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Frank Mann: This Morning We Are Pleased To Have From Temple Judea Rabbi Marc Sack. If You Would Please Stand And Remain Standing For The Pledge. Rabbi.

God Of All Life, Help Us Always Remember That We Are Stronger United Than We Are Divided. That We Are Stronger When We Build Bridges Than When We Build Walls. In The Season Of Political Debate Give Us The Strength To Think Before We Speak, The Insight To Choose Words That Will Bring People Together. Give All Of Us The Compassion To Lift Up Those Who Are Most Vulnerable. In All Of Our Faith Traditions, That Is What God Asks Of Us Let Us Forever Be Grateful For The Gifts And Opportunities This Country Provides Us And All The Gift That Is We Enjoy Every Day. We Give You Thanks. Amen.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Rabbi. 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, Again, Rabbi. We Have Some Happy Duties This Morning To Perform, And We Will Begin With The Paulette Burton Awards, And I Recognize Our Crack Staff To Walk Us Through This.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Rose, County Administration. It's My Honor Today To Present The 25th Annual Paulette Burton Citizen Of The Year Award. This Award Memorializes Paulette Burton Who Was A Leading Civic Activist. She Devoted An Incredible Amount Of Hours And Energy Trying To Improve The Quality Of Life In Lee County. Tragically In May Of 1991 She Died In An Automobile Accident. Her Good Friend And Fellow Activist, Steve Maxwell, Encouraged The Board Of County Commissioners To Sponsor This Award. This Year We Received Seven Nominations. The Board Appointed A Selection Advisory Committee Who Narrowed The List To The Finalists. The Selection Advisory Committee Was Comprised Of And If They Are Here Today I Would Like To Ask Them To Stand As Their Name Is Read. Melissa Kaufta, Amy Davies, Greg Makpies, William Mathis, Steve Maxwell, Holly Schwartz, And Randy Tibel. We Ask The Committee For Their Valuable Assistance With This Award. The Board Of County Commissioners Selected The Citizen Of The Year From This Committee's Finalists.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Thank You To Those That Are Watching For Making All Of This Come About.

We Are Fortunate That A Member Of The Burton Family Could Join Us And Be Part Of The Ceremony. Paulette's Daughter, Sarah Cadwell, Is Here With Us Today. At This Time I Would Like To Ask Sarah To Come Forward And Say A Few Words.

Thank You. 25 Years. It's Hard To Believe. My Mother Was The Same Age I Am Now When She Died. That's Really Hit Me This Year, And I'm So Thankful For All She Taught Me To Live With Intention, Be Bold In The Face Of Adversity, Be Responsible And Be Involved. Volunteer Your Time To Make Sure The Rights Of Those Who Can't Come And Participate In Government To Do What You Can To Insure The Rights Of Those That Need Protection, And I'm Just So Thankful That She Taught Us To Live With Confidence. That As We Look To God, We Can Have Faith That All Will Work Out For Good And That Our Government We're Thankful For Is A Free Country, And As We Do Our Part, It Will Continue To Be Free. Thank You For Each Of You That Have Given Your Time And Have Been Nominated Today For This Award In Her Honor. I Thank You So Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You. You Honor Us With Your Presence, Sarah. [ Applause ] Back To Ms. Rose.

In Front Of The Burton Family, And Last Year's Recipient To Join Them So They May Shake Hands With The Award Recipients. I Will Now Call The Runners-Up Forward To Receive Their Certificate. Gloria Rassel Tate. [ Applause ] A Cape Coral Pioneer, Gloria Rassel-Tate Has Never Hesitated To Get Involved. Whether As A Past Member Of Cape Coral City Council Or As The Lee County Tourist Development Congressional. She Has Been Honored In Professional Circles By Several Realtor Associations, Established The National Day Of Prayer Breakfast In Cape Coral And Provided Thanksgiving Meals At The Tony Rotino Senior Center. The List Is Nearly Endless, But Public Service Is The Foundation Of It All. Thank You, Gloria. Thank You, Gloria. Alice Washington-Elva. Alice's Husband, Benny Washington, Is Here Today To Accept This Award. [ Applause ] Alice Washington Was A Life-Long Community Activist Working On Behalf Of Residents In Easley County And Her Neighborhood In Particular. She Passed Away In September, And She Was A One-Person Referral Service Helping People Find The Medical Care, Disability Services, Child Care, And Other Support They Needed. She Operated The Charleston Park Community Center And Established A Food Pantry There. Even Delivering Food To Those In Need. Thank You, Benny. And The Winner Of The 2015 Paulette Burton Citizen Of The Year Award Is Tim Gardener, North Fort Myers. [ Applause ] Tim's Brother, Dusty Gardener, Is Here To Accept This Award. Tim Gardener Served North Fort Myers And Beyond As A Volunteer For Youth Sports Programs, But His Impact Went Far Beyond The Playing Field. If A Player Was Hungry Or Needed A Ride To Practice, Tim Was There. He Was Known To Drop Off Bags Of Groceries Or Clothes To Families In Need. Tim Passed Away In January Following An Auto Accident, But His Belief That Character Counts More Than The Game Score Remains An Example For All Of Us. Thank You, Dusty, And Congratulations To All. [ Applause ] Now We Will Take A Group Photo, And Dusty, If You Would Kindly Say A Few Words After.

Thank You So Much.

Thank You, Guys. [ Applause ]

Frank Mann: Sarah, Do You Have Any Closing Thoughts Or Comments? Congratulations?

Congratulations To All. It's Exciting To See People That Are Continuing To Just Give Their Time To The Community. It's So Rewarding. Thank You All.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Again, Sarah. Thank You For Your Mom And All She Meant. Yes, Sure, Of Course.

I Just Want To Thank The Councilmen For Recognizing Such Wonderful People That Have Given A Lot To The Community, And I Hope That As Many Had Known My Brother And Others Here That There Are People In The Community That Will Pick Up Their Mantle And Continue That Same Type Of Public Service. Thank You, Again. [ Applause ]

Frank Mann: Now, Continuing On With Some More Happy Duties I Have A Resolution Honoring The Boys And Girls Clubs Of Lee County. Lenny Katz, Do You Have A Gang With You, Or Are You Here On Your Own? Gang Of Two? Well, Come On Forward While I Read This. Wait Here, And We'll Read Our Resolution. Lenny Katz Is No Stranger To The Courthouse. Ran Himself 20 Some Years Ago For County Commission. Was This Close To Being One Of Us Up Here. Thanks For All You Do, Lenny, Especially For Boys And Girls Clubs. Whereas, The Young People Of Lee County, Florida, Are Tomorrow's Leaders, And Whereas, Many Such Young People Need Professional Youth Services To Help Them Reach Their Full Potential, And Whereas, There Are Five Boys And Girls Club Organizations In Lee County, Florida, In North Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Bonita Springs, And Two In The City Of Fort Myers, Providing Services To More Than 1,500 Young People Annually And Whereas, Boys And Girls Clubs Are Places Where Great Futures Start. They Are At The Forefront Of Effort In Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, And Good Character And Citizenship, And, Whereas, Boys And Girls Club Organizations In Our Community Help Insure That Our Young People Make Healthy Responsible Productive Choices Offering Them A Safe And Supportive Place To Go And Providing Them With Quality Programs And, Whereas, Boys And Girls Clubs Of Lee County, Florida, Will Celebrate National Boys And Girls Club Week 2016 Along With Some 1,140 Clubs And More Than 4 Million Young People Nationwide. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida, Does Hereby Proclaim March 20th Through March 26th, 2016, As Boys And Girls Club Week In Lee County, Florida, And Calls On All Citizens To Join With Us In Recognizing And Commending The Boys And Girls Club Organizations In Our County For Providing Comprehensive, Effective Services To The Young People In Our Communities. Signed This Very Day By Me As The Chairman Of The County Commission. Congratulations, And Thanks For All That You Guys Do. Now, Come Get Your Picture. [ Applause ] Put This Right Between You. Thank You. Lenny Says It's Always Super Tuesday In Here. Center. There You Go. How About A Word From You Guys.

Very Briefly, I Just Want To Thank You For All The County Is Doing To Help Us Provide Youth Services. Every Nonprofit In This Town Is Struggling To Create The Funds As Public

Funds Continue To Dry Up. Especially On The State And Federal Level. It's So Amazing That We Have Partners On The County Level That Continue To Work With Us To Provide These Services. I Know You Have Pace Coming Up. Pace Is In Really The Same Boat That We Are, Continuing -- If You Look At The Events That Nonprofits Are Doing Right Now To Raise Funds, We're Working Harder Than Ever To Continue To Create These Services For The Kids In Our Town. You Guys Keep Up The Good Work, And We Thank You Very Much For What You Are Doing.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Lenny. From The Girls Side? Sure.

You Guys Have A Tough Job, And I Just Appreciate That You Get Up Every Morning And You Represent Our Citizens, And Most Of All I Appreciate That You Get Up Every Morning Thinking Of Our Young People Who Will Lead Us Into The Next Generation. Thank You So Very Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You. [ Applause ] One More Happy Resolution By Commissioner Hamman.

Brian Hamman: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. It Is Believing In Girls Month, And I Would Like To Call Up The Folks From Pace. Meg Geltner, Diana Willis And Sarah Gardener. Bring John Agnew Or Anyone Else Affiliated With Pace With You. Just Hang Out At The Podium While I Talk Really Good About You Guys For A Second. Thank You Very Much, Folks, For Coming Today. The Resolution On Behalf Of The Board Of County Commissioners Reads As Follows. Whereas, March Is Women's History Month In The United States, A Time When Our Nation Reflects On The Valuable Contributions Women Make To Our Society, And Whereas, The Young Women Of Florida Are Considered To Be Tomorrow's Leaders, And, Whereas, It Is Very Important That We Provide Young Women Access To The Resources And Opportunities They Need To Reach Their Full Potential, And, Whereas, The Pace Center For Girls Is Instrumental In Helping Promote A Better Future Through Education, Counseling, Training, And Advocacy In Collaboration With The Children And Families Department Of Education, And Department Of Juvenile Justice, And, Whereas, Women Are Dynamic, Invaluable Contributors To Society, And, Whereas, March 22nd Is The Eighth Annual Grand Dama Pace Center Will Be Honoring Three Local Women For Their Life-Long Impact In Business, Philanthropy, And Community Engagement And Promoting Awareness Of The Services Provided By Pace Center For Girls Of Lee County. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida, Does Hereby Proclaim That March 2016 Shall Be Known And Designated And Set Aside As Believing In Girls Month In Lee County, And We Urge All Residents To Engage In The Grand Dames Tea And To Promote The Potential Of All Girls And Women. It's Dually Executed This 1st Day Of March, 2016, And Signed By Our Honorable Chairman, Commissioner Frank Mann. [ Applause ]

Frank Mann: Get Together For A Great Picture Here.

Frank Mann: Who Is Your Spokesman Here? Meg. You All Get Around Her There And Give Her Courage.

Wonderful To Come Before You Today. I Have Not Been In The County Commissioner's Meeting For Many Years Now, And It's Good To Be Here Representing Pace Center For Girls. We Are A Young Organization, And We've Been Around For Only About 30 Years In The State Of Florida. Our Mission Is One That Is Just So Honorable And Respectable, And The Outcomes That Come From That Mission Are Ones That Are Exemplary. Our Students Show Improvement At 96% Every Year As An Outcome Of Them Attending Our School. The Re-Offending Numbers For Our Girls Where They're Tracked And Looked After For A Year After They Leave Us, Those Numbers Are In The High 90s As Well. We Are Actually At A Point Now Because Of The Outcomes From The Pace Center For Girls In The State Of Florida Where In January We Launched At The All About Girls Summit That We Are Now Moving To A National Model, And We Are Looking -- We've Been Working In Washington D.C. To Get This Funded And Launched. We Are Looking In States Such As Georgia And Texas To Begin To Open Up Centers In Those States As Well. It's Such A Wonderful Time To Celebrate The Pace Center For Girls. I Have With Me Board Member John Agnew, Who I'm Sure All Of You Are Well Aware Of, And Know Him Well. Sarah Gardener, Who Is One Of Our Staff Persons Who Helps Us Raise All The Money That The Boys And Girls Club Was Talking About. We're Celebrating The Grand Dames And Most Of All We're Celebrating Miss Brandy Here, Who She's A 10th Grader. She's Born Here In The City Of Fort Myers. She's Nervous To Come To The Podium. This Is Her First Time In The County Commissioner -- What Do You Call This -- Chamber. Thank You Very Much. She's A 10th Grader And Came To Us With A Background Of Breaking The Law And Has Really Turned Herself Around In The Last Year. She'll Be -- She Has Decided That She Wants To Pursue A Career In Business, And So I Thought Of All The Students To Be Able To Bring Here Part Of That Business Could Be Public Service. She's Very Excited To Be A Part Of This Meeting Today, And We Celebrate Her And All The Other Girls In Pace. Not Only In Lee County But Statewide As Well. Thank You Very Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Very, Very, Very Much. [ Applause ]

Brian Hamman: Thank You All Very Much.

Cecil Pendergrass: Congratulations.

Brian Hamman: Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Commissioner Hamman. Moving Right Along, I Have A Recap That Shows No Beings Are required From The Commission In Order To Move Forward With Our Agenda. Now On Our Agenda, Are There Items To Be Pulled By The Commissioners? Commissioner Manning.

John Manning: None.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: None.

Frank Mann: I Have None. Commissioner Hamman.

Brian Hamman: I Have None.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Number Seven.

Frank Mann: Show Number Seven Pulled. Now For The Public Input On Any Other Items On Our Agenda. This Is Not For The Items That Will Be Taken Up Not Only Agenda At The End Of The Meeting. I Have No Cards, And I See No Hands. I Would Accept A Motion To Approve The Balance.

Cecil Pendergrass: Move.

Brian Hamman: Second.

Frank Mann: Motion And Second. Is There Discussion? Is There Objection? Show The Balance Of The Consent Agenda Adopted And Recognizing Now Mr. Kiker.

Larry Kiker: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. If It I Could Ask Mr. Desjarlais If He Would Introduce The Item.

Thank You, Mr. Chair. Commissioners, This Is A Selection Of Underwriters To Refinance Solid Waste Bonds That We Have Outstanding. About 70 Million. They're Available To Refinance At Favorable Rates. We Hope To Save Hopefully More Than 10%. Between \$8 Million And \$9 Million. This Is Selecting The Underwriters Who Sell The Bonds For Us And We Will See This Item Again As The Bonds Are Priced And As The Total Amount That We Want To Refund Becomes More Of A Known Total.

Larry Kiker: Mr. Chairman, If I May.

Frank Mann: Certainly.

Larry Kiker: This Board Has In My Opinion Established A Policy Initiative That We Would Like To Pay Our Debt As We Go Along, And This Obviously -- Appreciate Your Work As To Identify Areas Where We Can Save Money By Refinancing. My Question Is How Much Money Do We Have In Reserves, And What Is -- What Would Be The Implementation Of This Strategy For The Item?

Before We Come Back With The Next Blue Sheet -- Or Agenda Item On This, We Will Provide To You Analysis Of A Recommendation As To What We Could Or Could Not Pay As Far As The Bonds, What Portion We Could Pay Off. That May Or May Not Be Possible Based

On Existing Reserves And Projected Revenues, But We Will Go Through That Evaluation And Provide You That Analysis.

Larry Kiker: Okay. And This Action Is Just To Allow You To Go Forward Selecting Possible Folks That Would Do This For Us, Right?

Correct.

Larry Kiker: I Don't Have Any Further Questions.

Frank Mann: Would You Like To Offer A Motion?

Larry Kiker: Poll.

Frank Mann: We're Going To Do That Too. I Had A Chance, And They Didn't Take It. Does Anyone From The Public Want To Speak On Item Number Seven. Hearing None, Back To The Commissioner.

Larry Kiker: I Would Like To Move Number Seven.

Brian Hamman: Second.

Frank Mann: I Have A Motion And A Second. Is There Further Discussion On The Item? Objection On The Item? Show As Passed. Public Hearings. Counsellor, Identify Yourself.

Good Morning. Lisa Borker, Assistant County Attorney. We're At Public Hearing Number One, Which Is To Vacate The Public's Interest In Unimproved Platted Right Of-Way Located At San Souci Drive. I Have Reviewed The Public Of Application, And It's Legally Sufficient As To Form And Content. I'll Put That In The Record, And You Can Proceed. We're Happy To Any Questions You May Have.

Frank Mann: Questions Of Our Council? Are There Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On This Public Hearing Issue? Seeing None, Back To The Board. Do I Have A Motion?

Cecil Pendergrass: Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: Motion By Manninging. Second By Mr. Hamman. Is There Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. Next.

Thank You. Michael Jacob Will Be Handling The Next One.

Frank Mann: Mr. Jacob. Be Recognized.

Good Morning. Michael Jacob, Assistant County Attorney. I Have Your Second Public Hearing. I Review The Affidavit Of Publication, And It's Legally Sufficient. We'll Enter That Into The Record. The Board Will Recall A Short Time Ago We Adopted Amendments To The

Comprehensive Plan To Provide As Chapter 1 63 Allows The Adoption Of An Ordinance To Adopt The Annual C.I.P. This Ordinance Does That, So We're Just Moving Forward In The Next Step In That Process.

Frank Mann: Questions, Mr. Of Mr. Jacob? Are There Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On This Issue? Hearing None, Back To The Board. I Recognize A Motion By Commissioner Hamman. Second By Commissioner Manning. Further Discussion? Is There Objection? Show It Adopted Without Objection. Thank You Very Much. Moving Right Along. We Have No Walk-Ones Or Carry-Ones That I'm Aware Of. Mr. Desjarlais, You're Agreeing With That?

Yes, Sir.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Tumdz. Commissioner Manning?

John Manning: None.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Have One Item That's Directed Mostly To The County Manager. Roger Is Happy To Talk To The Board In Workshops About The Status By Their Committees, Attendance Of The Keshgs Also I Know We Were Going To Talk About Having A Future Discussion About Term Limits Of The Commissioner Members And The Process Of The Committee. Where Are We At With That?

Thank You, Commissioner. Given The Schedule Of Our Work Sessions, It's Been Pretty Difficult To Get That Scheduled In, But I'm Going To Ask To Give An Update On The Current Status And Then Ask The Question About Sense Of Urgency. If You Would Like To Do It Sooner Rather Than Later, A Workshop On The Item. I Mean, Glen. What's Your Name?

I'll Answer To Any Of Those. Good Morning, Commissioners. Commissioner Pendergrass, After Those Workshops, Staff Did Undertake An Inventory Of 57 Advisory Committees. Those Are The Ones That Are Either Created By Statute, By Resolution, By Ordinance Or Even Ad Hoc Committees That Provide You All With Advice From Time To Time. We're Taking Into Account Number Of Members, How They're Appointed, The Last Time They Met, The Last Time They Updated This Body On Their Work, So We Have All Of That Compiled And As The County Manager Said, We're Ready To Move Into Next Stage Of The Analysis.

Cecil Pendergrass: Great. Thank You.

Frank Mann: I Have No Items. Commissioner Hamman. I Believe You Have One.

Brian Hamman: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Just Would Like To Provide The Board With An Update On The Trip To Washington That I Took In Regards To The Water Issues That We're Facing With The Lake Okeechobee Discharges, And If I Could Ask Mr. County Manager, My Tag Team Partner To Join Us At The Podium Just In Case He Has Any Additions That He Would Like To Make. Rohland Accompanied Me To Washington D.C. To Make Sure That We



Had Some Science To Back Up Any Of The Stuff That I Would Say. We Went To Washington With Three As Part Of A --

John Manning: What You Are Saying Is Rohland Did Most Of The Talking?

Brian Hamman: That's Right. We Went As Part Of A Coalition That Was Formed Years Back For Everglade Restoration. We Wanted To Speed Up The Completion Of The Rehabilitation Of The Herbert Hoover Dike. We Believed If It Could Be Completed And Strengthened, More Water Could Ultimately Be Held On Lake Okeechobee, And That Would Provide Relief To The Coast When It Comes To These Brown Discharges That We've Been Having. The Other Activities We Advocated For Were Continued Restoration Of The Kissimmee River. Water Flows In From The North. One Of The Projects They're Working Very Hard On Is To Restore The Kind Of Original Flowway Of The Kissimmee River As It Flows Down. A Big Problem We Have When It Rains Very Hard, As It Did This Year, The Water Flows Into The Lake Much Faster Than It Can Be Drained Out Of The Lake, And, Of Course, If The Water Gets Too High, It Poses A Safety Threat To The Folks Who Live South Of The Lake Because The Herbert Hoover Dike Might Fail. The Third Thing We Asked For Was To Provide Funding Necessary For The C-43 Reservoir. We Talked About This Over And Over Again In Our Different Legislative Agendas Here. Lawmakers Seem To Be Very Reseptive To The Information That We Took Them. They Definitely Felt The Passion From The Citizens Of Lee County And The Other Elected Officials Who Have Gone Up To Washington From Lee County. In Fact, Two Lawmakers, Senator Nelson, Bill Nelson, And Representative Curt Clawson Actually Came Down To The Area, And They Were In Town On Saturday At The City Pier Building, And They Held A Roundtable Discussion With The Mayors And With Some Environmental Groups And Myself. I Attended As Well. The Big News That Came Out Of That Was That Senator Nelson Actually Believes The Senate Will Pass A New Water Resources Development Act Called Worda We Often Refer To It As, By Srm. He Says He Has Commitments From The Republican Chairman And The Ranking Democrat On The Committee That Has To Pass It This Spring, And Then He Believes He Can Get It Passed Through The Full Senate This Summer. That Means It Would Have To Go To The House, Though, So Good Luck. Hopefully It Passes The House. Now, These Water Bills Are Supposed To Be Passed Every Two Years. The Last One Took Seven Years To Pass, But We Are Inside Of The Two-Year Window Now Since The Last Water Bill Was Passed, So It Would Be Great If We Could Get On A Regular Schedule Of Authorizing Projects So That The Army Corps Of Engineers Could Complete Them To Help Speed Up Our Everglades Restoration. Both Representative Clawson And Senator Nelson, Though, Did Spend Considerable Time Talking About Their Disappointment With The Way The State Legislature Is Handling The Amendment One Dollars. Representative Clawson Says He Plans To Introduce Legislation, Three Different Pieces. One Would Allow The Federal Government To Use Its Money To Buy Land South And North Of Lake Okeechobee. Another One Would Have Funding To Rehabilitate The Herbert Hoover Dike. The Other One Is Interesting To Us In Lee County. He Will File Legislation To Allow Water To Be Discharged From Water

Conservation Area Three Without Regard To The Endangered Species Act. This Is Why I Brought Rohland Up. Can You Point Out On The Screen Here Where Water Conservation Area Three Is.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Basically It's Right Around There. It's Where Water Conservation 3a Meets Everglades National Park, And This Is A Great Graphic That We Get From The Corps Daily Kind Of Showing Where All The Flow Is Going Into The Lake And Exiting The Lake, And You've Heard A Lot About Water Management District And The Corps Of Engineers Securing Some Discharges To The National Park, But That's Primarily Eastern Portion Through Shark River Slew Through Gates S-12c And D. There's A Cape Sable Sea Side Sparrow On The Western Portion. That Is Not Allowing For Discharges In That Area, And The Reason Why We're Interested In The Flows Going Into The Everglades National Park Is, One, The Park Needs The Water. Florida Bay Needs The Water. There Is An Endangered Species Situation There, And We're Hoping That The Department Of Interior Will Look At That To Allow More Water. The Reason Being Is If They Can Bring Water Conservation 3a Down, That Will Provide The Opportunity To Send Water South From Lake Okeechobee Into That Area. Until They Bring That Water Level Down To A Manageable Level, They Can't. They Do Have A Minor Amount Going In Right Now. About 170 Cubic Feet Per Second, Which Is Going Into The Water Conservation Areas From The Lake, But As You Can See, The Lion's Share Still Continues West And East. 6,500 Cubic Feet Per Second And Around 3,300 To St. Lucie. >>.

Brian Hamman: The Bottom Line Is There Are Four Gates That You Mentioned That Would Allow The Flow To Go Into Everglades National Park. Two Are Open. We Believe If They Open The Other Two, They Could Probably Double The Flows Into Everglades National Park, Which Could Drain Those Water Conservation Areas, Take Some Water Off The Lake So They Don't Have To Send So Much Out To Us On The Coast. But It Is The -- As Rohland Mentioned, Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow Endangered Species That's Preventing The Army Corps From Being Able To Do That. I Did Ask For A List And Receive One From Our County Manager Of The Number Of Endangered Species That We Actually Have In Our Estuary. We Have The Small Tooth Saw Tooth, The Goliath Grouper, Which Many Of You May Have Seen The Picture On The News That Was Found Dead Recently. I Guess They're Doing Studies To See What Caused That. We Have Manatees. We Even Have The American Crocodile Here In Our Area. We Have It Looks Like On This List About A Dozen Of Endangered Species, And I Think An Appropriate Step For Us Commissioners Would Be To Try And Understand The Affects That The Discharges Are Having On Our Endangered Species So That We Can Provide That Feedback Back To The Corps, Back To The Everglades National Park Folks And Let Them Know That, You Know, We Understand The Discharges Wouldn't Be Helpful To Your Endangered Species, But They're Not Helpful To Ours As Well. I Think That's A Good Action For The Board To Understand. Roger, If You Could Take That As An Item And, Board, If You Would Endorse That, Just Kind Of Having Maybe Not A Study. That Might Be Too

Strong Of A Word, But Some Sort Of A Review Of The Impact These Discharges Are Having On Our Local Endangered Species.

Let Me See If I Understand Entirely. Not What The Congressman Is Suggesting Down There By The Trail, But The Waters That Flow Into Our Area And Endangered Or Threaten Species Here That Are Impacted By That By Not Being Able To Release More Waters South.

Brian Hamman: Yeah. To Make It More Clear. What His Act Would Do Would Allow Water To Be Discharged Into Everglades National Park And Even Big Cypress National Park Out Of Conservation Three Without Regard To Any Endangered Species. I Don't Know If His Act Will Pass. I Mean, It Would Take An Act Of Congress To Get It Done, So We'll Watch That.

Frank Mann: Back To What You Are Suggesting.

Brian Hamman: What I'm Suggesting Is We Have Water That's Flowing Down The River Into The Gulf Of Mexico That Could Be Harming Our Local Endangered Species, And I Want To Know What Is The Damage That Is Being Done To Our Local Endangered Species So That We Can Provide This Feedback Back To The Federal Government.

Frank Mann: Personally, I Can't Imagine That That Information Is Not Readily Available, But I Don't Have Any Problem With Asking Staff To Update That And Make Certain We Understand What We're Up Against Here. If We're Concerned About One Bird And If We've Got Our Own That Are Right Here Being Threatened, It Would Be Nice To Be Able To Wave That Flag Too.

Mr. Chair, Thank You. Commissioner, I Suspect That Information May Be Available, Although I'm Not Sure Exactly Where, But We Have Some Pretty Smart Folks In The Organization, Rohland And A Few Others, That Can Probably Help Us With That.

Frank Mann: You Are Including --

Yes. I Included Him As A Resource. Not One Of The Smart Ones Necessarily.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: Mr. Chairman, Are You Asking For A Letter Of Resolution? I Think We Can Pretty Much Get That Information Based Upon Some Of The Local Environmental Groups That Obviously The Lack Of Salinity In The Waterways Will Cause Damage To These Animals, The Endangered Species. Are You Looking For A Resolution Saying That We Want To Protect These Endangered Animals Too And One For Ten Pretty Much?

Brian Hamman: That's A Possibility Down The Road. I Do Think It's Important That We Make Sure That The Folks Who Are Managing The Water To The South Understand That When They Do Undertake A Single Species Management Strategy To Protect One Bird, They Are Putting Maybe Dozens Of Endangered Species At Risk On The Coast, And If They Don't

Understand That, I Do Think It Would Be Important For Us To Help Them Understand That, Yes.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Think For The Timeline Reasons, You Could Take Six Months To Determine How It's Affecting The Grouper And Other Animals, But, Again, We Know Some Local Groups Here That Monitor This Yearly As Far As The Salinity, And That Could Give Us A Quick Statement. This Is Obviously A Problem For The Animals, And We Could Use That. In Six Months We'll Be In The Summertime, And We Have More Rains Coming. Nothing Is Really Going To Happen Overnight With That. We'll Put An Update As Far As Congressman Clawson's Bills Where, When Do You Have A Timeline When They'll Be Heard Or If They Are Heard Or Where They're At As Far As Timelines Of Committees?

Brian Hamman: I Don't Have A Timeline On That Right Now. He Was Working To File The Legislation Just Yesterday, So --

Cecil Pendergrass: Can You Keep Us Updated On That.

Brian Hamman: Yes, Sir. Be Happy To.

Cecil Pendergrass: The Progress Of The Bills. Thank You.

Brian Hamman: Yes.

Frank Mann: If I May. Two Things. First Of All, I Think The Answer To Your Last Question Is I Think It's April-May Time Frame Is When They're Talking About The -- Looking At Worda And Whether Or Not They're Going To -- When They're Going To Vote On It Again. I Think That's The Time Frame.

Larry Kiker: I Agree With Commissioner Pendergrass. First Of All, Thank You Very Much For Going To Washington. Appreciate That. I Think It's Okay To Put A Stake In The Ground In Terms Of Resolution. If We Ask Staff When It's Appropriate To Put One Together For The Board's Approval So That We Can Use That, If You Will, As Leverage. It's Almost Like A Competition On Whose Wildlife Is More Sacred, And I Certainly Think That We Need To Identify And Represent What Belongs To Our Community As Well And, What Was It, Two Years Ago, I Believe, That We Did The Worda. Was It Two Years Ago That We Went For That? And So I Really Am Glad That You Are Staying On Top Of This. Thank You For Doing That.

Brian Hamman: Thanks, Commissioner. Since I've Heard From Two Other Commissioners Then, Would It Be Appropriate, Mr. Chairman, For Me To Make A Motion That We Ask Staff To Draft A Resolution That Would --

Frank Mann: Let's Hear Back From Staff After They've Done The Research That Our Crack Staff Is Going To Do Before We Talk About The Resolution. It Would Be More Prepared To Do The --

Brian Hamman: Are You Okay With That?

Larry Kiker: All Right. That's Fine. We Should Have Time.

Frank Mann: Roger, You're Okay With Moving Forward With The Research On Our Own Endangered And Threatened Species In Our Water Shed?

I Have A Question.

Cecil Pendergrass: Commissioner Hamman, Thank You Again For Going To D.C. And All Your Participating On This Important Issue. We've Been Hearing A Lot In The Media And We Hear From Speakers Today To Speak About The State Buying The Land South Of The Lake. I Know One Of The Congress Clawson's Bill Is The State Bill To Buy It, And The Federal Government Will Look Into Buying That Land South Of The Lake. Is This Something Either Rohland Or Mr. Chairman, You Could Respond To? When I've Talked To The State Leadership And As Far As Last Year And This Year And From The Federal Side Too And Army Corps Of Engineers, I'm Being Told One Thing From A Different Group, And Every Time I Talk To Them, I Get A Different Story. I'm Being Told The Land Is Not For Sale. If It Was For Sale, It Wouldn't Work As Far As The Water Purification For The Bay. They Wouldn't Allow The Water Flow Because The Contents Of The Water, So Rohland, Do You Have Any Information On That? Every Time I Talk To State, I Get A Different Story.

You Are Regarding The Land Option For The --

Cecil Pendergrass: Yes, It Expired Last Year.

Our Understanding Is That A Lot Of That Required 20 Years Additional Lease Back To Agriculture. That Would Take That Land Out Of The Ability To Construct Something For That Long As Well As It Was Not Necessarily A Line Where You Would Build A Flowway. Parcels Of Land Were Available, But It Wasn't All Contiguous To A Complete Project, So There Would Probably Have To Be Some Land Trading Once It Was Purchased. We've Been Tracking And Supporting The Central Everglades Planning Project, Which Is Enhancing Flow South. That's Really What This Board Is Supporting To, Authorization Of That And Worda 2016. I Think We're Looking That To Provide Additional Flow. Especially In The Wet Season. Can You Enhance That With Additional Lands? It Would Be A Matter Of What Lands Were Available And If That Deal Could Be Brokered, But At This Stage We Don't Know Of Any Real Concrete Plans To Do So Other Than What's On The Central Everglades Planning Project.

I Think The Important Thing To Understand Is There Are Plans On The Books Today To Try And Alleviate The Situation. They Are Not Going To Happen Overnight. The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Was Actually Passed In 2000. Signed Into Law Back Then. When It Was Passed, It Was Supposed To Be A \$10.5 Billion Plan That Was Going To Take 35 Years To Execute. We're In 2016. Not To 2035 Yet. I Think We Need To Do Everything

We Can To Try And Advocate For Expediting The Plans That Are On The Books. One Of The Dangers, If We Go And Try To Do Something Outside Of Those Plans Is That It May Divert Money Away From The Plans That Are On The Books To Some New Idea That Isn't Necessarily In The Plans, So It's Something That I Would Watch And Be Concerned About. It Would Have To Be A Very Good Undertaking If We Were Going To Divert Money From Plans That Are Already On The Books.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You. That Was One Of My Questions Too. Some Things Are Already Funded Too. I Don't Want To Take Away From Other Plans.

Frank Mann: Mr. Kiker.

Larry Kiker: One Quick Question. First Of All, I Think We Ought To Recognize And Thank The Mayors For The Work That They've Done As Well On This Subject. We Know How Much They've Been Active And Participative For This On Several Years Now. One Of Their Suggestions Was That We Use 2020 Properties For Water Storage And Has Staff Taken A Look At -- Before We Get Into That Whole Conversation Because There's Also The Whole Point Of They're Not Really Purchased To Do Water Storage, But What Are The Chances Of Utilizing 2020? I Understand It's Not A Great Deal.

We Did Investigate -- Actually, The 2020 Lands With Lying At Large Cold Water During The Season, And They Were Holding Water During The Large Rain Events, And This Is Somewhat A Subject Of A Workshop That We're Going To Hold With You In A Few Weeks In Terms Of Some Of The Parcel Of Lands And What We've Done On Them, But Without Major Physical Alterations And Putting Infrastructure In Like Berms And Pumps And Such, You Are Really Limited To How Much You Can Stack On There Because Of Potential Flooding Nearby Properties. Many Of Our 2020 Lands Do Have Communities Nearby, So Artificially Stacking Water Without Flood Control Provisions In Place. They Are Preserving Waters. There Are Control Structures On There. We Held Those Closed During That Entire Event, Again, To Hold The Water As Long As Possible.

Larry Kiker: I Want To Make Sure That Everybody Realizes The To 2020 Properties Are Being Utilized To Their Capacity. Is That Right? Thank You.

Cecil Pendergrass: Another Thing, We Talk About The Bona Project, Which Is Upriver, And The Counties Have, What, Ten Years Now? That's Another One Of Those Projects That We Need To Keep Funding As Far As Storing Water.

Brian Hamman: Thank You Very Much, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: This Is Certainly Timely. A Lot Of Press Attention Has Been Focused On The Whole Water Saga. Especially Since The 12 Inches, Unusual 12 Inch Rain Event That We Got, That Has Brought This To Everybody's Attention. Frankly, In A Good Way Because Normally We Only Talk About This During The Rainy Season When The Obvious Issues Of

Repeating Themselves, But Now We've Gotten To Do It Year-Round. One Thing I Have Learned For What It's Worth, As Another Layman Speaking On This Very Complex Issue. I Was Pleased When I Heard The Governor Taking Steps To Be Able To Release Some Water South Which Had Not Been Done Previously, And There Were All Kinds Of Reasons Why It Couldn't Be Done. I Have Long Been One Of The Many Advocates For Water Coming South For A Very Simple Reason. That If It's Coming South Out Of Okeechobee, It's Not Going East And West To Us, So It Made Sense To Try To Accomplish That. What I've Learned With The Governor, With Him Suddenly Accident Able To Open Some Pipelines And Send Water South, The Water He Is Sending Is 50 Miles South Of Lake Okeechobee In A Water Conservation Area That Is Now Able To Discharge Some Under That Improved Bridge On U.S. 41. That Has Not Given Us One Drop Of Relief As Far As The Elevation Of Lake Okeechobee Is Concerned, So We Haven't Gained Anything On This Water Discharge South. In Order To Do That, We're Going To Have To Buy, I'm Told, Lands Up Nearer Lake Okeechobee Where The Water Can Be Cleaned, Not Unlike What We're Hoping To Do With The Boma Property Coming This Way. They Are Never Going To Be Able To Discharge Any Significant Amount Of Water South Out Of The Lake Unless It Is Cleaned. There's All Kinds Of Rules And Reasons And Contracts As To Why We Can't Do That, So, Yes, It Is Going To Take A Long Time, And It Is Probably Going To Require Ultimately Some Purchase Of Lands. I'm Happy To See The Congressman Pursuing That. I Think As We All Get Better Informed On This, And I Thank Commissioner Kiker And For The Mayors For Chiming In Too. We Can't Get Too Many Different Groups Working On This Together, And I'm Profoundly Grateful For Anybody That Wants To Wave The Flag Too And Say I'm On Your Side Because We're All On The Same Side, But Your Point Is Well Taken. It Is Going To Take Some Time And A Lot Of Money. To The Extent That We Can Lean On People With The Money, Yes, Amen To That. Further Comments On Water? Rohland, Thank You.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Further Commissioner Items?

Larry Kiker: Are You Finished?

Frank Mann: Go Ahead.

Larry Kiker: Just One Last Thing. Don't Forget The Best Place To Store The Water Would Be The Lake Itself. If They Can Fix The Construction On That And Put Another Foot Or Two Capacity On That, That Resolves The Year-Round Problem Of Releasing Water. Thank You, Again, Very Much Commissioner Hamman. In Reference To Our Policy To Introduce Commissioner Items On The Recap, Sometimes Things Pop Up Quickly, And One Did This Morning. You Know, Real Briefly, Tomorrow Night Staff And Chris Brady Will Be Going To Bonita Springs, And They're Going To Consider The Library. Tend Of That Then They'll Be Coming Back To The Board. While We're There I Thought We Had Until Next Month, But It Appears That We Don't. We Have A Young Man By The Name Of Mayor Ben Nelson That

Will Probably Be Having His Last Meeting As An Elected Official. He Began -- I Think He Was The First Councilman On Bonita Springs As It Became A Municipality. He Has Served The Entire Time. He Is Now Serving Now As Mayor. With Your Permission, Our Office Would Like To Prepare A Resolution On Behalf Of The Board Thanking Him For His Service. If That's All Right. And We'll Have That. If Any Of Y'all Would Like To Join That Presentation Tomorrow Night, You Are Certainly Welcome. I Would Like To Be Able To Put One Together For Your Signature.

I Know I'm Speaking On Behalf Of The Entire Board. No One Would Object To That, And We All Know And Admire Mayor Ben For All He Has Done And His Enormous Contributions, And I Hope We Will See His Footprints Continue In Pursuit Of The Public Welfare Which He Has Been So Good. Yes, So Forth, You Have Our Blessing.

Larry Kiker: That's All I Have.

Frank Mann: Committee Appointment, Mr. Manning.

John Manning: I Have Two Reappointments To The Gas Rolea Island And One Is Kay Wagner, And The Other Is Charles Stark.

Frank Mann: Second By Commissioner Pendergrass. Discussion? Objections? Show Adopted. Mr. Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: None.

Brian Hamman: I Have Three, Mr. Chairman. I Have Gloria Tate That I Would Like To Appoint To The Conservation Land Acquisition And The Stewardship Committee. I Have Amy Mclaughlin That I Would Like To Appoint To The Community Action Agency Neighborhood District, And I Have Christina Mumford That I Would Like To Appoint To The Alabama Grove Area Streetlighting Unit.

Frank Mann: Second By Commissioner Manning. Discussion, Objection? Hearing None. Show Adoption Without Objection. Mr. Kiker.

Larry Kiker: I Have None, Thank You.

Frank Mann: I Have None. County Manager Items.

Thank You, Mr. Chair. I Would Like To Just Give A Quick Legislative Update. Just A Couple Of Weeks Left In The Regular Session. I'll Ask Mr. Sellinger To Give A Quick Review If That's Okay.

Commissioners, As You Know, As We Come Down The Stretch Here, It's Mostly About Budget And The Conference Is Ongoing, So I'll Start There. The Big Item Is As Of Yesterday The Senate And The House Agreed To \$100 Million For Everglades Projects. That's Obviously A Good Thing For Us That Would Provide Some Money Right Away This Next



Fiscal Year For C-43. The Florida Legacy Bill Is Still Being Considered, And If Passed, That Would Actually Dedicate Funding In Future Years For Those Projects, So That Would Be A Great Thing. The Senate Has Agreed To \$145 Million A Year For Everglades. The House Bill Is Still At \$200 Million A Year. We'll See How That Resolves, But Hopefully It Will Pass In Some Form. On The Other Budget Items, There Is \$1 Million In Both The House And Senate Now For The Alike Road Project, The Bob James Triage Center, Grant Funding Program Is Fully Funded In Both, So We're Looking Pretty Good There As Well. There's \$50 Million In Both Budgets For Local Water Projects. That Said, There Are \$675 Million In Requests Statewide. We Don't Expect To Get A List Of Specific Projects Until Near The Very End, But There's A Lot Of Competition For Those Moneys, So We're Still Trying To Get Our Projects Funded. D.J. Jay And The Tourist Development Tax. The Senate Has Taken Up A Tax Package That Strips Out That House Proposal That Would Change The Way Tourist Development Taxes Are Utilized, So We Suspect That We'll Be Okay On That Issue This Session. Senator Saunders Is Very -- Well, He Is Pretty Sure That The Senate Won't Take Up The House Language, So Let's Hope He Is Right On That. The D.J.J. Issue, The 50-50 Cost Sharing Is Still Alive. It Had Bugged Down, But Yesterday It Did Come Out Of The Senate Rules Committee. There's Still Some Hope. The House Is Uncertain As To What They'll Do With It, But It's There, And If There's A Chance For You To Weigh In Yet Again In Favor Of That Proposal, We'll Certainly Let You Know.

What About The Payback Provision To The Counties That Have Been Overcharged? >>Le With, You'll Remember A Couple Of Meetings Ago The Board Agreed That We Would Give Up On The Previous Over-Payment Claims If We Could Get This New Billing System In A 50-50 Share Going Forward. Unfortunately, It's Not A Great Compromise, But It Does Fix It Going Forward, And Rather Than Hold Out Hope Of Perhaps Someday Being Appropriated That Money, We Would At Least Have A Certain Fix.

What About The Legislatures Proposing Real Property Taxes?

Yes, Commissioner Manning. You Are Talking About The Millage Cap. That Did Go Away Yesterday, So We're Looking Good There Too. Thank You For Bringing That Up. If There's Any Other Items That You Are Curious About, I Would Be Happy To Try To Answer.

Larry Kiker: If I May. Amendment \$1. We Had Talked About Edison Farms. Is There Any News On That?

I Don't Believe There's Been Any Money Allocated For That In The Budget.

Larry Kiker: Would We Have Found Out Already If It Was Going To? Has That Decision Been Made? Is There Still Time?

I Think There's Still Time In The Sense That We Don't Know How Much Money Will Be Allocated Generally For Land Acquisition As A Line Item Specific Appropriation. I Don't See It And Would Be Surprised To See It At This Point.

Larry Kiker: Thank You.

Frank Mann: Further Questions On The Legislative Activities? Roger, Further Issues?

No, Sir. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You Very Much. Councillor.

Thank You, Commissioners. Commissioners I Think Many Of You Received An E-Mail And Questioned The Pine Island Settlement And The Proceeds From How That Settlement Was Made, And In Addition To The Memos That Were Sent To You Late Yesterday And Today, I Would Like To Offer The Following Comments. As You Recall, The Matter Was Brought Before The Board Of County Commissioners On October 20th, 2015, As A Regular -- As A Walk-On Agenda Item. This Matter Was Posted To The County's Website Consistent With County Policy By The Friday Preceding Prior To The Close Of Business On That Day. The Reason We Brought It To You As A Walk-On Item Was Multi-Fold. One, Most Importantly Because That Was A Time Frame Within Which A Global Settlement Had Been Achieved. More Importantly, Driving The County's Perspective Was, As You Might Recall, The New Revisions To The Bert Harris Act, Specifically Chapter 70-4 A5 Went Into Effect On October 1st, 2015. This New Law Created A Cause Of Action Which Carried With It The Potential For Attorney's Fees, But More Importantly, Carried With It A Potential To Invalidate The Entire Pine Island Plan Based On Unconstitution Exactions. The New Complaint Had Been Drafted By Plaintiff's Council, And We Were Made Aware Of The Fact That That Complaint Existed, And They Were Ready To File And Pursue A New Cause Of Action. Secondly, We're About Ready To Go To Trial And Remain Eight Cases Pending Out Of The Pine Island Settlement. Those Cases Were Set To Go To Trial During The Last Quarter Of 2015, And The First Quarter Of 2016. We Pretty Much Used Up All The Goodwill That We Had From The Court Seeking Continuances. When We Represented To The Court That We Thought We Had A Deal Structure, One Trial Judge Refused To Take It Off His Trial Docket Unless And Until This Board Committed To The Proposed Settlement. Additionally We Had The Camelot Appeal Pending. That Response Brief Was Due The First Week Of December. So Given The Totally Of The Factors Of New Legislation, The Potential To Expend Significant Amounts Of Money Going To Trial As Well As The Continued Appeal In The Camelot Case We Brought This Matter To You For Resolution. As A Result Of The Settlement, As You All Recall, All The Cases Against The County Were Resolved. At That Time We Were Facing Potential Liabilities Of Between \$10 Million And \$14 Million. We Were Able To Resolve All The Cases For The \$4.2 Million That The Board Ultimately Settled On. Please Bear In Mind That Within That Settlement And What Was Key To The County Was The Acquisition Of Approximately 162 Residential Dwelling Unit Transfer Development Rights. The County Received Those Transfer Development Rights As Partial Consideration Of The Settlement. You Now Own 162 Residential Dwelling Unit Development Rights On Pine Island. The Whole Purpose Of The Pine Island Plan Revisions Was To Insure That Those 162 Units Would Never Be Built On Pine Island. It Was That Component That Brought Staff To Recommend And The Board

Ultimately Approve That The Proceeds Of Approximately \$4 Million Be Paid Out Of The 2020 Fund. I Would Just Point Out That Within The Ordinance Itself In Section 26-36, Specifically Subsection 3, Recognizes Specifically For The Possible Acquisition Of Development Rights According Briefly From The Ordinance In Section 26-39, It Talks All Land Shall Be Purchased In A Legal Interest Sufficient For The Objectives And Uses Of The Acquired Lands Herein. This May Include Where Appropriate The Use Of Easements And The Purchase Of Development Rights As Other Possible Means To Acquire Interests In Those Lands. Commissioners, We Are Respectfully Suggesting To You Today As We Did In October That The Use Of The 2020 Funds To Fund The Settlement Given That We Were Receiving 162 Dwelling Units Was Consistent With The 2020 Ordinance, Was Appropriate, And Lawful. We're Available For Any Questions That You Might Have.

Frank Mann: Any Questions Of Mr. Wesch On That Issue Or Any? Thank You, Mr. Wesch. Oh, Mr. Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: You Know, Counsellor, As You Refer To, We Were Cabbinged With The Concerned Parties About This. I Have Not Met With Them Yet. I Don't Think Any Board Members Have Met With Them Yet. Have You Been Contacted? What Are Is Their Recourse? What Are They Looking For As A Remedy To Our Actions Back In October?

Commissioner, I Have Not Been Contacted Directly. I Have Been Invied By Some Of Your Colleagues To Attend Meetings That I Believe Are Set Up This Friday Morning. At This Point I Am Not Sure What They Are Seeking.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Think It's 3:00 On Thursday. If You Are Available -- Has Anybody Else Had Any Contact With Them?

Larry Kiker: I Have Them For Friday Morning.

Cecil Pendergrass: You Haven't Met With Them Yet?

John Manning: I Have Set Up A Meeting.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You For All Your Hard Work. I Thought It Was A Successful Issue. We Were Able To Close. I'm Surprised To Hear This Was Publicly Noticed And Everyone Was Aware Of It. We Had No Comment Other Than The Citizens Of Pine Island From The Conservation Standpoint Supported It Because Of The Adjustments To The Plan. Thank You, Commissioner Manning, For Your Work On That.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Wesch. We Are Now At The Point Where Citizens Can Come Speak To Us On Any Subject That's On Their Heart And Minds This Morning. Mr. James D. English Jr. We Would Start With You. If You Could Make Your Way To The Microphone, Please.

I'll Say This, My Family Has Been Here. Any Great Grandfather On My Grandmother's Side Moved His Family To Fort Myers In 1872. They Were The Sixth Family In Fort Myers, And Grandfather English Brought His Family To Near Where -- In 1872. By 1875 By Ox Cart. We Dealt With All The Problems Relating To The River From Then Until Now, And There's Been Some Recent Write-Ups In The News For This, And I Appreciate What They Do, But They Don't Get It All Right. The River Didn't Originally Ruin Lake Okeechobee. They Went Into Lake -- There Was A Vast Expanse Of Sawgrass Between The Lake And Lake Okeechobee, And The Lake Had To Get High Enough To Run Over That Sawgrass In Order To Get In, Which Didn't Occur. I Don't Think Every Year. The Big -- When They Cut Through Into The River, The Big Overflow, The First Big Overflow They Had Was In 1878. According To My Family's Handed Down History, The Water Came Up In September And Didn't Go Down Until Almost Christmas. My Folks Lost Everything They Had In That Overflow. Finally Rafted Out, And They Originally Settled Up -- They Rafted Out Of There, And They Camped On An Indian Mound That Was On The South Side Near The Mouth Of The Creek. It's Gone Now. The Last Time I Was There, The County Had Dug It Off For Sand When They Started Asphaltting Roads, And There Wasn't Anything Left There But A Hole In The Ground. We've Suffered Through Everything And Has Come Down To Us From Then Until Now, And I Judge From What I Hear This Morning The Corps Of Engineers And These Water Management People Are Up To The Same Tactics They've Always Where, When They Get Into A Situation Where They're Being Criticized Like They Are Now About The Water In The River, They Come Up With Some Grandiose Plan For Solving It. It Will Take 10, 20, 30, Or 35 Years To Complete And Tens Of Millions Of Dollars Or Maybe More, And When They Finally Get Everything Completed, The Situation Is Worse Than It Was Instead Of Better, And I'm 80 Years Old, So I'm Not Going To Be Able To See This One Through, I Don't Suppose, But Some Of You Young Folks Might Take Note. See If When They Get Through, If Things Aren't Worse Than They Are Now.

Frank Mann: That's A Good Concluding Line, And You See Your Little Red Light Came On. We Appreciate That History, And We'll Be Here In Two Weeks If You Would Like To Follow-Up.

All Right. I Went Over To Make A Speech To The Governing Board Of The South Florida Water Managers, And They Had The Same Rudeness. You Could Only Speak For Three Minutes, So When My Three Minutes You Was Up, I Thanked Them And Sat Down, And That's What I'm Going To Do Now. When I Went Over There Every Month For Almost Three Years And Made A Speech, And Finally I Was Sitting In My Office One Day And The Telephone Rang, And It Was One Of The Bureaucrats From Over There At Headquarters, And He Told Me, He Says, Mr. English, If You Quit Coming Over Here And Making Speeches To The Governing Board, We'll Solve Your Problem. I Says You Got A Deal. The Problem That I Was Complaining About Was Solved. I May Be Back, But I Probably Won't -- At My Age I Probably Won't Make It For Three More Years. Thank You Very Much.

Frank Mann: We'll Look For A Call From Our Lawyer Who Will Be Ready To Strike That Contract With You In The Future. Bring Your Pictures And Come. I Think You're On The Water Subject As Well.

Just Giving You The Clippings Of The News Press.

Frank Mann: Just Pass Out The Clipping. We Won't Cut Into Your Time Until You Get Behind The -- Yep. Now I'll Start The Clock.

I'm Dave Yurick, Representing Responsible Growth Management. Also A Member Of The Southwest Florida Clean Water Movement, And I Have Been In Recent Contact With The Captains For Clean Water Group. My Chart I Made Before The Meeting That The Mayors Had On Sanibel On Friday, But -- And I Wasn't Able To Attend That Meeting Because I Had Visiting Grandchildren From New Hampshire, But My Sign Was There. On The Tv It Said That The Mayor Had Said Let's Buy The Land And Build The Reservoir. When We Met On Saturday At The Meeting With Representative Clawson And Senator Nelson, I Heard The Same Commitment From The Mayors. I Heard An Interesting Discussion Between Our Two Congressional People Because Clawson Said If The State Won't Buy The Land, I'm Going To See If Congress Will Let Me Put In A Law To Buy It, And Nelson Said I Don't Disagree With You, But I Think The State Should Buy The Land Using Our Amendment One Funds. We Have Had On The Books As Part Of This Plan The Eaa Reservoir. This Is Not Something New, Brian. This Is Something That Has Been There, And I Think We Have Been A Gentleman In Dealing With The Owners Of The Land We Need. I Think It's Time We Went In And Took It With Imminent Domain. We Are Being Killed With The Deluge Of The Water, Both Sides Of The State, And There's No Answer Until We Get That Reservoir. We Can Do This Stop Gap And We Can Do The Band-Aids And It's All For The C-43. That's Wonderful. We Need That In The Dry Season. That's Not Going To Solve Our Problem When We Have This Kind Of Situation. If We Have A Wet Summer, We Are In For It For The Rest Of This Year. Folks, It's Wonderful To Build The Dike, But We Just Have To Face The Fact That The Only Real Answer Is Restoring The Flow To The Everglades, And We Have To Have A Deepwater Reservoir To Do That Because We Have To Treat It Before We Send It To The Everglades. We Can Play Games All Around This Thing, But The Only Answer Is A Deepwater Reservoir To The South And The Restoration Of That Flow. I Plead With You To Do That.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Perfect Timing. Any More Comments?

I Ask You To Join The Mayors And Our Congressional Delegation To Get This Solved.

Frank Mann: Patricia Downey. Thank You For Your Patience.

Good Morning. I Would Like To Thank Commissioner Frank Manning For Helping Me To Speak, And Likewise The Other Commissioners. I Want To Thank You All At This Time For The Wonderful Job That You Are Doing To Move Lee County Forward Into The 21st Century.

Good Job. Keep It Up. Young Ones. Okay. Today I Am Here Because The Residents On Iview Avenue Would Like To Have The Roadway Resurfaced. Resurfaced. We Have Large Fissures, Holes, And Asphalt Is Breaking Up. When It Rains, The Drain Holes Need To Be Cleaned Because The Water Collects On The Street, And It Causes The Road To Irritate, So We Need To Have It Resurfaced So We Don't Have Those Holes Anymore. And We Need The Commissioners' Help In Getting This Done. We Have Residents That Have Signed A Petition, And I Submitted It With A Letter To The Commissioners For Today, So Merchandise Joyce, She Has It, And You Will See The Area On High View That Needs To Be Resurfaced. It's From Richmond Avenue To Park Side Street. This Is A Roadway. We Don't Have Any Sidewalks, So We Have Pedestrians, Cars, And Veterans Parkway Is Close By, So They Use This Road To Go To Veterans, But It's Hard To Walk On Because Of The Lumps.

Frank Mann: Let Me Interrupt You. Your Time Is Expired, But Because Of Your Obvious Difficulty In Speaking, I'm Not Going To Hold You To The Exact Three Minutes, But Let Me Just Clarify. High View Is In Lehigh?

Lehigh Acres.

Frank Mann: Yes. Now, What I Promise You We'll Do, Our Staff Will Follow-Up With You And Make Certain We Understand. Randy, Are You Here This Morning? This Gentleman Over Here Will Get With You And Make Certain We Know Where You Are. We've Recently Submitted Some Dollars To Lehigh To Enhance. We're In The Process Of Doing That. Enhancing Our Ability To Respond To The Kind Of Questions That You Have Right Now. We'll Have Mr. Serci Get With You At The End Of This Meeting And Make Sure We Understand Where You Are And We'll Do Our Best To Accommodate Your Wishes.

Thank You, Mr. Chair, For Being So Patient And Understanding. It's Hard For Me To Talk.

Frank Mann: We Are Proud Of You And Your Effort And Just Coming In Here And Participating In Your Local Government.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You.

Have A Wonderful Day.

Frank Mann: Thank You Very Much. Mr. Hood. Lex Hood. Are There Any Other Citizens That Would Like To Speak To Us? These Are The Last Cards I Have Before We Will Be Adjourning. Mr. Hood.

I'm Trying To Learn To Adjust My Bifocals. I Don't Do That As Deftly As You Do. Thank You, Can You Hear Me Okay? My Name Is Lex Hood. I Live At 208 High View Avenue In Lehigh Acres. Respectfully, Commissioners, I'm Honored To Address You Today With The Matter Of Potentially Horrific Proportions For The Citizens Of Lee County. I'm Going To Talk About A

Few Disparate Things, But At The Very End I Would Like To Come Together And Make A Conclusion And Kind Of Bring It All Together. Just Across The Lee County Boundary Line A Monkey Farm Exists In Hendry County Just Blocks From Lehigh Acres. It's A Lot Closer To The Line Than People Think It Is. There They Have Monkeys That Are Injected With Experimental Drugs. They're Diseased. They're Either Good Or Not Good Cared For, And Expansion Of That Facility Has Been Approved By The County Commission For Expansion Of Up To 14,000 Monkeys. The Expansion Is Being Contested By The County Citizens For Noncompliance With The Florida Sunshine Law, And The Case Is Going To Trial. Here's Some Background Information As An Analogy Of What Could Happen In Lee County. In 1992 You Will Remember Hurricane Andrew. Hurricane Andrew Was A Devastating Hurricane. After The Hurricane People Were Really Surprised To See Hoards Of Monkeys Going Here And There, And They Were, You Know, Just Doing What They Wanted To Do. They Were Completely At Large. The Escapees Were Mostly From Private Collections. Collections Being Pharmaceutical Companies And That Sort Of Thing, Like Monkey Farms Or People Had Them As Pets. Some 12,000 Shipments Of Wildlife Entered The Port Of Miami Every Year.

Frank Mann: David, You're Through. Your Three Minutes Is Up. We Have Another Gentleman At The Mike. Thank You.

Thank You, Sir. Anyway, These Monkeys In Andrew Were Just Loose, And People Thought Maybe They Had Aids, So People -- Men Started Taking Their Guns And Shooting Them. It Was Like The Wild West. It Was A Fantasy Like You Couldn't Believe. Here's Some Other Background Information That You May Not Know. There Are Said To Be Over 1,000makak Roaming Florida. They're Absolutely Wild, And Most Of Them Carry The Herpes B Virus.

Frank Mann: Now, Mr. Hood, You Also Have Now -- See The Little Red Light In Front Of You?

I Do.

Frank Mann: This May Be A New Experience For You, But That Means Your Time To Speak Is Up, So If You Have One Very Second Wind-Down.

Let Me Go To The End.

Frank Mann: Can You Tell Us Specifically What You Are Asking Us To Do?

Yes, I Will.

Frank Mann: 30 Seconds.

The Governor Has Declared An Emergency For Zeta. Monkeys Carry The Zeta Virus As Well. The Problem Is -- Let Me Just Read This. Please, Lee County Commissioners, Realize The Threat For What It Is. County Ordinances Should Have A Provision For Developments Of

Regional Impacts. Hendry County Allowed A Monkey Farm To Be Placed At The Edge Of Our County.

Frank Mann: I'm Going To Have To Call Time On You. Our Attorneys Will, Sadly, Tell You That There's A Limitation As To What Lee County Can Do About Something Going On In An Adjacent County. Am I Right?

I Just Wanted To Tie In The Herpes And The Zika.

Frank Mann: We Appreciate --

And All Of That.

Frank Mann: We Appreciate Your Scientific Review.

Thank You So Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You Very Much For Coming. Thank You Both For Coming In From Lehigh This Morning. Update Quickly, Roger, On The Afternoon's Activities.

Thank You, Mr. Chair. This Afternoon We'll Be In Work Session With You. It Will Be The First Of The Season To Talk About The Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget And Some Policy Decisions. We're Going To Ask You About Those. We'll Talk With You, Order Magnitude Numbers, So We Don't Want People To Take These Numbers And Cut Them In Stone, But Revenues, Expenses, A Little About Reserves, Debt, Operations, And Capital Maintenance. Should Take About An Hour Or So, And Then We'll See If You Have Any Input For Us.

Frank Mann: Time Is 1:30.

Yes.

Frank Mann: We Are Adjourned Until Then.