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Minutes

Gasparilla Island Special Improvement Units from Lee and Charlotte Counties

Boca Grande Community Center

December 2 , 2010

Attendees: Ron Gutman  
Dick Ryan  
John Shaw  
Libby Walker – Lee County

Dr. Avery - USDA  
Tony Duffiney - USDA

Tony Ackerman  
Bill Kunkler  
Dick Morrison  
Harold Wells  
Tara Musselman – Charlotte County

The Joint Meeting of both Charlotte and Lee County MSBTUs was called to order by Lee County MSBTU Acting Chair, Ron Gutman, at 1:30PM.

Dr. Avery made a presentation of USDA research findings from data gathered over the three years of USDA involvement and responded to questions from members of both Panels as well as from members of the audience. The presentation made very clear the fact that, due to the prolific reproduction capability of the iguanas, continued maintenance of some kind is essential to avoid significant repopulation of the island. Aggressive trapping must take place at least during the mating season from February through April and during the hatch period from July through September.

Libby Walker then described the purpose of the two County joint meeting, that is to explore the possibility of having one Island-wide contract with the USDA rather than the separate contracts which are now in force. Both county Panel members expressed their views of the proposed contract presented by USDA. It was apparent that the proposal was not going to satisfy the needs of either party. It was agreed that the idea of a single contract was desirable by both but that the USDA needed to give further thought to options other than that proposed, and that the issue should be revisited next year.

It was agreed that both current county contracts should cover terms consistent with the USDA Fiscal Year which also coincides with county Fiscal Years. All parties will work out pro-rated contracts to reach that objective.

The joint meeting was then concluded and the Lee County meeting continued to finish its own business.

Minutes of the May 7, 2010 Meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by D. Ryan and second by J. Shaw.

A motion was then made by Ron Gutman to have Libby Walker work with USDA to pro-rate the

previously approved, but not yet signed, contract to coincide with the Federal and County Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25.