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**Florida Greenways and Trails Council**

**Meeting Summary  
February 23, 2011  
Conference Call**

**Members on Conference Call:**

Bob Ballard	Greg Golgowski	Jerri Lindsey
Carol Bert	Mike Grella	John Waldron
Jeff Caster	Deno Hicks	Kent Wimmer
Greg Chelius	Susan Kennedy	
Debi Crowder	Phil Laurien	

**Members or Alternates Present:** Kathryn Starkey, John Waldron, Paula Allen (DEP)

**Members or Alternates on Conference Call:** Mike Wisenbaker (for Scott Stroh), Megan Eno (for Susan Matthews), Edwin McCook (SRWMD)

**Members Absent:** Jeff Gove, Matt Morris, Chuck Goodheart

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

**Others Present:** Jim Muller, Christine Bennett, Sandy Mann, Chuck Hatcher, Tara McCue

The meeting was called to order on February 23, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. by Kent Wimmer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Debi Crowder moved to approve February 23, 2011 meeting summary.

SECOND: Phil Laurien

DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

**CHAIR REPORT**

Kent Wimmer announced FTA's newly appointed Executive Director Dennis Miranda will begin on March 2, 2011. FTA's Hiking Festival to be held March 11- 13 in Fruitland Park. Several Chapters are coordinating hikes throughout the state for Florida Forever Collation "Take a Hike" Day on March 8, 2011. Ken Reecy announced that today was FCT's grant application deadline. They have received 24 in house already and were expecting 7 from TPL today. John Waldron announced the Florida Outdoor Recreation Collation holding event on March 14<sup>th</sup> Go to <http://florc.org/> for more information. Susan Kennedy announced the Ocean to Lake Greenway Event begins on February 27, to date over 130+ participates have registered.

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### **DESIGNATION AGREEMENTS**

Heather Pence presented the Chipola River – Jackson County Greenway and the Pine Glades Natural Area designations.

MOTION: John Waldron moved to accept Chipola River – Jackson County Greenway designation

SECOND: Deno Hicks

DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

MOTION: Debi Crowder moved to accept Pine Glades Natural Area designation

SECOND: Deno Hicks

DECISION: Motion carried unanimously

### **OGT REPORT**

Cindy Radford provided an update on the acquisition activity that had transpired since the December Council meeting. Jim Wood discussed the DOJ Rule – Power-Driven Mobility Devices becomes effective March 15<sup>th</sup> which allows power devices for disabled people to go on the trail. OGT, State Parks and a host of other land managers are developing a policy to address this. Additional information is located:

<http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/power-mobility-questions-answers.html> Jim

Wood also discussed generating revenue on State Trails/Greenways. House Bill 313, an act relating to sale of advertising creating the State Revenue Enhancement Act of 2011.

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2011/0313/BillText/Filed/HTML>. Bob Ballard discussed the proposed budgets of the Governor and the Legislature.

#### **Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation (FGTF)**

Herb Hiller announced the upcoming FGTF meeting in Ocala on February 24 -25, 2011.

#### **East Central Florida Trails Economic Impact Study**

Tara McCue and Phil Laurien with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council presented on the Economic Impact Analysis of Orange County Trails. The final report will be out April, 2011. This link is a one page summary of the presentation:

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/news/PDF/ECFRPEconomicStudyFactSheet.pdf>

#### **Action Item for OGT**

Jim Wood announced that we could have another call and presentation of the Economic Impact Study, staff will schedule prior to next FGTC meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Cindy Radford to poll FGTC members via email to determine the next meeting date.

The formal meeting was adjourned for the day.