I DON'T SEE ANY SENSE IN DOING THAT.

>>HEIDI McCREE: WELL, LET'S DO THIS.

LET'S MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ISSUES THAT YOU-ALL WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT, AND I THINK THAT WE ALL HAVE ISSUES WE WANT TO BRING TO THE TABLE TO SUPPORT OR MOVE THIS FORWARD, SO LET'S GO BACK TO DR. HAYNES AND TAKE THOSE UP.

LET'S TAKE THEM UP ONE AT A TIME AND JUST GO THROUGH.

IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH EVERYONE, AND JUST RE -- RESTATE YOUR FIRST ONE.

>> WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL THAT WE NEED TO -- WHATEVER VOTE HAS TO HAPPEN BEFORE 11:00 BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAS TO LEAVE.

>>HEIDI McCREE: YEAH.

RIGHT.

SO --

>>FELIX HAYNES: THE FIRST ISSUE WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL AVAILABLE LEGAL MECHANISMS TO PROTECT THE LAND PERMANENTLY

AS POSSIBLE FROM DEVELOPMENT ARE DEVELOPED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

>>DENISE LAYNE: SO MOVED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

WE HAVE A MOTION -- WHY DON'T WE HAVE A -- A MOTION AND A SECOND?

>>DENISE LAYNE: SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THAT FROM THE COMMITTEE?  
ALL IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

>>FELIX HAYNES: OKAY.

NUMBER TWO WOULD BE THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF A COMPLETE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO PROTECT AND RESTORE CONE RANCH.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I WOULD LIKE TO -- CAN I ASK YOU TO AMEND IT SO WE DON'T -- AND THEN I'LL SECOND IT, TO UPDATE THE EXISTING -- THERE IS AN EXISTING PLAN, FELIX -- TO UPDATE -- MAKE SURE IT'S UPDATED AND IMPOSED ACTUALLY BECAUSE THEY ACCEPTED IT AND THEY NEVER ADOPTED IT TO GO INTO ACTION, SO IT NEEDS TO --

>>FELIX HAYNES: CERTAINLY.

I AGREE WITH THAT.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: BUT ONE ISSUE -- ONE ISSUE IT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE ABILITY TO CREATE A MITIGATION BANK, BUT THINK

ABOUT THE WAY YOU MADE THE -- TO --

>>HEIDI McCREE: TO UPDATE AND --

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: TO UPDATE THE EXISTING PLAN AND TO  
EVALUATE SIMULTANEOUSLY THE ABILITY OF THE ELAPP OR THE  
COUNTY TO -- TO CREATE A MITIGATION BANK ON --

>>DENISE LAYNE: WETLANDS MITIGATION BANK, THE CARBON  
CREDITS, DO ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF -- THE GOPHER  
TORTOISE.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: IT WOULD THEN BE CALLED A CONSERVATION  
BANK.

>>DENISE LAYNE: OKAY.

>>ROSANNE CLEMENTI: WHATEVER.

>>DENISE LAYNE: INCLUDING ALL THOSE THREE.

>>FELIX HAYNES: I AGREE WITH ALL THAT.

RIGHT.

I AGREE WITH ALL THAT.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: WHY NOT USE THE LANGUAGE, AUTHORIZE  
ELAPP TO DO THAT SO ELAPP CAN JUST GO FORWARD AND DO THAT,  
NOT, YOU KNOW, INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING THAT  
BUT AUTHORIZE THEM TO DO THAT?

>>DENISE LAYNE: IT'S SOMETHING THEY NEED TO DO,  
ABSOLUTELY.

YOU'VE GOT THE MAKER OF THE MOTION OVER THERE.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

>>FELIX HAYNES: YES.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

SO MOTION, SECOND.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: TO CLARIFY, THE MOTION IS TO AUTHORIZE  
ELAPP TO INVESTIGATE --

>> NO, TO DO.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: -- TO ACTUALLY PURSUE A MITIGATION  
BANK --

>>DENISE LAYNE: UPDATE --

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: AND UPDATE THE LAND -- WELL, ULTIMATELY  
THE BANK WOULD REQUIRE A LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE  
IMPLEMENTED.

>> RIGHT.

RIGHT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: ALL THAT.

ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS PURSUANT TO PROTECTIONS OF THE LAND.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I SECOND THAT.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

ALL RIGHT.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

OKAY.

THAT MOTION CARRIES.

>>FELIX HAYNES: NUMBER THREE WAS TO ASK -- REQUIRE BOCC TO  
ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS CARRIED OUT, TO USE ALL THEIR

AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN.

>> IS THAT SOMETHING WE --

>>HEIDI McCREE: YOU KNOW, THIS --

>>DENISE LAYNE: [INAUDIBLE] WITH MY OTHER ONE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S DONE BECAUSE, I MEAN, THE BOCC ULTIMATELY OVERSEES ELAPP, BUT ELAPP IS THE ONE THAT MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THEY JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE -- I THINK ACTUALLY SEPARATING IT OUT SENDS A VERY STRONG MESSAGE TO THE BOARD, WE WANT YOU TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ALL OF THIS, NOT THEM IN PARTICULAR, BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING TO HINDER ELAPP FROM DOING THEIR JOB.

>>FELIX HAYNES: RIGHT.

THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF MINE.

I DON'T WANT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SAY WE GAVE IT TO ELAPP, WE'RE HOME FREE NOW, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS THE SUPREME AUTHORITY FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND WE WANT THEM ON THE SIDE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

>>DENISE LAYNE: OF ELAPP.

>>HEIDI McCREE: YOU KNOW -- GO AHEAD.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: SORRY.

COULD WE DIRECT THEM TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR CARRYING THIS OUT, EITHER TO HAVE --

>> SURE.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: WHETHER THAT WOULD BE THE BOCC --

>>FELIX HAYNES: THAT'S GREAT.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: -- OR SO THAT WE -- SOMETHING IS LIKE --

>>FELIX HAYNES: IT STRENGTHENS IT EVEN FURTHER.

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: YEAH.

>>FELIX HAYNES: THREE YEARS?

I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WE'RE DEALING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERE.  
THREE YEARS.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DON'T, IF IT  
DOESN'T --

>>FELIX HAYNES: WHAT CAN WE DO?  
NOTHING.

>>HEIDI McCREE: WE GO TO THE BOCC MEETINGS AND ASK THEM --  
SERIOUSLY, WE HAVE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO RAISE, AND I DON'T KNOW  
HOW THE COMMITTEE FEELS ABOUT THIS, BUT EVERYBODY'S SAYING  
PERMANENT PROTECTION OF CONE RANCH.

SHOULD WE -- AND WE COULD MAKE THIS A SEPARATE MOTION IF WE  
WANTED TO, BUT SEVERAL OF THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN  
RAISED ABOUT THE APPRAISALS AND THE PROCESS AND THE WHOLE  
FAIR MARKET VALUE AND HIGHEST AND BEST USE, AND IF WE'RE  
ALL TALKING ABOUT THE PERMANENT PROTECTION, PERMANENT  
PRESERVATION OF THE RANCH AND THEY'RE GOING OUT AND DOING  
ALL THESE APPRAISALS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
APPRAISAL PROCESS IS -- IS -- IS ALIGNED WITH THAT SO THAT

WE'RE NOT GETTING APPRAISALS BACK IN THAT ARE SAYING, YOU KNOW, IT'S WORTH THIS OR WHAT HAVE YOU.

>>DENISE LAYNE: [INAUDIBLE] PART OF ELAPP.

THAT IS PART OF WHAT --

>>HEIDI McCREE: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ELAPP WILL -  
- I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT TO GET OUT THERE BECAUSE GETTING BACK TO SOME OF THE DELAY THAT COULD GO ON, WE COULD GET A LOT OF INFORMATION BACK THAT COULD BOG DOWN THE SITUATION.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

AS LONG AS EVERYBODY'S -- WE NEED TO BE CLEAR WITH THE BOARD ON THAT TOO.

OKAY.

SO ARE WE COMFORTABLE WITH THE MOTION?

>> UH-HUH.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

SECOND FROM DEE?

>>DENISE LAYNE: SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: WAS THAT A SECOND?

ALL RIGHT.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: OKAY.

NEXT WAS TO CREATE A MECHANISM TO ALLOW PUBLIC ACCESS TO SOME PORTION OF THE PROPERTY FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH PROTECTION OF THE LAND.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I SECOND THAT, BUT AGAIN ELAPP DOES THAT AS PART OF WHAT ELAPP DOES.

ALL ELAPP LANDS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, SO --

>>FELIX HAYNES: YEAH, BUT --

>>DENISE LAYNE: -- BUT A RECREATION THING, LET ELAPP AGAIN --

>>FELIX HAYNES: I BELIEVE THAT WAS A GOOD COMPONENT OF THE ORIGINAL FCEG PROPOSAL, YOU KNOW, THE 800 ACRES THAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT SETTING UP A PUBLIC PARK.

I WAS AMAZED THAT THE PUBLIC HAS NO ACCESS TO THIS LAND. THE PUBLIC OUGHT TO HAVE ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, SO -- WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN DENIGRATING THE LAND AT ALL.

>>DENISE LAYNE: PASSIVE.

>>FELIX HAYNES: PASSIVE RECREATION.

>>DENISE LAYNE: IF YOU'LL CHANGE, I'LL SECOND IT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: PASSIVE.

ABSOLUTELY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ANY OTHER -- ALL RIGHT.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT.

THAT MOTION CARRIES.

>>FELIX HAYNES: AND THE LAST ITEM HAD TO DO WITH IF THE BOCC SELECTS ANY DISPOSITION ALTERNATIVE TO CONVEY THE PROPERTY TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IT BE DONE VIA A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS.

I AGREE WITH -- SOME OF THE SPEAKERS IN THE AUDIENCE TALKED ABOUT UNDER THE THIN VEIL OF A 501(C)(3) CORPORATION. THAT'S NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE A SECOND?

>>DENISE LAYNE: I'M PROBABLY NOT GOING TO SECOND THAT ONE ONLY BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE SENDING NOW --

>> A MIXED MESSAGE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: -- A TOTALLY MIXED MESSAGE TO THIS BOARD THAT'S GOING TO GO, YEAH, BUT THEY'RE SAYING, YOU KNOW, IF WE WANT TO, WE STILL CAN KIND OF DO THIS, AND I KNOW ONE OF THE REASONS WHY --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>DENISE LAYNE: -- THE COMMISSIONER -- THE COMMISSIONER WHO APPOINTED ME, WHICH IS KEN HAGAN -- HE SAID HE WAS TIRED OF THREE AND FOUR LARGE ENTITIES EVERY YEAR COMING TO THEM ON CONE RANCH TRYING TO PUT PRISONS AND -- YOU KNOW, IT'S GOTTA STOP, AND IF YOU LEAVE THE BOCC WITH THE -- THE -- AN IF --

>>FELIX HAYNES: CRACK IN THE DOOR.

>>DENISE LAYNE: OH, HONEY, TRUST ME, THAT THING BECOMES A RAILROAD STRAIGHT TO YOU KNOW WHERE.

I DON'T SUPPORT IT.

>>FELIX HAYNES: IT'S NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIMARY MOTION THAT WE ADOPTED, SO I'LL WITHDRAW IT.

>>DENISE LAYNE: THANK YOU.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>>FELIX HAYNES: THAT'S IT.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ALL RIGHT.

OTHER MOTIONS THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE FLOOR TO SEND AS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOCC.

>>DENISE LAYNE: DO WE NEED TO SAY ANYTHING -- I THINK THEY CAN DO THIS, BUT THE BOCC NEEDS TO KNOW THEY HAVE TO DECLARE CONE RANCH AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THIS TO EVEN GET INITIATED.

SHOULD THAT BE ADDED INTO THE ORIGINAL TOP MOTION?

IS THAT A RECOMMENDATION WE NEED TO MAKE, OR IS THAT -- THEY KNOW THAT?

>> THAT'S A LEGAL REQUIREMENT YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH THE BOND COVENANT PROCESS WITHOUT DEALING WITH THAT ISSUE, SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARY.

>>DENISE LAYNE: OKAY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: PAMELA JO.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: THIS IS ALONG THE LINES OF POSSIBLY  
ADDITIONAL MOTIONS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: OKAY.

IT WAS MY CONCERN THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS THAT -- THE WAY I  
SAW IT, THE COUNTY ACQUIRED CONE RANCH PROPERTY ORIGINALLY,  
AND I DON'T HAVE MY NOTES BEFORE ME, BUT I THINK IT WAS  
BACK IN '88, '89, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEN A FEW YEARS  
LATER, MAYBE IN '90, '91 OR SOMETHING, TRANSFERRED THE  
PROPERTY TO THE WATER UTILITY.

THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANY REQUIREMENT THAT THE PUBLIC BE  
INVOLVED OR BE -- BE, YOU KNOW, ENTITLED TO WEIGH THAT  
DECISION IN ANY WAY, AND I WAS PERSONALLY NEVER SATISFIED  
WITH ANY EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THAT A WAS DONE BECAUSE WHEN  
IT WAS DONE, THEN IT PRESENTED OBSTACLES TO ANY FURTHER --  
YOU KNOW, OR ANY DIFFERENT USE OF CONE RANCH.

ANY TRANSFER TO ELAPP IS, OF COURSE, COMPLICATED NOW BY THE  
FACT THAT IT'S IN THE WATER UTILITY'S CONTROL AND  
ENCUMBERED BY THE BOND CONDITIONS, SO NOW WE'RE FACED WITH  
THIS NEW SUGGESTION THAT THERE MIGHT BE A CONSOLIDATED  
WATER UTILITY AND THIS PROPERTY MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED YET  
AGAIN INTO THAT CONSOLIDATION.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW SOON OR IF EVER THAT MIGHT HAPPEN,

BUT I'M CONCERNED IF THAT HAPPENS, WHILE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOME ACTION OVER HERE POSSIBLY TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY TO ELAPP BUT THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET, IF THIS OTHER THING HAPPENS IN THE INTERIM, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FURTHER COMPLICATIONS.

SO I'M WONDERING IF MAYBE WE OUGHT TO INCLUDE IN OUR SUGGESTION -- AND I KNOW WE'VE ALREADY GOT IN ONE OF THEM THE THREE YEARS FOR THIS TRANSFER TO GO THROUGH, BUT, YOU KNOW, THE DECISION HAS TO BE MADE ON THE FRONT END FIRST AND THEN THE THREE YEARS STARTS, THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS SHOULD BE POST-HASTE.

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY -- ANY, YOU KNOW, DRAGGING AROUND TO -- TO DECIDE EVEN TO DO THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO I THINK THIS DECISION SHOULD BE MADE FIRST BEFORE, YOU KNOW, ANY THOUGHT -- ANY DECISION ABOUT CONSOLIDATING A WATER UTILITY, AND I'M JUST CONCERNED, YOU KNOW, ABOUT THAT.

MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE A MOTION.

>>DENISE LAYNE: CAN -- CAN -- WE CAN AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION, THE VERY FIRST THING, TO IMMEDIATE, THEY DIRECT THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY?

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: OR MAKE ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THIS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: COULD WE BE SO SPECIFIC AS TO REFER TO -- I MEAN, THAT THEY NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF TAKING IMMEDIATE

ACTION ON THIS AS A RESULT OR IN LIGHT OF THE ISSUE JUST TO  
KIND OF HIT IT WITH THEM DIRECTLY?

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: I THINK SO.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THAT THAT'S WHY WE'RE SAYING THAT?

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IF  
THIS -- IF ANY DECISION TO CONSOLIDATE A WATER UTILITY GOES  
FORWARD THAT THE CONE RANCH PROPERTY WILL NOT BE AN ASSET  
OF THAT TRANSFER.

>>DENISE LAYNE: SAY THAT AGAIN.

SAY IT THAT KIND OF WAY.

[INAUDIBLE] DUE TO THE CONSOLIDATION EFFORT.

>> RIGHT.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: SO THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD  
THEN WOULD BE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NEEDS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE  
ACTION TO CAUSE THIS TRANSFER TO GO FORWARD TO ELAPP OR IF  
A DECISION IS MADE IN THE INTERIM TO CONSOLIDATE WATER  
UTILITIES THAT THIS CONE RANCH PROPERTY WILL NOT BE PART OF  
THAT TRANSFER.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I SECOND THAT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> YEAH.

>>HEIDI McCREE: JUST NEED TO GET IT OUT OF THERE.

LEGAL, DID YOU --

>> AGAIN, THESE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSION.

>> RIGHT.

>> ANY THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY PROVE TO BE CONTRARY TO LAW,  
OBVIOUSLY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CANNOT  
IMPLEMENT.

THAT MAY BE PROBLEMATIC, BUT YOU'RE CERTAINLY FREE TO GO  
AHEAD AND PROPOSE THAT AS PART OF THE SOLUTION.

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: OKAY.

THEY CAN FIGURE OUT THE DETAILS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: RIGHT.

I THINK -- SEND THE MESSAGE.

OKAY.

DEE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: JUST IN -- IN -- AGAIN, ANOTHER ISSUE OF  
CLARITY.

I THINK WE SPECIFICALLY NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE TAMPA BAY  
WATER RIGHTS.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY, WAIT.

DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT AS A SEPARATE --

>>DENISE LAYNE: SEPARATE MOTION.

WE'VE GOT TO VOTE ON YOUR MOTION FIRST.

SORRY.

>>HEIDI McCREE: [INAUDIBLE]

>>PAMELA JO HATLEY: I DON'T THINK IT WAS SECONDED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: YEAH, WE HAD A SECOND OVER HERE.

SO OTHER QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION?

ALL RIGHT.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF PAMELA'S MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING  
AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

>>HUGH GRAMLING: AYE.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

DEE.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE A MOTION ABOUT THE  
TAMPA BAY WATER RIGHTS.

WHETHER THEY'VE EXPIRED OR NOT, I THINK THEY NEED TO BE  
INVESTIGATED, SO I THINK MY MOTION IS THAT THE -- THE  
COUNTY PURSUE VIGOROUSLY TAMPA -- TO --

>> THE VACATION.

>>DENISE LAYNE: THE VACATION OF THE TAMPA BAY WATER RIGHTS  
IF THEY STILL LEGALLY EVEN EXIST.

WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE THAT -- YOU KNOW, VIV BACCA COULD BE  
RIGHT.

THE CONTRACT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE VOID WITH THE THING.

THEY'VE NEVER REUPPED IT, BUT THEY PAID -- WE PAID -- THEY  
PAID A DOLLAR TO US FOR THE RIGHTS.

I SUGGEST \$2 BACK.

I'M JUST KIDDING, BUT -- BUT TO VACATE THE WATER -- TO

VACATE THE TAMPA BAY -- VACATE THE WATER RIGHTS.

>>HUGH GRAMLING: MADAM CHAIR, POINT OF ORDER.

TAMPA BAY WATER DOESN'T OWN THE WATER RIGHTS, THE STATE OF FLORIDA DOES, AND THE MOTION NEEDS TO REFLECT THAT.

>>HEIDI McCREE: REFLECT THAT.

YEAH.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO -- HOW WOULD YOU MOVE THAT?

I MEAN DID THE --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>>DENISE LAYNE: THE UNDERLYING WATER RIGHTS --

>>HUGH GRAMLING: WATER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

>>DENISE LAYNE: WATER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON CONE RANCH --

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>> "WATER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS" IS A GOOD TERM.

>>DENISE LAYNE: OKAY.

THE WATER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS -- THANK YOU, HUGH -- BE VACATED ON CONE RANCH AND TO PURSUE WHATEVER ENTITY OR ENTITIES THEY MUST TO DO SO.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

THAT'S THE MOTION.

IS THERE A SECOND?

>>VIVIENNE HANDY: SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

WE HAVE A SECOND.

DISCUSSION?

QUESTIONS?

CONCERNS?

ISSUES?

READY TO VOTE?

ALL RIGHT.

LET'S VOTE.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ANY OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT.

ANY OTHER MOTIONS TO SEND TO THE BOARD AS PART OF OUR  
RECOMMENDATIONS?

OKAY.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>HUGH GRAMLING: MADAM CHAIR, MOVE WE ADJOURN.

>>HEIDI McCREE: DO I HAVE A SECOND?

>>FELIX HAYNES: THAT WASN'T THE SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: I KNOW.

THAT WAS JUST A SECOND.

LET ME JUST AS A MATTER OF DISCUSSION -- BECAUSE YOU-ALL  
ELECTED ME AS CHAIR, WHICH I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT  
THAT NOW, BUT ANYWAY, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE  
PLEASURE OF SERVING WITH EACH OF YOU.

IT'S BEEN TRULY AN HONOR.

I FEEL LIKE BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS PRESENTED TO

THE BOARD AND THAT THE BOARD CREATED THIS COMMITTEE AND ALL OF THE -- THE STAFF TIME AND THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND THE FACT THAT FC&EG BROUGHT IT FORWARD, WE'VE DRIVEN THE DEBATE FORWARD.

IT'S BEEN GREAT FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

WE ARE ON A TRACK TOWARDS HOPEFULLY PERMANENTLY PROTECTING CONE RANCH.

THERE ARE A LOT OF DETAILS TO WORK OUT AND THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND THE COUNTY STAFF IS REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO GO FORWARD AND DO THAT, BUT I JUST THINK WE OWE A GREAT THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, AND I REALLY THINK THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE CONE RANCH, AND IT'S BEEN A VERY OPEN, THOROUGH, CONTENTIOUS, COMPLEX DISCUSSION, BUT I THINK WE ALL SHOULD FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT IT, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE.

>>FELIX HAYNES: MADAM CHAIR, THE FACT -- I SEE A LOT OF GOOD THAT CAN COME OUT OF A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE PART OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY PANEL, AND I -- I THOUGHT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT GOING BACK AND, YOU KNOW, A MOTION -- COMPREHENSIVE MOTION, OMNIBUS MOTION TO ADOPT THE TOTAL BECAUSE I'M PREPARED TO VOTE YES FOR IT NOW.

>> YES.

>>FELIX HAYNES: SO I THINK -- I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT

I'M PREPARED TO VOTE YES.

>>DENISE LAYNE: I ACTUALLY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A  
COMPREHENSIVE MOTION.

WE ALL SAID YES ALL ALONG EXCEPT FOR ONE SMALL ELEMENT OF  
IT, AND I WOULD HATE TO SEE ANY OF US -- AND I AGREE, THE  
UNANIMITY WILL BE A HUGE MESSAGE TO THE BOCC, SO FELIX --

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

WELL, LET ME --

>>DENISE LAYNE: -- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION,  
I'LL SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: LET ME DO THIS.

I HAD A MOTION TO ADJOURN BUT I DID NOT HAVE A SECOND.

>>FELIX HAYNES: DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THE MOTION FAILS.

DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

FELIX, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION?

>>FELIX HAYNES: YES.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE ADOPT IN TOTO ALL THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS, ALL THE MOTIONS, ALL THE COMPLETE PACKAGE  
THAT WE HAVE BEEN VOTING ON FOR THE LAST HALF HOUR.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

IS THERE A SECOND?

>>DENISE LAYNE: SECOND.

PROUDLY SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ANY DISCUSSION?

ALL RIGHT.

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

ANY OPPOSED?

ALL RIGHT.

SO THAT -- THAT -- ANY OTHER MOTIONS?

ALL RIGHT.

SO WITH THAT, I WILL I THINK AT THIS POINT ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

I DO WANT TO AGAIN THANK THE STAFF AND ALL OF THAT, AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME CRITICISM FOR THE STAFF TIME INVOLVED, BUT I HOPE -- HOPE, HOPE, HOPE -- AND ALL OF US WILL PRESENT THIS TO THE BOARD IF WE GO TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOGETHER OR HOWEVER WE GO -- THAT THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE IS WORK THAT WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REPEATED OR WE WILL NOT HAVE TO REINVENT THE WHEEL, SO I THINK IT'S BEEN TIME WELL SPENT, AND AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOUR TIME.

>> BEFORE THERE'S A MOTION TO ADJOURN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EDITH FOR KEEPING US IN LINE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WHAT A STELLAR EFFORT IT HAS BEEN.

>>HEIDI McCREE: THANK YOU, EDITH.

>> MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW THIS IS HIGHLY -- BUT MAY I JUST MAKE A QUICK COMMENT.

WE ALL THANK YOU AS WELL, BUT I THINK IT WOULD -- I, AS A

CITIZEN -- AND I KNOW THIS IS ASKING A LOT OF EVERYBODY -- THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ATTEND THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED, THE BOARD MEETING, I THINK TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ON THE -- ON THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU'RE MAKING.

>>HEIDI McCREE: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

AND -- AND I'M GOING TO ASK EDITH IF SHE COULD SO KINDLY KEEP US POSTED AS TO WHEN THE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

WE THINK IT MIGHT BE AS SOON AS DECEMBER 2nd, THEIR NEXT MEETING, BUT WE ARE NOT SURE ABOUT THAT YET, SO -- AND I MAY BE SPEAKING OUT OF TURN ON THAT, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THAT'S A POSSIBILITY, SO IF YOU-ALL COULD CHECK YOUR CALENDARS, AND WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON THAT.

>>EDITH STEWART: AND WE CAN GET A TIME CERTAIN.

>>HEIDI McCREE: YES, YES.

A TIME CERTAIN, YES.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS?

ALL RIGHT.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>>DENISE LAYNE: SO MOVED.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL RIGHT.

SECOND.

>> SECOND.

>> SECOND.

>>HEIDI McCREE: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

ALL RIGHT.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.