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**Thomas Deck, Caleena Shirley, David Wood**

**Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board**  
Monday, August 19, 2019  
**Millers Creek Ecological Restoration - Funding Hearing Summary**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Deck	Caleena Shirley
Bobby Baker, P.E.	Edmund Clark, M.D.
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D., Chair	David Wood
Amy Fu, P.E., Vice Chair	

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Roi Dagan, M.D.

**STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:**

James Richardson, JEPB Administrator	Tree Kilbourn, EQD Enforcement
Melissa Long, EQD Chief	Terry Carr, EQD Water Branch
Kealey West, OGC	

**VISITOR(S) PRESENT:**

Carolyn Antman	Scott Bates
Deb Bates	

**Call to Order/Quorum**

Chair Lucinda Sonnenberg called the Public Hearing of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) to order at 5:16 p.m.

**Certification of Public Notice**

James Richardson, EPB Administrator, certified that the public notice required by Florida law appeared in the Financial News & Daily Record.

**Chair Statement**

Chair Sonnenberg read a statement which provided an outline of how the hearing would proceed: presentation by staff, comments from public, board discussion and clarification, board action and procedural summary.

### **Presentation of Request**

Mr. Wood, as Chair of the Education & Outreach Committee, shared that they met to review the request. After providing some input, the applicant was asked to come back with more detail. He indicated that a waiver was not required, however Mr. Richardson shared that he was uncertain about that and would address it at the appropriate time. The Committee was comfortable with the project pending additional information which was received. He asked the applicant to present.

Scott and Deborah Bates representing the Millers Creek District shared details about the project. The goal is to remove some of the contaminated soils present while a dredging project is taking place. For several reasons the creek is being dredged, primarily to restore navigability, however there are ecological benefits to the project as well. Approvals have been received by the USACE and FDEP and funding has been secured from Ameris Bank for the project. The request of the Board is to provide \$25,000 to assist in the removal of 10,000 cubic yards of Benzo Pyrene. The funding will only go to this component of the project. Timing is critical as Trail Ridge has agreed to accept the contaminated soil to be removed. Having equipment in place greatly reduces the costs associated with it and makes this viable only at this time period. Member Baker shared that he was involved with the request as he lives in the district and shared more details concerning the project.

### **Comments from Public**

None.

### **Board Discussion and Staff Clarification**

During discussion, it was discussed that while this will not likely remove all the contaminated soil, it is unlikely that the JEPB would be asked to provide funding in the future making this a one-time project request. During questions concerning the overall budget, it was determined that the request was limited based on what was anticipated to be in the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. Mr. Richardson shared the estimated balance available for projects and there was discussion about increasing the amount of the request to which Ms. Bates shared that they would be appreciative of whatever funding was provided.

Mr. Richardson shared that he and the board Counsel had discussed the project and if any waivers were needed. While we were unsure, our suggestion is that if it is determined to approve the project funding, it would be prudent to include in the motion approval of any waivers required.

### **Board Vote**

A motion was made to provide funding to the project in the amount of \$50,000 along with any waivers necessary (Shirley), was properly seconded (Clark). Mr. Deck asked that reporting to the Board at the conclusion of the project be amended to the motion which was approved. Mr. Baker declared a conflict as he lived in the district and completed the required paperwork. The amended motion was unanimously approved by the body.

Ms. Shirley asked that it be reflected that the increase in the funding was provided because of the timing of the project with the equipment mobilization, the project budget deficit and that the EPTF had enough to cover the increase.

**Procedural Summary**

Kealy West, OGC, stated that the JEPB had approved a funding request, along with any appropriate waiver, in the amount of \$50,000 and it would next go to the MBRC and to Council for approval.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



James Richardson, JEPB Program Administrator