

January 22, 2008

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY  
RURAL LANDS STEWARDSHIP AREA REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Naples, Florida, January 22, 2008

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted Business herein, met on this date at 9:00 A.M. in REGULAR SESSION at the Collier County Community Development & Environmental Services Room #609/610, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Ron Hamel  
VICE CHAIRMAN: Neno Spagna  
Brad Cornell  
Zach Floyd Crews(absent)  
David Farmer  
Gary Eidson  
Tom Jones  
David Wolfley  
Bill McDaniel  
Timothy Nance  
Fred Thomas  
Tammie Nemecek  
Jim Howard

ALSO PRESENT: Noah Standridge, Senior Planner, Comprehensive Planning  
Jeff Wright, Assistant County Attorney  
Michael J. DeRuntz, Principal Planner, Comprehensive Planning,  
Approximately 20 members of the public and staff

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Chairman Hamel.

**II. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Eidson moved to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.*

**IV. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2007**

*Mr. Wolfley moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting.*

*Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0*

**V. Old Business**

- *Chairman Hamel expressed his appreciation to all those who helped in putting together the January 18, 2008 Public Information Workshop and making it so successful.*
- *Gary Eidson stated that he hopes that the significance of the values in the GIS polygons area is dynamic and can emphasize in this 5-Year Review Report.*
- *Fred Thomas expressed his interest for the report to not only consider water and endangered species flow but also consider human activity flow.*

**VI. New Business**

**A. Robert's Rules Presentation – Sue Chapin**

*This item was not discussed per the action taken by the committee at the January 18, 2008 Public Information Workshop.*

**B. Phase I Technical Review Evaluation**

**i. Policy 1.22, Item 1-8**

**Mr. Tom Jones** moved to focus specifically on Policy 1.22, Item 1-8.

**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #1 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

- *Mr. Cornell* stated that the commission should be focusing on the question “is the plan accomplishing the goals that were identified for the RLSA of Collier County.
- *Mr. Eidson* moved to proceed through each table and map.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**
- *Mr. Spagna* questioned the number of total credits that have used to date. Mr. Standridge stated that 11,000 have been used.

***Questions from the Floor***

- ❖ *Niccole Ryan* suggested that the sources for the base natural resource data be referenced.
- ❖ *Nancy Payton* stated that natural resource data is reviewed with each SSA and SRA application submittal, but she suggested that a pre-RLSA map be included within the study.
- ❖ *Russell Priddy* Sated that the property owners in the area designated as RLSA have taken a “Leap of Faith” to participate in this program and are banking that the credits that could and have been generated on their property will be there in the future. He also stated the current GMP/LDC regulations relating to the “Review Process” for the RLSA only call for an initial 5-Year Review process, and that the committee may consider recommending a future “Reoccurring 5-Year Review Process.”
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #1 with the addition of noted recommendations from the public to the Question 1’s reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #2 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

- *Mr. McDaniel* suggested that the uses and the acreage that have removed through the SSA approval process be provided within the review materials.

***Questions from the Floor***

- ❖ *Judy Hushon* stated that the environmental enhancements within the SSA and the SRA should be detailed within the review materials.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #2 with the addition of noted recommendations from the Committee and the public to the Question 2’s reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #3 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

***Questions from the Floor***

- ❖ *Judy Hushon* suggested that the descriptions of R-1, R-2, Agricultural Types, and Early Entry Credits be added to the Definition Section.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #3 with the addition of noted recommendations from the public to the Question 3’s reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #4 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

- *Mr. McDaniel* suggested to breakout the loss of agricultural acreage for both the designated SSAs and SRAs.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #4 with the addition of noted recommendation from the committee to the Question 4's reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #5 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

*Questions from the Floor*

- ❖ *Michael DeRuntz* recommended that the verbiage should be changed to state “Ave Maria SRA was approved for and may be developed to.”
- ❖ *Nancy Patton* suggested that the acreage should be included.
- ❖ *Russell Priddy* stated that the development of a quarry in the RLSA not only changes the land uses that could possibly occur on that site, but restricts the potential number of credits which could be generated from that property.
- ❖ *Nancy Patton* stated that those properties converted from agricultural activities to conservation need to be identified and included in the review materials.
- *Mr. McDaniel* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #5 with the addition of noted recommendation from the public to the Question 5's reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #6 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

- *Mr. Cornell* stated that the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) and Conservation Collier should be referenced in the review materials.
- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #6 with the addition of noted recommendation from the committee to the Question 6's reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #7 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

- *Mr. Cornell* suggested that a map of the designated “Restoration Areas” be added to the review materials.
- *Mr. Farmer* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #7 with the addition of noted recommendation from the committee to the Question 7's reference materials.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**Question #8 – Chairman Hamel read the question and Mr. Standridge reviewed the data.**

- *Mr. Thomas* moved to approve the technical materials for Question #8.  
**Voice Vote - Unanimously Approved 12-0.**

**VII. Public Comments**

- ❖ *Laura McDonald Defenders of Wildlife* suggested that the Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Conservation Collier, and other Environmental Agencies and Organization would be an excellent source to assist the committee with their Phase II Review and Analysis.

**VIII. Committee Comments**

- *Mr. Thomas* stated that the study needs to focus on the need for the interconnection for potential Human Habitat Conservation Areas (HHCA).
- *Mr. Cornell* stated that he believed that the Committee needs to have Technical Advisory input from the Phase II Review.
- *Mr. Thomas* inquired into the comment that he heard, that this was Noah's last meeting.
- *Mr. Hamel* stated that he also would like to know more about this situation. *Mr. Standridge* stated that he would need to speak with his Director.

**IX. Staff Comments**

- *Mr. Standridge* stated that the next meeting will occur on February 5, 2008 in the Academic Hall at Ave Maria. He will be emailing directions to the commission. At this meeting, the committee will be reviewing the revisions to the Phase I Review and making a recommendation for approval.
- *Mr. McDaniel* suggested that at the next meeting, and after the Phase I Review, he would suggest that the committee begin the Phase II Review.

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 12:20 P.M.**

**Rural Lands Stewardship Area Review Committee**

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**Ron Hamel, Chairman**

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_,  
as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.