

Florida Greenways and Trails Council

Meeting Summary December 2, 2010 Conference Call

Members on Conference Call

Jeff Caster
Greg Chelius
Debi Crowder
Greg Golgowski

Charlie Houder
Deno Hicks
Susan Kennedy
Phil Laurien

Susan Matthews
John Waldron
Kent Wimmer

Members and/or Alternates Present: John Waldron, Paula Allen (for Bob Ballard), Hank Vinson (Ken Reecy)

Members Absent: Chuck Goodheart, Jeff Gove, Mike Grella, Kathryn Starkey, Scott Stroh

Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) Staff: Jim Wood, Heather Pence, Cindy Radford, Robin Turner, Marsha Connell, Lisa Galocy

Others Present on Conference Call: Dale Allen, Herb Hiller, Tom Hctor, Tara McCue, Jennifer Nanek, Bill McCartney, Vanessa Price, Brian Burkett, Tony Williams

The meeting was called to order on December 2, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. by Kent Wimmer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Kent Wimmer moved to approve October 13, 2010 meeting summary.

SECOND: Greg Chelius

DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

CHAIR REPORT

Kent Wimmer reminded everyone of the upcoming Florida Trails Association (FTA) conference to be held in Fruitland Park March 11 – 13, 2011.

DESIGNATION AGREEMENTS

Heather Pence presented the Lake Wales Rails to Trails, Turkey Creek Park & Nature Trail and the Jacksonville Baldwin Trail designations.

MOTION: Phil Laurien moved to accept Lake Wales Rails to Trails designation

SECOND: Greg Chelius

DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: Greg Chelius moved to accept Turkey Creek Park & Nature Trail designation

SECOND: Debi Crowder

DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: Charlie Houder moved to accept Jacksonville Baldwin Trail designation
SECOND: Greg Gologowski
DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

Ecological Greenway Update

Dr. Tom Huctor from the University of Florida spoke on the history and the update of Florida's Ecological Greenways Network.

OGT REPORT

Cindy Radford provided an update on the acquisition activity that had transpired since the October Council meeting. Jim Wood announced that in November four miles of trails opened on the Palatka to Lake Butler Rail Trail.

Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation (FGTF)

Dale Allen reported working on a more formal relationship between the FGTF and the FGTC. Announced two new members; Jim Davis, a certified public accountant and Amy Dearhart, with Progress Energy.

Additional Items from Council members

Charlie Houder announced that the end of his term is here and Carol Bert, with the Northwest Florida Water Management District will be taking his place. Several members requested staff to provide a one page document, an update from last year that would include straight forward, key points of OGT's value. A combination of the signed Resolution of the Florida Greenways and Trails Council Recognizing the Economic Value of Trails and Greenways to Florida and information related to the Economic Impacts of trails and greenways.

NEXT MEETING DATE was determined: Wednesday & Thursday, February 23 – 24, 2011 in Seminole County.

The formal meeting was adjourned for the day.