

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

**Blue Sheet No. 20051834**

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:** Board accept by Resolution donated cash of \$85,000 from the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve to the Lee County Department of Parks and Recreation. Also, approve budget resolution in the amount of \$85,000 to recognize the contribution and amend the FY 05/06 – 09/10 CIP for the Six Mile Cypress Slough Interpretive Facility (project #201854) in the amount of \$85,000.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Board approval is necessary to accept donations and amend the CIP.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Board accept the donation.

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| <b>4. Departmental Category:</b> 11 <span style="font-size: 1.5em; margin-left: 20px;"><i>CIID</i></span>  |  | <b>5. Meeting Date:</b> <i>01-17-2006</i>                 |
| <b>6. Agenda:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent<br><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative<br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeals<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On | <b>7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)</b> |   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Statute         | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code     | <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other  | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <b>8. Request Initiated:</b>                              |
|  |  | <b>Commissioner</b> _____                                 |
|  |  | <b>Department</b> <u>Parks and Recreation</u>             |
|  |  | <b>Division</b> _____                                     |
|  |  | <b>By:</b> <i>John Yarbrough</i><br><i>John Yarbrough</i> |

**9. Background:**  
The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a 501(C) 3 not for profit organization graciously donating \$85,000 from their building fund to be used for construction of the Six Mile Cypress Slough Interpretive Facility. The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve organization was formed to preserve, promote, and protect the Slough. They are actively soliciting contributions to assist the County in its effort to build the Interpretive Facility. This donation of \$85,000 is the first of several donations from this group from citizen support and businesses for this public-private venture. The scope of services includes a new facility to be used for staff offices, open area for displays, and outside teaching deck.

A certified **green building** has been selected since it is one that has minimal negative effects on the environment, achieved through careful selection of materials, construction methods, energy use strategies, and maintenance practices.

This donation is greatly appreciated and will help fund for the construction of this much needed facility. Funds will be deposited in revenue acct. 20185430100.366900.9068

**10. Review for Scheduling:**

| Department Director           | Purchasing or Contracts | Human Resources | Other | County Attorney                       | Budget Services                |                                |                                       | County Manager/P.W. Director        |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                               |                         |                 |       |                                       | Analyst                        | Risk                           | Grants                                | Mgr.                                |
| <i>CCM</i><br><i>12-26-05</i> |                         |                 |       | <i>[Signature]</i><br><i>12/29/05</i> | <i>P.M.</i><br><i>12/30/05</i> | <i>M.E.</i><br><i>12/29/05</i> | <i>[Signature]</i><br><i>12/29/05</i> | <i>[Signature]</i><br><i>1/4/06</i> |

**11. Commission Action:**

Approved  
 Deferred  
 Denied  
 Other

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| REC'D<br>by CO. ATTY:<br><br><i>12-29-05</i><br>CO. ATTY.<br>FORWARDED TO:<br><i>6 116-</i><br><i>12-29-05</i> | RECEIVED BY<br>COUNTY ADMIN:<br><i>12-29-05</i><br><i>4:37</i><br>COUNTY ADMIN<br>FORWARDED TO:<br><i>[Signature]</i><br><i>1/4/06</i> |
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# RESOLUTION #

Amending the Budget of Capital Improvements-Fund 30100 to incorporate the unanticipated receipts into Estimated Revenues and Appropriations for the fiscal year 2005-2006.

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with the Florida Statutes 129.06(2), it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, to amend the Capital Improvements-Fund 30100 budget for \$85,000 of the unanticipated revenue from Friends of 6 Mile Cypress and an appropriation of a like amount for construction costs and;

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Improvements-Fund 30100 budget shall be amended to include the following amounts which were previously not included.

## ESTIMATED REVENUES

|                                  |                                    |              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Prior Total:                     |                                    | \$98,588,336 |
| Additions                        |                                    |              |
| 20185430100.366900.9068          | Donation-Friends of 6 Mile Cypress | 85,000       |
| Amended Total Estimated Revenues |                                    | \$98,673,336 |

## APPROPRIATIONS

|                              |                           |              |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Prior Total:                 |                           | \$98,588,336 |
| Additions                    |                           |              |
| 20185430100.506540           | Construction Improvements | 85,000       |
| Amended Total Appropriations |                           | \$98,673,336 |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, that the Capital Improvements-Fund 30100 budget is hereby amended to show the above additions to its Estimated Revenue and Appropriation accounts.

Duly voted upon and adopted in Chambers at a regular Public Hearing by the Board of County Commissioners on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

ATTEST:  
CHARLIE GREEN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRWOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

DOC TYPE YA  
LEDGER TYPE BA

**RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ACCEPTANCE  
OF CASH DONATIONS TO  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a not-for-profit advocacy and support organization committed to preserving, protecting and promoting Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve for future generations through education and community partnerships, working together with Lee County and South Florida Water Management District.

WHEREAS, the Six Mile Cypress Slough is a 2,200 acre wetland in Fort Myers, Florida, that measures approximately 9 miles long and 1/3 mile wide. This linear ecosystem is home to a diverse population of plants and animals, including a few considered to be endangered. The Slough also serves as a corridor for wildlife by providing a safe route of travel.

WHEREAS, Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a critical wetland system having positive value in inspiring and educating its visitors about wetlands and their roles in preserving the environment and local quality of life.

WHEREAS, Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is in the process of planning and raising funds for building an Interpretive Center at the Preserve. The Center will contain space for exhibits, administration, and education and interpretation to orient and educate visitors. Window viewing areas of a pond will connect visitors to the wonders of the Slough, and an outdoor teaching deck will enhance educational opportunities and aid in the visitors' transition to the boardwalk trails.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Friends of the Six Mile Cypress Slough to make a contribution to Lee County in the amount of \$85,000 to be used to construct a new facility at the Six Mile Cypress Slough; and

WHEREAS, Lee County desires to accept the above named funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation recommends to the Board of County Commissioners that the above named donation be accepted by Lee County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the above named donation hereby be accepted and acknowledged;

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Albion \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Hall \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Janes \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Judah \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner St. Cerny \_\_\_\_\_

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

ATTEST:  
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairwoman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Attorney



# FRIENDS OF SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE

7330 Gladiolus Drive  
Ft. Myers, Florida 33908

[www.leeparks.org/fos](http://www.leeparks.org/fos)

December 29, 2005

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## Parks and Recreation Liaison

Mary Rude  
*Staff Naturalist*

## Board of County Commissioners:

Re: Presentation of an \$85,000 check from the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve towards the building of an Interpretive Center at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve in partnership with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve was formed in 2001 as a not-for-profit organization to support the work of the preserve and to assist the County as a citizen's advocacy voice. Its mission is to preserve, protect and promote Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve for future generations through education and community partnerships. The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve feel an Interpretive Center at the preserve will help accomplish that mission.

Public and private community support for this initiative has been tremendous. This \$85,000 donation represents individual and business contributions from over 300 members, fundraising events, two "Swing for the Slough" golf challenges, special events at the slough, grants, and donations from large corporations for naming opportunities at the Interpretive Center.

This check for \$85,000 represents only the beginning of the demonstration of community awareness of the importance of preserving, protecting and promoting Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve for future generations. The fundraising drive continues as The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve reach out to Lee County's business community and concerned citizens giving them the opportunity to be a part of this Public/Private effort.

The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough value the working partnership with Lee County and look forward to continued support of the programs of Lee County Parks and Recreation at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve.

Respectfully,

Joyce Sanders, President

Alouise Skehan, Vice President

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Carol Newcomb-Jones, Secretary

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation.