

June 7, 2016

Good Morning, Ladies And Gentlemen. The Time Has Arrived For Our Regular Meeting. Before We Begin With An Invocation And Our Pastor Of The Day Is Not Able To Be With Us Today, So The Chair Will Be Handling That. Commissioner Manning. Would You Rise, Please?

Frank Mann: I Appreciate The Opportunity To Offer Up A Moment Of Silence For A Person Who Lived On Pine Island For Many Years. Phil Buchanan. A Noted Environmentalist.

Frank Mann: Join Me In A Moment Of Silence For Phil Buchanan, And Remain Standing After The Prayer For The Pledge Of Allegiance. Thank You. Father, God, We Are Grateful That We Live In This Free Country, In This Free Democracy. Especially Where Dedicated, Caring Citizens Such As Phil Buchanan Can Themselves Participate For The Betterment Of Their Community, And We Are Thankful For Phil Because He Did That So Well. May Our Actions Here Today Show That We Here As The Board Of County Commissioners Are Worthy Of The Trust Placed In Us By Good Citizens Like Phil And All The Great Citizens Of Lee County. Amen. I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All. Thank You And Be Seated.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: We Were Up And Down About Whether We Were Going To Have Ceremonial Presentations, And The Good News Is With The Critter Of The Month Presentation, It Is Back On. Let Me Recognize Our Critter, Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Matthew, Please Come Forward. We Would Like To Take A Minute To Recognize Your Domestic Animal Services And If You Have Any Special Events Coming In The Summertime With The Adoption And What Do You Have There There In The Kennel?

Board Of Commissioners, Matt Young, Lee County Commission Of Animal Services. We Have Ledi With Us Today. We're In The Midst Of Kitten Season Right Now. We Have Also Taken In About 1,300 Cats From April To June. We're Very, Very Busy. We're Going To Take Out The Little One Here And Tell Us About It. Oh, Isn't That Sweet?

She's 3 Months Old. She Was Found In Lehigh With A Couple Of Other Siblings. She's A Great-Natured -- She's Not Been Spade Yet. We Will Do That When You Come And Adopt, And She's Buy One Get One Free.

Thank You For Showcasing Her, And Hopefully People Watch And Anybody That's In The Audience That Is Looking To Adopt A Pet, It Would Be A Great Time To Do That. We Have So Many Good Animals In Our Shelter That Need Homes. Thank You For Everything You Do.

Got A Lot Of Cats Coming In And Out. We Have About 900 Dogs That Also Came In For The Month Of April To June Right Now. We Give Them Out To Rescues And Adoptions. Going Very Well. We've Been Very, Very Busy.

There Are A Lot Of Bunnies. After Easter You Get A Lot Of Bunnies --

Not Many Bunnies Lately. Lots Of Cats And Dogs. Staying Busy.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You For Everything You Do.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Guys, For All You Do. You'll Have To Get That Thing Out Of Here Before I Submit An Application.

Cecil Pendergrass: That Would Look Good In Your Office.

Frank Mann: I'm A Cat Man. I Have Cats At The House, And I Have Written A Whole Book About Cats. I Love Them. Get Them Out Of Here Quick. No, No, No. Especially I Don't Want That Bogo Deal. Buy One Get One. No Thank You. Thank You, Guys, Truly.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: On The Recap, We Don't Have Any Action Required On The Recap. You'll Note There Is A Walk-On And A Carry-Over. We'll Be Dealing With That Later. We Have A Couple Of At Least Two Commissioner Items To Talk About. Let Me Ask If There Are Items That The Commission Would Like To Be Pulled For Discussion. Mr. Manning.

John Manning: Monday.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Would Like To Say Item 26 And 28. I Did Not Pull Them.

Frank Mann: Okay. 26 --

Cecil Pendergrass: I'll Call For Questions.

Frank Mann: Why Don't You Do It Right Now?

Cecil Pendergrass: On Item 26 For The Gator Road Signal, Say Thank You To Staff For Working With Us, Where It's Been A Long Process. Thank You For Approving That Roadway, And Also For Number 28, Which Is The Funding For The Bicycle Pass, A Resurface. It's Been On The Drawing Board For Many, Many Years, And That Is Looking Forward To Having That Eight Foot Wide Multi-Use Path. We're Looking Forward To Breaking Ground On That Very Soon. Thank You Staff. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You. I Intend To Pull 34 And 36 And Give Ms. Keys A Chance To Bring Them Up-To-Date On A Large Project. Commissioner Hammond, A New Father Last Week.
[Applause]

Brian Hamman: 6 Pounds, 9 Ounces. He Has Already Put On A Couple Of Pounds Already. Doing Great. Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Let Me See. I Would Like To Take Up -- Have One Member Of The Public Who Has Asked -- No, I Have Three Now. I'm Sorry. Patty Whitehead, Let's Take Up Issue Number One. Are You Here Still? Where Are You? You Won't Get A Presentation Unless You Pull It For Public Comment. It Has Not Been Pulled By Us, So It Will Be On The Consent Agenda And Adopted In Total With Everybody Else. You Better Give It Your Best Shot. Staff Is Prepared To Answer Any Questions.

Very Good. For The Record Patty Whitehead With Responsible Growth Management Coalition. I Studied The Documents Related To The Cork Screw Road Environmental Enhancement Overlay Study And Listened To The Audio, Which Included The Presentations By The Bidders. I Was Curious, There Were Two Dozen Document Holders And Only Two Bidders To Perform That Study, But Neither Here Nor There. We Urge You Very Much To Consider The Placement Of A Third Crossing Seven Miles East Of -- Somewhere Seven Miles East Of I-75 For Panthers And Bears As We Now Know That Will Be A Population Nodes, And Population Nodes -- Particularly Where Panthers Are Used To Accessing Conservation Lands, Which Is The Case In That Locale Because Of The Location To The South And The Airport Mitigation Property To The North And Also The Crew Lands, The Adjacent Crew Lands. Commissioner Manning, Please Consider The Inclusion Of A Third Wildlife Crossing Within The Study. That Concludes My Comments.

Frank Mann: Hang Tight Just A Sec. Let Me Ask Staff. In This Overlay Study Here, Is That The Kind Of Thing That Will Be Looked At?

Yes. Right Now We're Approving The Rankings Of The Consultant. This Is Strictly The Aim Engineering.

Recognizing That We're Going To Be Many Facets To This. We Actually Are Going To Engage The Consultant To Help Define The Scope Of This Project, Which Will Include The Public Input, The Agency Inputs, That Type Of Thing. It Will Be Part Of The Process.

Frank Mann: Okay.

How About A Chance To Speak On This?

Frank Mann: You'll Have Plenty Of Opportunity As The Project Comes Together.

Thank You, Sir. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Anyone Else Want To Speak On Item Number One? Well, Let's Take That Up And Deal With It At This Time. I Would Like A Motion If I Could Have It.

Brian Hamman: I'll Move Approval.

Frank Mann: Second. Is There Further Discussion On The Item? Is There Objection To It? Show That One Passed. I Have Several People That Want To Speak On Item 15. Mr. And Mrs. Butler, Welcome Back To The Courthouse. Which One Wants To Go First? Both Kind Of Head This Way. Item 15.

Good Morning. My Name Is Joe Butler. Charity Stakes. I Want To Thank The Group Of People To Work With Us Lately. Damon Grant, Melissa, And Project Manager. We Would Like You To Vote In Favor Of Giving Us The Deal On The First Pilot Alone. Just Send A Petition Instead Of Having Two Petitions To Eliminate About Three Months Of Work So We Can Get This Project Working.

Frank Mann: So You're Okay With This One?

Yes. I Have Spoken To A Lot Of People. We're On Board, And We're Working --

Frank Mann: I'm Glad That Worked Out For You Guys.

Thank You Very Much.

Frank Mann: Y'all Have Made Some Good Progress Over There. This Is Another Step Forward.

That's It. Thank You Very Much.

Frank Mann: Does Your Wife Want To Say Me Too? Here She Comes. It's Usually A Duo Act Here. We Don't Know What We Would Do Without Your Comments.

Good Morning. My Name Is Theresa Butler.

Frank Mann: Pull The Light Down A Little Bit. You Can Pull It Down So You Don't Have To Stand On Your Toes.

Again, I Would Also Like To Thank Everyone We've Been Working With. We Do Want To Form The Capital Improvements To The Side Road, And If You Would Where There's A Petition, The Informal Petitions That Would Be A Tremendous Help For Us. We Know The Process Is Very Lengthy, So This Would Definitely Shorten The Amount Of Time And Then We Can Just Move Into The Formal Petitions. We Would Appreciate That Consideration.

Thank You Both For Your Continual Vigilance. Is There Anyone Else In The Audience? We Would Like To Speak On Item 15. Hearing None Back To The Board. I Would Entertain A Motion At This Item 15.

John Manning: Second.

John Manning: Motioning By Manning. Second By Pendergrass. Item 15 Has Passed. Now We're Back To The Board 34 And 36. Ms. Keys. I Asked Her. This Is A Totally \$30 Million Plus Item, And I Like To Know A Little Bit About Them. Remind Us When It Started, What It's All About, And What These Two Separate Sheets Call For Today.

Pam Keys, Public Utilities Director. I Appreciate An Opportunity Just To Review How Far We've Come With This Project. This Project Is To Make A T An Improvement To The Water Treatment Plant To Increase The Capacity To Six Million Gallons Per Day. Item 34 And 36 Are Companion Items. 34 Today We Are Asking You To Approve A Change To Cdm's Contracts To Include An Additional \$1.6 Million For Construction Services. We Started Working With Cdm In May Of 2014, And They Have Done The Design And The Permitting Of The Project, And Now This Is The Last Step To Be Able To Have Their Services During Construction. Item Number 36 Is To Approve The Gmp For Watsel Smith, Who Is Our Cm At Risk, Our Construction Manager At Risk, For The Construction Work. Their Cm Has Come Out To Be \$28.2 Million. It Was Competitively Bid. Now That We Have The Construction Amount, We're Now Asking For The Board To Approve Going Forward With That Construction. The Total Project Cost With This Information Is Now \$31.8 Million. So Far We've Expended About \$1.8 Million. We Are Well On Our Way, And With Today's Actions, It Gets Us Through That Construction Period.

Frank Mann: We Haven't Had A Shovel In The Ground Yet. This Is All The Prep Work. This Will -- Will This Be The Last Action Taken By The Commission In Order To Get The Construction Going And Finished?

We Sure Hope So. That's Our Intent. Unless There's Some --

Frank Mann: Unless Something Comes Along.

Exactly.

Frank Mann: We've Been Two Years Into This. When Is Your Completion Time Guesstimate.

I Would Say 18 Months From Now.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Anybody Have Any Questions Of Ms. Keys? Well, Thank You Very Much. Then The Chair Would Entertain A Motion To Include Both Items 34 And 36.

John Manning: Second.

Frank Mann: So Moved By Manning. Second By Pendergrass. Show It Adopted. We Are Moving Right Along. Public Hearings. Oh, I'm Sorry. We Need To Move The Ballot. Motion To Move The Balance Of The Agenda? Second By Hammond. Discussion? Objection? Show It Approved Without Objection. Now, Public Hearings. Councillor, Mr. Jacob.

Good Morning, Michael Jacob, Assistant County Attorney. We Have One Public Hearing For Your Consideration This Morning. This Is To Adopt A Resolution For The Establishment Of The 16-17

Fiscal Year Solid Waste Collection And Disposal Programs, Solid Waste Assessments For Unincorporated Lee County. I Reviewed The Application For The Two Public Hearings, And They Are Legally Sufficient.

Frank Mann: Questions Of Mr. Jacob? Are There Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On This Public Hearing Issue? Hearing None, Back To The Board. Motion?

Mr. Chairman.

I'm -- I'm Going To Support The Motion, But I Was The Reason That We Moved This Back A Couple Of Weeks, And I Just --

Frank Mann: I Apologize For Not Calling You.

Larry Kiker: That's Fine. I Would Like To Thank Pam Keys And -- Trying To Figure Out Exactly Where These Charges Are, Where They're Coming From. To Me -- We Had A Real Quick Presentation On This In One Of Our Work Sessions. It Went Back Two Years. They Were Looking At Disposal Rates Going Up From \$12 To \$16, And It Was Going To Hit The Businesses. I Went Back And Looked, And The Year Before It Was Only \$6. It Was Going From \$6 To \$12 To \$16, And So I Thought That Was A Red Flag That We Needed To Take A Look At It And Really I Needed To Understand Personally The Difference Between How Residents And Businesses Were Being Charged. It's Much Different. The Contractors Actually Go By The Number Of Contenders As How They Figure Out How Much. Correct Me If I'm Wrong, That's How They Figure Out How Much Tonnage Is Being -- And Residential Historically As Much As You Want To Put Out, And Having Done That, The Contractors Themselves, Not Says, Not Lee County, Are Setting The Rates On That, And I Think That The Reason There Was An Increase On This -- On Top Of That Was The Electric Company. Maybe You Want To Explain That A Little Bit. We Had, Like, A \$5 Million Increase On That This Year.

We Actually Lost Revenue Because Of The Termination Of The Agreement With Seminole. Our Revenues Were Reduced By About \$5 Million Because Of Low Electricity Rates At The Moment. The Increase Is Based On The Rate Review By The Consultant And Simply To Look At Balancing The Revenue To The Expenses.

Larry Kiker: Thank You Very Much. Said And Done, I'm Convinced Now That It Is Equal, But It Took A Little While To Get There And Understand Exactly How That Worked, And Look At The Percent Of Operation Costs And Where The Operation Costs Are Coming From, How That \$5 Million Effective Bottom Line Showed Up On The Reserve Eventually. This Board Has Set Policy On. I Just Wanted To Throw It Over There. If You Go Back Over The Years 2010, It Was \$19 Instead Of \$16. Even With Three Raises, It Still Represents A Lesser Charge Than We Had, You Know, Six, Seven Years Ago. I Appreciate The Work That You Have Done And, Again, Thank You For Answering All The Questions.

Frank Mann: Commissioners. Question?

Cecil Pendergrass: Clarification. The Rate Increases That Go To The Facility Enterprise Fund?

There Are No Increases To The Hollers On This. That's A Contracted -- It Remains The Same.

Cecil Pendergrass: That's The Way I Received It. It's Not Going Back For Their Increase. It's Staying Within Our System Itself. Correct.

Cecil Pendergrass: Do We Have An Estimate Of What The Researches Are In Solid Waste?

I'm Not Sure What The Specifics Are Of The Reserves. Keith Could Address That.

Larry Kiker: If I Understand Right, It's Still At \$65 Million At The End Of The Day, Right?

I Think That's The Unrestricted. The Total Reserved Was Slightly Larger Than That.

Larry Kiker: 85.

Cecil Pendergrass: Do You Agree With That? Around 65 For Undesignated Funding?

Frank Mann: Now We're Back To The Motion. Commissioner Manning Offers A Motion For The Public Hearing Item. Is There A Second?

Larry Kiker: I Second.

Frank Mann: Kiker Seconds. Is There Further Discussion? Objection To The Public Hearing Item? One Objection. Two Objections. Pendergrass And Hammond On The Nay Side. It Passes 3-2. Now, We Are On Walk-On. Walk-On Number One. Who Wants To Do That? Carry-Over Or Walk-On? Get Yours, Councillor.

Commissioners, I Would Like To Report That The Counties Was Successful In Its Defense Of The Litigation Of The Community Leaders And Responsible Growth Management Coalition Versus Lee County. We Are Presenting To You For Your Consideration A Settlement Of That Litigation. What It Provides Is The Plaintiffs Will Forego Any Further Appellate Review Of The Decision Handed Down By The Circuit Court Recently. Each Party Will Bare Its Own Attorney's Fees And Costs, And, Therefore, We Recommend Approval Of The Settlement And Request --

Frank Mann: You Need A Motion To Approve The Settlement?

Yes, Sir. And To Authorize Our Office To Sign On Behalf Of The Family.

Frank Mann: Any Questions Of Council? I Would Entertain A Motion.

Moved.

Frank Mann: Second.

Second.

Frank Mann: Motion By Manning. Second By Pendergrass. Is There Further Discussion On It? A Motion Will Include The Points That You Have Made.

Thank You, Sir.

Frank Mann: Objection? Hearing None. Show It Adopted. Thank You, Counsellor. Have A Carry-Over.

Thank You, Mr. Chair.

This Is For Operational Needs As Far As Identifying Before Somebody Digs Where Our Fiber Is And Then Also If There Is A Break In The Line It Allows Immediate Restoration Of Our Fiber.

Questions Of Ms. Brady? Back To The Board. Looking For A Motion.

John Manning: Moved.

Frank Mann: Second By Hammond. Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. Thank You, Mr. Brady. Let's Take That Commissioner Appointments. First Mr. Manning.

John Manning: The First Is Edward Elms And --

Cecil Pendergrass: Second.

Frank Mann: Motion And Second. Is There Discussion? Is There Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: Reappoint Paul Millford Human Services Council, Reappoint Emily Damina, And John Derek, New Appointment To The Lee County Neighborhood District.

Frank Mann: Motion And Second. Is There Further Discussion? Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. I Would Like To Ask For A Motion To Approve Kim Killian, Our Riverdale Shores Improvement District, Grant Gertman Off Riverdale Shores, Belinda Smith. Motion And A Second By Manning. Discussion. Objection. Show Is Adopted Without Objection.

Mr. Chairman, I Would Like To Do A New Appointment Of Interim Chief Dave Newland From The Cape Coral Police Department To The Human Services Council. I Would Also Like To Say Thank You To Chief Doug Connolly For His Years Of Service. He Has Been Here For A Long Time.

Frank Mann: Well Stated. Seconded By Manning. Is There Discussion? Objection? Show That Adopted. All Done? Mr. Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. I Have Three Reappointments. To The Showman Pine Mobile Home Village. Michellea Mcnear And Robert Strauss, And For Eagle Tech Advisory Betsy Hyatt.

Frank Mann: Motion And Second Is There Discussion, Objection? Show That Adopted Without Objection. Commissioner Items. Commissioner Manning. Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: We've Recently Received Emails And Yesterday You Got Hard Copies Of The Petitions For The One Community. They Were Questioning The Three Oaks Future Project. Five Years Now. I Will Be Telling You, The Last Week Or So We Got An E-Mail, And I Responded To All The -- Probably 95% Of The Medal By Calling The Residents Or Meeting With Them Personally, And After Speaking With The Residents, I Met With -- Were Totally In Favor Of The Project. They Were Misinformed By A Lot Of Information. They Were Told They Had Conversation To The Club. They Were Told They Wouldn't Be Able To Get To The Public. There Was A Traffic And Intersection. There Were Concerns About The Sound. The One Thing They Do Have Concerns With, The Security Along Old Hickory On The East Board Between Three Oaks, And That's Something We'll Be Talking About. I Had A Joint Meeting A Few Months Ago With The Residents About This Project, And We Said We Would Be Working With Staff. The Original -- Back In 2008 And 2009 Has Already Paid For That Project. We'll Have To Bring It Back On Board To Change -- Do Some Changes With Regard To The Sound And Vegetation Between Old Hickory And Three Oaks. Things Like That Will Be Able To Be Worked Out. The Residents Are Not Being Told That. They're Being Told We Have These Concerns. We Have Concerns About Noise. After I Talked To Residents And Showed Them The Full Diagram Of What It Will Look Like When The Intersection Is Complete, Kind Of Like A Mirror, On The Treeline, They Understand The Congestion Won't Be An Issue. It's Congested There Now. They Go South To Three Oaks And South. They're Happy About That. It's Just A Lot Of Miscommunication. I'll Be Working With Staff. Met With Them. They Are Just Looking To The Process For The Next Five Years And Work Through This With Our Planners To Make Some Adjustments Maybe, And That's What Randy Talked About There. That's Putting Together The E-Mail Outline And More Information About The Project And Then Hopefully The Clubs Will Send That Out To The Community And The Word Of Mouth, People Talking About What's Going On And What To Provide The Act For The Project. Maybe You Can Give Us Updates For The Plan.

Thank You. Good Morning, Commissioner. Randy, Lee County D.O.T. As Commissioner Pendergrass Indicated, The Design Was Completed Back In 2007, 2008 And Slated For Construction At That Point In Time. The Project Was Put On The Shelf. With The Renewed Interest And Reprioritization Have Monies Fund. We Will Generate A Component For That And Work Through That. We'll Address All The Concerns, And We Have Construction Slated For 1920. I Think That Gives Time Between Now And Then.

That's Why I've Been Relating To The People I Talked To. It's The Person I Met With That We'll Have More Comment, We'll Have -- We Get Closer A Couple Of Years Out Next Year. We're Happy When We See The Project And They're, Like, Okay, That's Great. We're Supportive Of Me, For Contacting. They're Supportive Of This Board. After They See What The Project Will Look Like. Most Of The Time They're Talking About Noise. They Really Don't Have A Concern With The Noise. They Know I-75 Traffic Looked Greater Than Three Oaks Anyway. On The Northern Part Once The Vegetation Is There, And Something Like Randy Said, We'll Work With Their Plan In The Future

And Work With D.O.T. Staff To Put Vegetation There. If You Hear Any Comments About That, That Was The Concerns I Was Getting Talking To People. Great Residents In The Area. Looking Forward To Working With Them And Improving The Area. After They See The Final Project, They Are Excited About Their Act. It's Going To Be Easier To Get In And Out Of That Community And Interact With South Lee County.

What Do You Think, Commissioner Pendergrass, I Should Do With The 500 Petitions I Got This Morning?

Well, You Can Give Them To The Clerk. It's Up To You.

Some People I Have Spoke To Already. Some I Have Not.

Cecil Pendergrass: Hopefully You Can Provide From My Office A Generic Outline Of What The Project -- What's Going To Happen Next Five Years. It's What's Happening Tomorrow After They're Being Told Five Years Out, And They Understand It's Being Pushed By -- It's Basically Being Pushed By One Or Two People, And I've Talked With Some Of The People, And, Of Course, There's Always Politics With The Hoa's And Country Clubs. Staff There Is Taking -- To Have Them Alter The Motive There. I'm Making Sure We Protect That Community To Provide Safe Transportation.

Sounds Like You've Done A Good Job.

Just Have Them Call Your Personal Private Cell Phone.

They Have My Number Now.

Frank Mann: Good Project. Long-Time Coming. I'm Glad We're Underway And Moving Forward. Thank You.

Cecil Pendergrass: One More Thing If I Could. The Next Meeting On The 21st, I Will Not Be Here. I'll Be Attending A Board Meeting For Accreditation. I Will Not Be Here That Tuesday, And For Zoning I'll Attend A Commission Meeting In Orlando. I Won't See You Guys. Have A Good Summer. That's The Last Meeting Before Summer Break. Look Forward To Hopefully Hurricane-Free Summer And See You Back In August.

Frank Mann: We'll Struggle By Somehow. Item -- Commissioner Item?

Brian Hamman: I Don't Have An Item. I Wondered If Our County Attorney Is Going To Mention The Award That Lee County Recently Just Won For Your Fine Work On The Greater Pine Island Plan? ? Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: Cover Up Your Humility For A Moment And Brag A Little.

That Will Be Difficult. I Have Never Been Asked To Do That. Take A Shot At It. Thank You, And As Indicated, The County Won An Award From The Zoning Association For Its Recent Middle On The Pine Island Amendment Plan. As You All Know, That Was A Major Undertaking By The Board Of

County Commissioners That Resulted In What We Think Was A Fair Portion Of All The Issues At Hand. It Reduced Potential Liability To The County And Also Preserved The True Nature Of The Pine Island Community. Our Efforts Were Recognized By The Association, And We Appreciate Being Called Out For That. We Would Like To Point Out, However, That It Was A Total Team Effort And Would Not Have Been Possible Without The Assistance We Received From The Administrators -- Or The Manager's Office, I Apologize, As Well As The Folks In Dcd. It Is A True Team Effort, And We're Happy To Provide That Positive Result For The County, And We Appreciate Being Singled Out For That Recognition, Commissioner.

Brian Hamman: I Got To Tell You, To See The Way The Residents And The County Work Together On That One, That Was One That When It Started Out, We Had A Couple Of Hundred People Here Really Concerned About How It Would End, And When It Ended, It Ended With Something I Think Everybody Felt Pretty Good About, And Obviously Even Now A Professional Organization Has Recognized The Efforts There. I Was Really Proud To See How The Residents And The County Worked Together On That One.

Frank Mann: I Think It Behooves Us To Mention The Participation Of Phil Buchanan For Whom We Had The Moment Of Silence This Morning On Behalf Of The Citizens Of Pine Island. He Was A Major Player In That. It Showed His Leadership And Commitment To The Betterment Of The Community. Everything Was Well Done There. Mr. Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Hopefully You Will Join In On The Conversation Since You Certainly Were Part Of It A Couple Of Weeks Ago. We Traveled To Washington D.C. We Went With Roger Desjarlais, Glen -- And I Think This Is My Fifth Trip To Washington Since I've Been Here, And I Would Guess, You Know, That We Probably Need To Thank The Ferguson Consulting Group Because It Was One Of Our Best Trips Ever. We Had, As A Board, Selected A Few Items That We Were Bringing Forth As Initiatives. One Of Them Was Fema Flood Insurance, That We Need To Make Sure We Deep Keep A Focus On That, Because That's A Reauthorization In The Next Two Years, And We Need To Make Sure That All The Commitments That Were Made Continue. Underlining That Is Flood Mapping, Which Is Occurring Now. I Think I Can Probably Say The Best Description I Can Have Is That's A Mess Right Now. We Have Really -- It's A Real Challenge For Not Only Lee County, But For Some Of The Municipalities That It's Going To Take A Significant Amount Of Funding And Resources If You Want To Ever Challenge One Of These Maps. If You Are An Individual And You Are A Homeowner, Good Luck. It's Going To Make A Big Difference, And The Bottom Line Of How Much Ewe Going To Pay At The He Wanted Of The Year To Live In Lee County Or Anywhere Else In The State Of Florida. We're Pushing Really Hard On That. We Ask That They Let Us Give Input Earlier Rather Than Later On That Subject. We Talked About Transportation, And We Have Made Some Progress, Actually, In The Last Couple Of Years. With The Subject Of Growth And Funding, Which This Board Has Set Policy On That Has Been Fruitful For Us, And We Have Asked The Federal Dollars That Will Coming Down, Not Necessarily To Increase The Amount Of Money That They're Bringing But To Reprioritize It. We Ask Them To Take A Look At Two Factors. One Of Them Would Be High Growth Areas, Which Certainly We Qualify

For That. Then One To Participate Financially. If We Take Those Two Factors That Maybe We Would Get Some Of Those Dollars. Point Being, If They Spend \$100 Million, They Get \$100 Million Product Right Now. If They Participate, They Spend \$100 Million. They Get A \$200 Million Product Out Of It. It's Pretty Well Received. The Tiger Grants Has Been Reworded I Think Somewhat. Haven't Passed That Yet. We Ask Them To Broaden That So That It Would Include The Rest Of Them, And Then Last But Not Least Water Quality. We Did Meet With The Congress. Congressman And Senators On This, And Then We Also Had A Chance To Meet With The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers, And I Thought That Was A Pretty Good Meeting. Pretty Much What We Have Come Down Was Just Some Of The Details Of The Things That They Are Working For. They've Got A 20-Year Program. The First Big Challenge, I Think, Is Herbert Hoover, Which Is 2024 Before It's Going To Be Complete. They Talked About Three Different Intermediate Projects. In The Meantime, Two Of Them Are Sending Water South, And Then The Last One Was C-43, And We Strongly Suggested That They Include A Water Quality Component In That Project Because There's Not One Now. So They Took Notes On That. I Would Say Probably -- Then We Talked About The Local Projects That We're Doing Here Locally. They Are Pretty Extensive As Well. One Of The Things That I'm Hopeful For Is That We Might Construct Kind Of A Town Hall Meeting. They Were Vulnerable To Coming Down. The Core Of Engineers And Actually Having A Discussion And An Open Forum With The Citizens And Local Experts And Talk About What The Expectations Are, Where The Money Has Been Spent, How It's Been Spent. Everything That They're Doing Is Contingent On Budget, Which Gets Set Every Year, So Their Projects Move Year To Year Like Ours Do. Do You Want To Add Anything To That? It Was A Great -- The Chairman And I I Think We Had A Good Time There Talking To A Lot Of People. We Put Some Miles On Our.

Frank Mann: I Wouldn't Call It A Good Time, But It Was Productive. Thank You For That Report, Mr. Kiker. For Certain, This Is -- I Will Confess That I Was A Bit Of A Skeptic As To The Value Of Hiring A Federal Lobbyist. Oftentimes The United States Congress Is So Insulated And Isolated To Use Those Two Terms Certainly To Describe The Corps Of Engineers, But We Are Regarding The Meeting With The Corps. I Was Stunned, Shocked, And Pleased At The Reception That We Got There, And At The Knowledge Displayed By Those Top Level Officials About The Specifics Of Our Challenges Here. They Spoke The Tongue Fluently, And They've Got A Plan. They're Coordinated Better Than I Think They've Ever Been With The Wealth Management District And The Florida Legislature For That Matter. The Skepticism Is Gone. I Have Great Confidence And The Ferguson Team That We've Hired That We're Working With, They Were Also Very Knowledgeable. Each Member Of That Team Was. Commissioner Kiker, I Just -- He Was Our Junkyard Dog, But He Was Very Diplomatic About It. It Was Outstanding Meeting. We're Going To Have A Little Written Report That We're Going To Submit Hopefully That The Press May Be Able To Share With The World. Further Comments?

Larry Kiker: Thank You.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You For Going Up There. What Did You Learn And What Are They Looking To Actually Do So We're All Working Together? There Are People Out There Active. They

Have No Other Answer. Obviously That's Not The Final Answer. What Are They Looking At Doing? What's The Long-Term In Repairing The --

Larry Kiker: Maybe Along That Line We Had A Couple Of Directional Questions, If You Will. One Of Them Was Aimed At U.S. Sugar. One Of Them Was Aimed At Buying Property South In The Everglades. For The Most Part What We Found Is They're Very Focused On The Projects That Were -- That Is Part Of This 20-Year Plan, And They Don't See Outside Of That. They Don't Speak Big Sugar, And They Don't Speak About Land Purchases. Probably In That Respect Only Thing That They Had A Concern With Is That Those Types Of Initiatives Would Be, In Addition To The Work That They're Doing. They Didn't See That As Contradicting Each Other At All, Although, Again, We Have To Talk About Budget And Dollars And How Much Is Left To Spend On These Projects. Their Biggest Concern Was To Make Sure That The Projects Were Authorized And Funded On An Annual Basis, And All Of Those Other Things Are Outside Of Their Jurisdiction Or Their Concerns. They're Really Focused On The 20-Year Programs.

Yeah.

Thank You. I Can Understand. We Hear The Same Critics. There's Water Going South To Different Dikes. You Definitely Don't Want To Send It To Agricultural Lands. They're Working And Bringing --

I Think That's Going To Be -- I Look Forward To That Probably The Most Like Our Chairman Said, These Folks Are Very Fluent, And Our Specific Projects In Southwest Florida. They Do Understand Water Flow, Where It's Going, The East Side, The West Side, All That Works Together. Paramount To Them Is Public Safety, And They Have To Keep A Steady Eye On That. That's Going To Be Their Number One Goal. Short Of That, They're Ready To Fix This Problem. It Looks Like It's Going To Take A Few Years, And So We Need To Set Expectations So People Understand That.

Here In January Like They Did In Texas Last Week, You See What Happens With Good Water Management. Florida Did A Good Job Managing The Water, And Lee County Has Done A Good Job. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Let Me Just Add My Perspective Of What I Heard As Far As Water Going South. Even The Policy Adopted By The County Here Says That We Would Like To Be Able To Consider Proposals For Additional Water Going South, But We Know That Has To Be Clean Water, And We Know That It's Horribly Expensive, And When We Are Talking About Our Congressman, He Made It Very Clear, And He Has Made It Very Clear Many Times That He Is In Favor Of More Water South. Frankly, I Haven't Heard A Whole Lot Of People That Don't Think That's A Good Idea Long-Term. We Have An Enormous Amount Of Activity And Commitments Going Underway Right Now To The Tune Of \$1 Billion. Give Or Take \$100 Million. \$1 Billion. Those Are All Going To Contribute To The Welfare Of The Whole Water System Coming Down From Kissimmee All The Way Down. There's So Much To Say Grace Over There. They Just Kind Of Got The Southern Discussion On A Sideline. Nobody Is Saying Let's Do It Tomorrow. They're Not Saying Let's Don't Consider It As We Move Forward, But There's So Much To Do Now. Even If They Say Tomorrow

We're Going To Send It South, We Don't Have The Money To Do That, And The Important Things Were Already Undertaken. It's Just A Different Way Of Looking At That Discussion. With That --

Frank Mann: For Those Observing On Tv Or Your Computers, Two Of The County Commissioners Serve On What We Call The Regional Planning Council. That's Where Six Of The Southwest Florida Counties Get Together And Discuss Developments And Project That Is Could Impact Each Other, So That We Can All Work Together And Don't Surprise One Another. There's Been An Ongoing Discussion About Who Pays For The Administrative Costs Of The Regional Planning Council. The County Pays A Pretty Good Chunk, The Lion's Share. The Cities Participate In Some Happen Hazard Fashion. It's Not Consistent In What Lee County Does Or What Sarasota County Does, What Sawyer Or -- No Two People Seem To Be -- Groups Seem To Be Doing The Same. A Councilmember From Cape Coral Brought Up The Issue And Wanted To Discuss What We Had Our Staff Out There At The Last Meeting, And Then He Got Sick And Couldn't Be There. It Kind Of Went Nowhere. The Issue Is Still Dangling Out There. I Asked Roger Yesterday If He Could Have Dave Rutland Who Has Fathered This Issue Or Followed It.

I Think Dave Can Help Us With This Conversation, Commissioner, Because The -- One Of The Things The Rpc, Administrative Staff Asked Is For You All To Come Back And Check In With Your Colleagues About Costs And Who Pays And It's A Fairly Complex Issue. I Think Dave Can Do It Justice In A Fairly Short --

Frank Mann: Michael Jacob, Are You Still Here? He May Be Standing By For Help. Dave, You Can Start Kicking It Off. I Had Gotten A Briefing From Mr. Jacob About The Legalities That Are Tangled Up Here Because We're Playing Under Three Sets Of Rules. One Is The State Law Says Certain Things. The State's Administrative Code Says Certain Things. And The Bylaws Of The Regional Playing Council Say Some Certain Things, And They're Not Necessarily Consistent At All. We're Not Sure Who Is Indeed Responsible. Could You Help Us Brief Us Here. What We Ultimately Do Requires All Five Of Us To Come To Some Consensus Or At Least Three Of Us. Not Just The Two Of Us That Are Attending The Rpc Meetings. Thank You, Dave. Go Ahead.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Dave, Community Development. Michael Has Actually Done A Pretty Extensive Outline Of Those Various Issues That You Just Mentioned. The Different Rules And How They Apply In A Memo Back In December. The Regional Council Was Considering Some Modifications To Their Operating Rules And The Membership Agreements In Proposing Something Different. We Can Certainly Pull All The Information Together As To How The Cities Are Dealt With In The Membership Process. Right Now For Lee County, Lee County Government Is Saying Almost \$100,000 A Year In Membership Dues. The County's Payment And The Way The Rules Are Set Up Under The Administrative Code At Least Is Supposed To Cover At Least One City. Right Now That's Cape Coral. Four Of The Other Cities Have Chosen To Pay Their Dues And Be Members As Well To Have A Seat At The Table So The County Is Not Paying For Their Seat. Estaro Is Not Currently A Member. As You Mentioned, Other Counties Seem To Be Doing It Differently. We Would Like An Opportunity To Do Some Research And Report Back To You On Not Only How It's Handled Throughout The Planning Commission Or Six-County Region, But

Maybe Look At How Some Other Regional Councils Around The State, How That Membership Is Set Up And Is Established And Report Back To You On A -- With A Recommendation On How We Think It Should Be Handled In A Way That's Fair For The County And For The Cities.

Frank Mann: Frankly, I Told This To Mr. Desjarlais Yesterday, That's What I Need, And I Think I Can Speak For The Council On This Because It Is So Confusing With The Duplication Of Standards That Sometimes Say Things That Are Almost 180 Degrees Apart. I Asked Roger If We Can Do A Study Of What The Other Counties Are Doing In Our Regional Planning Council. If We Go To The Rest Of Them, I Don't Know How The Other Rpc's, Whether They're Getting Through. At Least Let's Have An Understanding Of How The Other Counties Are Approaching This. I Know When This Comes Up Again, We'll Have Some Understanding And Hopefully A Consensus, So How Much Time Do You Think It Will Take You Guys To Kick This Around?

We Might Have Some Information That We Can Report Back For The Next Board Meeting In Two Weeks. If Not, It Will Be After The Break We'll Be Able To Report Back In August For Sure.

To The Extent You Can And I Forgot -- I Don't Know The Date Of The Next Rpc.

We'll Be There For The 16th.

It Will Be For That. Is That Pushing It Probably For A Response From You Guys Prior To The 16th?

Cecil Pendergrass: Prior To The Rpc Meeting On The 16th?

Frank Mann: A Personal Briefing To The Two Members Of The Rpc. Let's See How Far You Get.

Other Counties Are The Region Pay Or Other Rpc Counties Throughout The State? What Are We Researching? The Other Counties In Our Rpc Are Paying The Same As We Are. It's Based On Population. Sawyer, Charlotte They're Paying That, Correct? The Question That's Posed To The Last Rpc Meeting Is Leave It As It Is Now Where We Pay Cape Coral They're Getting A Free Ride, And They Opted Not To Pay, Or We Don't Pay At All And Other Cities Pay, Or All The Cities Pay With The Counties Contributing. That Was What The Question Was Posed To Us. The Board Meeting Was Those Were Three Options That Were Asked To Go Back To Our Council.

Frank Mann: You're Going To Try To Come Up With A Recommendation.

Correct.

Frank Mann: For One Of Those Options.

If We're Able To Identify Additional Options, Like Suggested To The Region A.M. -- Regional Bank, We Might Do That As Well.

We Would Be Able To Meet Again Before The Rpc Meeting, So We Won't Know What To Tell The Rc.

Frank Mann: Not Sure They'll Hold Off Any Action If We Ask That We're Still Working On This. That Would Be My Suggestion To The Treasurer And The Chairman.

The City Has More Seats At The Table And They Vote Not To Pay At All, Then We'll Be Outnumbered Them.

Frank Mann: That Would Be An Unfair Approach By Them To Even Take That Up And Try To Beat Us To The Punch. We Don't Work That Way. We All Love One Another. Trust One Another. Let's Pray That All Goes Well. They'll Delay Any Final Decision Until We've Had An Opportunity To Review It Totally. Thank You. Okay. That Covers Commissioner Items. Commissioner, County Manager Items.

Thank You, Mr. Chair. A Reminder This Afternoon At 1:30 We Have A Work Session To Review The First Full Draft Of The Fiscal Year 16-17 Continuation Budget. Format Will Be Similar To Those Of The Past Couple Of Years. I Don't Think It Will Be A Long Afternoon. The Other Thing -- It's Not Rescheduled, But We Would Like To Do Is Give The Board An Update On The Babcock Ranch And The Developer That's Making A Potential Offer To Donate Land So That We Might Develop A Sports Complex On That Donated Land. We Can Analyze The Entire Issue. It's Really Not Time For A Memorandum Of Understanding Or Any Kind Of Agreement At This Point, But We'll Go Through It With You In Some Detail And Hopefully Give You A Level Of Comfort Necessary To Make Decisions In The Future.

Frank Mann: And You're Going To Touch On This Again This Afternoon?

Frank Mann: That Brings Us To The Prior Number --

Frank Mann: Hi, Gene Jane.

Hi. Good Morning. Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak. The Resolution That We Have Been Asking For Is A Symbolic Resolution Opposing The Florida Bear Hunt. It Urges The Fwc To Reinstate The Prohibition On Hunting Of The Florida Black Bears That's Been In Place Prior To The October Hunt. I'm Sure You Already Know That The Overwhelming Majority Of Floridians Are Against The Hunt. Local Governments Do Not Have Control Over What The Fwc Does, But The Fwc Needs To Hear That Our Communities Do Not Want Our Florida Black Bears Killed. The Bears Killed In The 2015 Hunt Were Not Nursing That Had Been Roaming In Residential Neighborhoods. They Were The Innocent Timid Ones Minding Their Own Business In The Forest. Just Five Bears Out Of The 304 Were Tagged Or Tattooed As Conflict Bears. Black Bears Breed On Every Two Years. They Are One Of About 100 Mammals. They Have A Unique Reproduction Known As Embrioni -- Delayed Implantation. The Egg Is Fertilized In The Summer And Does Not Implant Until The Winter. The Mother Bear Needs To Have Eaten Enough Food Over The Summer In Full To Get Her Through The Denning Period. If The Mother Is In Poor Condition Or Does Not Have Enough Fat Stored To Support The Pregnancy, The Female Will Miscarry Or The Fertilized Egg Will Be Reabsorbed. This Prevents The Female From Producing More Cubs Than She Can Handle During Periodic Food Shortages. It's Nature's Way Of Keeping The Bear Population In Check. However, Intentional Or

Unintentional Feeding Of Our Florida Black Bears By Humans Upsets This Natural Balance. Bears Don't Need Population Control. Bears Need Attraction Control. Instead Of Another Bear Hunt, We Need Beefed Up Enforcement And Stiffer Fines For People That Feed Bears Directly Or Leave Attractions Such As Unsecure Trash, Bird Feeders, Fallen Fruit, Or Pet Food Acceptable To Bears. In 2015 304 Bears Were Killed In The Hunt. 204 Killed By Vehicles. 129 Bears -- Conflict Bears Killed By The Fwc. Total Bears Killed In 2015 676. I Ask You What Was The Point Of Bringing Florida Black Bears Back From Extinction If Hunters Were Going To Start Killing Them Again? How Can We Help You Save The Wildlife? Commissioner Bergeron, Who Voted Against The Hunt, Answered, "If We Take Care Of The Environment, The Wildlife Will Take Care Of Itself." Just Yesterday The Florida Wildlife Federation Whose Membership Includes A Great Number Of Hunters Had Stepped Up Opposition To The 2016 Bear Hunt. We Respectfully Request Lee County To Be Added To The Growing Number Of Cities And Counties That Adopt The Resolution Opposed To The Bear Hunt.

Also, We'll Try To Do All These In Order On The Bear Issue. Ms. Herring. Kay Herring.

My Name Is Kay Herring. I Thank You For Allowing Me To Speak Today.

Frank Mann: Welcome Back.

It's Dear To My Heart. In The Trust Document Without Conservation Informed By Public Trust Thinking, Predator Populations Will Face Repeated Cycles Of Eradication And Recovery. This Is Not Conservation. This Is Simply Saving Them To Kill Them Again. Fwc Over And Over Talks About Harvesting Renewable Resources. Our Bears Are Living Creatures. They're Not Renewable Resources. The Bear Is Gone. It's Gone. The Fwc Would Have The Public Believe That These Nonaggressive Bears Are Going To Eat Your Children. The Fwc Tried To Scare The Public That They Are Vicious And Aggressive. Why Then Can You Go Into The Smoky Mountains Any Day And Every Day That People Walk, Hike, Photograph, Camp Amongst These Same Black Bears Without Incident? Fwc Says That People That Go There Are Informed That Bears Live There. Well, Then We Need To Educate The People Here Of This. If They're Going To Build Their Home In A Bear Area, They Need To Learn About Bears. The Bears Do Exist, And They Should Exist. They Have A Right To Exist. There Should Be A Disclosure With People Buying Into These Homes. There Are Bears In The Area. Trash Is The Human Created Conflict, And It Can Be Stopped By The Use Of Bear Resistant Trash Cans. The Fwc Has Admitted That There's Never Been An Unprovoked Attack In Florida By A Black Bear. Fwc Has Offered Funding For Bear Resistant Trash Cans In 14 Of The Counties In Florida With Nuisance Calls. Lee County Is One Of Those. Bear Resistant Trash Cans Can Relieve That. We Sign A Resolution That Says Lee County Does Not Support A Bear Hunt When Compassionate Conservative Alternative Measures Are Available And A Better Solution Than Death To The Bears. The Fwc Has Stated When Asked About Sterilization, A Temporary Form Of Birth Control, They Said It Wouldn't Be Effective Because You Can't Tell From A Distance Whether The Bear Is Male Or Female. This Is Biological Ignorance. Grown Male Bears Never Ever Walk With The Cubs. They Don't. Only The Female Raises The Cubs. We Sign A Resolution As Hillsboro County And St. Pete City Has Recently Done There Past Week That Says They Don't Want Bear Hunts In Their Area. We Believe We Have An Opportunity To Speak For

What Is Right We Have To Also Speak When It Is Wrong. When We Watch In Silence, It's To Help The Innocent. We Are As Guilty As The Ones That Committed The Wrong It Does Take Courage To Stand Up For The Citizens And The Bears. Without It, Those Bears Have No Voice.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Ms. Herring. Your Time Has Expired. Appreciate You Coming Back.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Linda Wood.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Thank You For This Opportunity. The Fwc And Nra Are Using Fear As A Campaign To Justify Another Bear Hunt In Florida Without Any Valid Scientific Facts To Back It Up. Even The Florida Wildlife Federation Says They Want The Hunt Delayed Until True Scientific Studies Can Be Done. According To Dave With The Fwc There Have Been 16 People Injured By Bears In Florida Since 1976. Almost Half Of The Cases Involve Someone Intentionally Interacting With A Bear, Such As Hand Feeding It Or Hitting It. 80% Of These Interactions Resulted In Minor Or Moderate Injuries To People And 20% Have Been Serious. There Have Been No Reported Deaths. Not One. There Are Ways To Live Peacefully With Our Beloved Bears Without Bloodshed. Laws Regarding Bear Proof Trash Cans And Removing Bear Attractants Have Been Known To Work. Killing Should Never Be A First Resort. Especially When There Are So Many Other Solutions. I Know We Have Called On You Prior, And Although I Have Heard It Said From At Least Two Of You That You Do Oppose The Slaughter, You're Still On The Link To Put Says On The Agenda And Allow A Vote. We Understand That It May Not Impact The Fwc's Decision, But It Will Say Publicly Where You Stand And Your Opposition Does Send A Message To The Fwc And Your Constituents As Well. Many Of Us Feel That You Are Not Representing Us Fairly Due To An Unwritten Deal You Have With The Fwc. How Are We Supposed To Trust The People That Are Elected To Represent Us When They Won't Even Speak Up For What They, Themselves, Believe In? We Are Asking Once Again You Reconsider In Joining The Many Commissioners And City Officials That Have Already Signed And Passed A Resolution. If Any One Of You Truly Opposes This Massacre And It Is A Massacre, I Implore You To Do The Right Thing And Let It Be Known. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Ms. Wood.

How Are You Doing? Thank You For The Opportunity To Address You Again. My Name Is Steve Gafford, A Life-Long Resident Of Florida, Third Generation. I Was Born Here And Lived Here All My Life. I'm An Outdoorsman. I'm A Sportsman. I'm A Lover Of Wildlife And All Animals Really. Not Really Much Of A Public Speaker. I Don't Get Out In The Woods Much, But Sometimes Something Comes Up That's Just Too Important To Sit On. This Is One Of Those Things For Me. That's Why I'm Here Today. We Spoke I Think It's About A Month Ago We Were Here Before You With The Same Issue, And I'm Back Today Because I Left Here With The Distinct Impression That We Didn't Completely Impress Upon You The Nuances Of Our Dilemma. Our Dilemma Is That We Know That The Fwc Has The Jurisdiction. We Know That You Don't Actually Have Control Over Whether Bears Get Hunted And Killed Or Not. We Were Told By Staff That There Are Other

Agencies That Handle That. We Were Told That We Should Maybe Apply To This Department Or That Department And That You Don't Have The Authority And The Jurisdiction. Well, Trust Me When I Tell You We Are Well Aware That There Are Other Agencies That There Are Other Places We Can Turn For Help. We Didn't Just Wake Up This Morning And Say, Oh, Let's Go To Our County Commissioners. They Can Make This Stop. That's Not What This Is About. This Is About People Joining Together And Adding Their Voices Together To An Agency Who Is Already Biassed And Decided That There's Going To Be A Hunt. The Fwc Is Comprised Mostly Of Hunters. They Are Biassed Toward The Hunt. They Serve Hunters To A Greater Degree Than They Serve Other Residents, Voters, And Citizens Of Our State. When We Need Help From Every Government Agency We Can Get Help From To Speak Up Against Killing These Bears. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Gafford. We Try Not To Vote Based On -- If You Can Kind Of Hold It -- Thank You All For Being Here This Morning. I Don't Frankly Know What To Do With This. I Don't Want To Just Leave It Hanging And Say, Okay, We've Heard You, Now Go Away, And We'll Ignore You Or We Suddenly You Might Appear On The Agenda Again. I Would Ask My Colleagues -- It Seems To Me, If I Recall When They All Were Here A Month Ago, Whenever It Was, That What Little Discussion We Had Seemed To Be Based On The Fact That It Is A Game And Fish Department That Does This. I Think Although There Was Some Thought That There Was Think There Was? Sympathy For Your Position, There Wasn't A Consensus Of A Majority Of Us That We Wanted To Get Involved In The Issue At That Time. Am I Saying That Right, Or Can Somebody Help Me Here? If There's Folks That Would Like To Entertain A Blue Sheet Item Where We Would Put On It The Little Proposed Resolution That They're Discuss, I Would Like To Get On With This Or Off With It So They Don't Have To Waste Their Time Coming Back. Would Anybody Want To Share A Thought? Can I Put You On The Spot? I Think I Have Said I Would Support It, What They're Asking For. And There May Have Been One Other, But I Didn't See Any Movement Toward Us Getting Involved In The Issue Before. If I Don't Hear Anything Today, It I Think We've Made Our Best Shot And We'll Get On Down The Road. You've Made Your Best Shot.

We Have An Unwritten Deal With The Fwc, Do We Have Anything With -- Any Local Agreements With Fwc? We Have No Interaction With Fwc, Correct?

Brian Hamman: Nothing That I'm Aware Of.

Cecil Pendergrass: A Comment Was Made About That. The Senators Who Have Authority Over Fwc, That Was -- The Issue Would Be Going To The State Representatives Who Have Authority And Power Over Fwc, And An Executive Cabinet Too. I Just Want To Make Sure There's Nothing We're Missing Here As Far As Fwc.

Frank Mann: I Don't Know If There's A Question Of That. I Have Some Understanding Of It. The Fwc Is -- Correct Me If I'm Wrong -- It's A Constitutionally Designated State Agency. Their Budget May Be Under The Scrutiny Of The Legislature, But They Don't Respond. They Make The Rules And Regulations, And In This Case Bear Hunts. Not The Legislature, Although I'm Sure If You All Are

Approaching Individual Legislatures That They Play In The Same Arena In Tallahassee, So That Would Probably Be A Good Suggestion As To Where To Take Your Suggestions. When They Hear From The Legislature Who Adopts Their Budget, That Has A Hammer. We Don't Have A Hammer. Commissioner Manning.

John Manning: That's What I Was Going To Suggest Because The Legislative Delegation In Lee County Could Play A Major Part In Moving That Issue Forward. I Don't See What We Can Do. I Favor What Commissioner Pendergrass Said As Far As Individually Contacting The Legislative Delegation. I Will Be Happy To Do That, But The Chairman Controls To A Certain Extent The Agenda, So If The Chairman Wants To Bring Forward Some Kind Of A Letter Or A Resolution, That's Up To The Chair.

Frank Mann: Well, I Don't Think I Have Any More Authority Than Anybody Else. If Somebody Wants To Do That If Somebody Wants To Do That. I Was Trying To See If We Could Speed Things Along By Seeing If We Get Any Three Heads Nodding At The Same Time. Other Commissioners Care To Speak On This?

Brian Hamman: I'll Reiterate What I Said About A Month Ago. I Don't Know That It's Our Job To Get Involved In This Fight. We Certainly Have A Lot Of Issues In Front Of Us. One Of Them Today That We Talked About Was With The Solid Waste Increase. Later We're Going To Go Talk About The Budget, And I Think We Have A Lot Of Looks To Do To Get A Budget That -- We Have A Lot On Our Plate Right Now Dealing With What The Citizens Of Lee County Do. I Don't Think It's Our Job To Get Involved In This Fight. The Other Thing That Kind Of Skims Me From Getting Involved Is Some Of The Accusations. That Was Kind Of Outrageous. Commissioners, Do You Have An Unwritten Deal With The Fwc, I Mean? I Don't Want To Jump On With A Group That's Going To Make Weird Accusations -- Unless I Have Proof That Somebody Is Doing Something Illegal, I'm Not Going To Make Wild Accusations And It's Just -- Hasn't Pushed Me Towards Wanting To Get Involved In The Fight.

Well, I Think We've Heard You Guys This Morning. Thank You Very Much For Your Persistence On This, But For Now This Discussion Is At An End. I Have Other People Who Are Here To Speak. Peter Shore. Was That Somewhere Close? Peter? The Last Name Junior? Perfect. Well, Tschora.

Good Morning, Commissioners. My Name Is Peter Tschora, I'm The Manager At The -- Golf And Country Club. Let Me Thank The County Commissioners For I Think Finding The Right Word. I Think It's Going To Increase It From Rpc. Commissioner Pendergrass Said We Have Two Months Ago To Make It From The D.O.T. About Three And A Half Months Ago. We Have No Intention On Trying To Stop This -- I Think It Adds Some Benefit To Our Member Hit. Commissioner Pendergrass, We Want To Try To Get An Open -- And Try To Raise Some Of The Issues Which Are Concerning Which The Noise And Safety Concerns As Mr. -- Commissioner Pendergrass On Our Eastbound Reliance. We Have A Little Bit Of An Intersection Issue From The Maintenance Facility Which We Spoke About. I'm Sure They Can Take A Look At. We Have Some Questions About The Surface Water Resinges Ponds Which Will Be Not In The Extension Around The Great Harvest And The

Water Table And Things Like That. They're Too Complicated For Me To Think. We Have To Ask Our Members Not To Say We Want To Stop The Project. We Know It's Going To Happen. We Can Get Protect Our Members. Thank You.

Thank You, Peter.

Jerry French. You'll Be Followed By Michael White. You Want To -- Michael Moved Towards The Front. --

Thank You Very Much, Commissioners, For Your Time And Attention. My Name Is Gary French. I'm Living On 66 Boulevard. Also, I'm The Current Board President. I'm Here For A Couple Of Reasons Today. It May Have On Our Residents And Probably Another Concern Is That With That Direct Communication And, Of Course, Written Communication To This Board With No Response. I Was Completely Surprised To Hear That Commissioner Pendergrass That You Talked To A Lot Of People. You May Recall That You Have About 370 Letters From The Residents. There Are Only 570 -- Or 561 Doors. You Got A Number Of Those People. I'm Not Sure Who You Talked To, But You Did Not Talk To Me As The President. Just To Make The Record Straight On That. There Are Many People, Sadly, Who Have Talked To Me About The Parkway, And They Don't Quite Understand The Need Or The Expense, But I'm Going To Say Personally And I Think For The Most Of The People In Old Hickory, We're Not Opposing Three Oaks Parkway. That Is Not Our Intent. Our Intent Simply Is For This Board To Consider The Implications Or Ramifications Of The Three Oaks Park Would Have On Us, And, Of Course, Our Property Values. Very Simply, Our Concerns Are This. The Security On The Eastern Boundary, Which Cecil Talked To. There's A Vegetation Buffer That's Going To Go Away When That Happens, And That's Going To Make For A Little Bit Of A Hassle For Security. The Noise On Eastern Boundary Also Is Going To Be A Problem As The Vegetation Will Be Reduced Considerably By The Three Oaks Parkway Extension.

Again, It Will Exacerbate The Noise And Security Issues. As Peter Mentioned, The Proposed -- The Trail Going By Our Maintenance Facility Will Affect Our Ingress-Egress, And Then Lastly, But Not Least, The Significant Impact In An Already Dangerous Intersection Is Daniels And Fiddlesticks. There's Almost An Accident Every Month On That Intersection. Certainly You Go There Today, And That's When All The Snowbirds Have Left. If You Want To Drop By, Spend A Little Extra Time On The Road, Come On Over There And See Us, In January And February. What Are We Asking? First Of All, We're Asking This Commissioner, This Board To Communicate With Us. That's All We Really Want. We Haven't Heard Anything. Then To Consider An Appropriate Buffer To The Eastern Boundary, To Consider Alternative Rooting Of Indian Pony Near The Maintenance Facility, And Ultimately To Consider An Alternate Route To The Three Oak Parkway Connection To Fiddlesticks Road. Thank You Very Much For Your Time.

Thank You. Thank You, Mr. French. If I Could, Weren't You Here When We Met People With Fiddlesticks.

Yes, I Was.

I Think You Were At That Meeting On April 4th.

We're Not Trying To Make A Mess Of This. I Think You Probably Got The Letter That I Sent To The Members Because I Sent A Letter To Our Members Asking To Write A Letter To You. Primarily Because We Hadn't Heard Anything, And In That Letter I Was Very Clear To Them. Three Oaks Parkway Is Going Through. Make No Mistake About It. Nobody Needs To Fight This, And Some People Would Like To. It's Not Going To Happen. We Know It. In Our Meeting, A Month Ago, I Thought The Intention Was That You Were Going To Give Back To Us. We've Heard Nothing. When You Don't Hear Anything, What Are You Going To Do? You Got To Stand Up. Apologize For That, But That's Why We're Here.

Frank Mann: Now, Michael White Also On Old Hickory And Three Oaks.

Hopefully We Can Get Some Input Into What's Going On. Thank You For Your Time.

Thank You, Mr. White. Thank You All Of Y'all For Being Here This Morning On Behalf Of Your Community. All Government Is Local As One Smarter Than I Once Said. Carrie Constantine. We Have A Different Subject Involving The Homeless, I Believe. Good Morning.

Good Morning.

My Name Is Carrie Constantine. I'm The Co-Founder Of A Local Nonprofit And A Local Business Owner And Real Estate Broker. I Have Seen Firsthand That Our Resources For Our Homeless And Our Community Are Scarce And Pretty Appalling At Times. For Example, The Lee County School District Reported To Have 1,2292 Students Labelled As Homeless In The Lee County Schools Over This Last Year. Our Area Shelters Are Always Full, And Our Housing Funds Are Currently Spent. I Don't Know How Anyone Who Qualified Nor For A Home Using Ship Funds. We Have A Perpetual Waiting List For Section 8 Housing, While Funds And Resources That Should Be Going Towards The Program Are Mismanaged At Best. We've Heard, You Know -- Funds Being Embezzled And Absconded By Folks That Are Supposed To Be Managing The Program.

Of That \$1.3 Went To Rapid Rehousing. Are We Relying On The Salvation Army To Solve Our Local Affordable Housing Issues? Ten Years Ago A Plan -- I Guess Eight Years Ago There Was A Ten-Year Plan Written To Address Homeless Issues In Our County, And I Don't Think We've Gotten Very Far In Eight Years. I'm Just Asking That We -- We Had Renewed Interest In Having Those Who Really Need Help In Our Local Community.

We Normally Here Try To Let The Public Say What's Ever On Their Heart And Mind And Give You The Benefit Of The Doubt And All The Time You Need Up To Three Minutes, And We Try Not To Get In Too Much Of A Dialogue Here As A Rule, But When You Mention -- I Maybe Misunderstood Some Of It, That There Was Some Allegations Of Illegalities Involved With The County --

No, No. Just -- In The News Press Over The Weekend. It's With Fort Myers With The Housing Board. It Doesn't Pertain To You All.

Frank Mann: All Right. I Just -- I Wanted To Clarify.

It's Another Avenue That --

Frank Mann: Well, Thank You For Your Heart And Your Caring.

Did You Ever Get A Chance To Meet With Janet From The Homeless Coalition.

I Have Spoken With Janet, And I Just Think That She Might Be A Little Bit Limited In What She Can Do.

Brian Hamman: Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You Again, Ms. Constantine. You'll Be Followed By Lucy Absato. Lucy, If You Want To Come Up Here And Be In The Jump Seat For Next.

Good Morning. Thank You. I'm Drew Broderick, Founder And Ceo Of Showers For Homeless, Fort Myers. Myself, I'm A Homeless Man. Been Homeless For Over Seven Years. I Work Full-Time At A Highly Skilled Job. Yet, I Cannot Afford To Rent Or Buy Anywhere In Lee County. There Is Zero Affordable Housing Here. There Are Lots Of Solutions. I'm Involved In Several Groups And Think Tanks That Have Done Extensive Research On What Other Cities Have Done For Affordable Housing, And There Are Solutions. As A Libertarian, I'm Mostly For Privateized Solutions, And Those Are The Groups That I Am Involved In. Privatize. There Are Solutions We Need Changes In Zoning Codes And Variances. In Lee County We Have Over 50% Of Our Incomes Are Less Than \$27,000 A Year, And Over 70% Of Our Incomes Are Less Than \$50,000 A Year, And It Now Takes \$46,000 A Year For Single Parent Of One Child To Be Self-Sufficient. So That's Well Over 300,000 People In Lee County That Are In Deep Poverty With No Hope For Making Ends Meet. I Would Like To Invite You Guys To Maybe Have A Private Meeting Because I Know We Don't Have Time To Discuss All The Solutions Here Right Now, But We Could Have A Private Meeting. I'm Confident That The City -- Or The County And The Residents Can Work Together To Solve These Problems And Help Out On Crime And Lots Of Other Problems In The Community As Well. I Don't Think We Can Wait Another Day To Get This Started. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Broderick. Lucy.

How Are You? I Think I Actually Spoke With You One Time At Kwanis. I Am From Love And Light Minimum Industries In North Fort Myers, And We Operate What's Called The Tower House Love Which -- Like Carrie Said And Drew, I Have An Overwhelming Cry For Us To Step On Some Moral Level To Help Our Children Specifically That Are Homeless Right Now. There Is So Many Individuals Coming Through On A Regular Basis At The Ministry Where I Am And The Need Is So Great Right Now It's Overwhelming. We're Having To, You Know -- There's No Room At The Inn, If That Makes Sense. We're Supposed To Have X Amount Of Shelter Beds In Lee County. Unless --

I'm Not Putting Anybody Down Either, But Unless There Is -- The Children Are Slipping Through The Cracks Here. I Help With This, And I Help Recovering Addicts Every Day. That's What I Do. I'm Watching Babies Be Misplaced. They're Sleeping In Cars. They're Sleeping In Tents. When I Have A Family Of Five Asking Me For A Tent And I Don't Even Have Enough Tents To Give Them, There's Something Going Wrong. There's Something Wrong Somewhere. The Waiting List At Different Agencies, Different Agencies I Won't Call By Name, Is Not Available. You Call The Homeless Coalition, You Get An Answering Machine. Maybe Janet's Hands Are Tied. Like Janice Said. There's So Much Need, And Right Here In Lee County, If We Don't Do Something, It's Going To Continue To Escalate. I'm Bathing Kids In A Sink At The Warehouse So That They Can Go To School With A Bath. Makes No Sense To Me. When We Have Shelters That Should Be Able To Take Them In, And Then We Have Empty Properties Here In Lee County. Why Can't We Utilize These And Do Something For Transitional Housing? There's Got To Be Something We Can Do. I'm Asking You If You Can Try To Figure Out A Way To Help Me, Years Ago I Actually Brought That Up To You, And I Called Your Secretary. She Never Called Me Back. I'm Just Talking, And I'm Not -- This Political Stuff, I'm Really Not Good At It. What I'm Good At Is Loving People And Helping Them. That's All I Know How To Do, And If It Would -- You Would Be So Inclined To Try To Join Me - - We Could Unite And Do Something To Make Some Kind Of Difference. I Know My Time Is Up, But Short Of Putting The Mother In -- You Guys Think That Doesn't Go On. People -- Now We're Being Abused.

Let Me Ask Staff Here. Have We Had Any Communications With These Three Advocates This Morning Or Can We --

Mr. Chair. Roger Mercado, Who Is The New Human Services Director Did Reach Out With Carrie Constantine Yesterday, I Believe, And I Know That They Were Working -- Staff Is Working To Set Up Some Additional Times To Continue The Conversation.

Frank Mann: Let's Hope That Is Productive. We Appreciate You Being Here This Morning And Appreciate What You Are Doing.

Thank You, Frank.

Frank Mann: Thank You Very Much. I Think -- Are There Others That Would Like To Address Us On Any Matter Of Importance Today? Then We Are Adjourned For Now. We'll See You At The Workshop At 1:30. Thank You. Hammer.