

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20050095

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and consider a December 9, 2004 letter from the Alliance of Bridgeless Islands of Lee County, Inc. ("ABI-LEE") which was approved by the Pine Island / Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee for forwarding to the Board of County Commissioners with its support from its meeting of Wednesday, December 15, 2004, and place into the Board's meeting minutes.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: The Pine Island / Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee, upon a unanimous vote of the Committee at its December 15, 2004 meeting, requested that the December 9, 2004 ABI-LEE letter be formally presented to the Board at a regular meeting and be taken into consideration with respect to any future planning for property acquisition for water access in Lee County.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Formal acceptance of information from the Pine Island / Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:

COMMISSION DISTRICT # CW C12A

3. MEETING DATE:

02-08-2005

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED: _____

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:

- (Specify)
- STATUTE
 - ORDINANCE
 - ADMIN. CODE
 - OTHER Citizen Committee Action

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER _____
- B. DEPARTMENT County Attorney
- C. DIVISION General Services
- BY: David M. Owen
Chief Assistant County Attorney

7. BACKGROUND:

On December 9, 2004, the Alliance of Bridgeless Islands of Lee County, Inc. ("ABI-LEE") sent a letter to the Chairman of the Pine Island / Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee requesting that the Citizen Committee support the Board's acquisition of properties necessary for water access in Lee County. The December 9, 2004 letter was copied to the Board.

On December 15, 2004, the Pine Island / Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee approved a revised version of the letter and requested that the letter be sent to the Commission for formal acceptance and consideration.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>1/24/05</u>	OA	OM	RISK	GC	<u>1-24-05</u>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- _____ APPROVED
- _____ DENIED
- _____ DEFERRED
- _____ OTHER

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FORWARDED
TO CO. ADMIN.
1/24/05

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COUNTY ADMIN: 214
1/24/05
1:30 PM '05
COUNTY ADMIN
FORWARDED TO:



*Burgess
Cabbage Key
Cayo Costa
Mondongo
Upper Captiva
Useppa*

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December 21, 2004

Mr. Bill Spikowski, Chairman
Greater Pine Island & Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee
Spikowski Planning Associates
1617 Hendry Street, Ste. 416
Fort Myers, Fl 33901-2947

Dear Mr. Spikowski,

On December 14, 2004 The Greater Pine Island & Bridgeless Islands Citizen's Liaison Committee voted unanimously "in favor" to forward the enclosed revised letter to Lee County Commissioners with a cover letter acknowledging the support of the committee.

The specific revisions have been made within the fourth paragraph as discussed.

If you should have questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Formosa'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vincent Formosa
President

C.c.: Mr. David Owens, Lee County Attorney



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December 9, 2004

Mr. Bill Spikowski, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Spikowski,

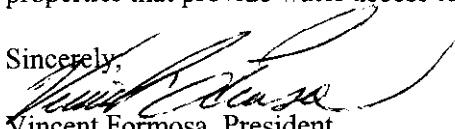
On December 4, 2004 The Alliance of Bridgeless Islands of Lee County (ABI-Lee) held a Board of Directors Meeting. During this meeting, issues that affect the Bridgeless Islands were discussed at length.

Obviously, matters and concerns of great importance centered on the ability of residential and /or commercial property owners to realize long term ingress/egress through mainland Pine Island. As a result of development and zoning regulations many of the marina locations historically used by residents of Lee County and the Bridgeless Islands as access points have been placed under restricted use. It is recognized that restricted use may be necessary at certain waterfront locations; however Lee County Government's recognition for specific use at appropriate waterfront locations such as the Fisherman's Cooperative requires expansion in the form of municipal ownership in order to provide long term access. Over the past several years there have been many meetings and much discussion regarding this matter; however to date there are no long term solutions in place.

Taking into consideration the destruction in Pineland associated with the August 13, 2004 hurricane event, the problems associated with the movement of construction and debris from the Outer Islands in conjunction with the ever increasing requirement for water access by the residents of Lee County; it is obvious that Lee County Government reevaluate their position regarding a municipal mini-port.

The Board of Directors of the Alliance of Bridgeless Islands (ABI-Lee) request that the Greater Pine Island & Bridgeless Islands Citizens Liaison Committee forward this letter to the Lee County Commissioners in support that they move forward with the acquisition of appropriate properties that provide water access to the residents of Lee County.

Sincerely,


Vincent Formosa, President
Alliance of the Bridgeless Islands of Lee County

Cc: Lee County Commissioners