

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Stephen M. Collins, Real Estate & Land Management

DATE: May 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition, Picayune Strand Restoration Project, Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Component, Collier County

Agenda Item Background:

The District, as local sponsor for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), has agreed to acquire the lands needed to complete the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Component of the Picayune Strand Restoration Project (Project), pursuant to the Project Partnership Agreement by and between the District and USACE, dated August 13, 2009, as amended by the 2015 Limited Reevaluation Report. Tract SG100-025, owned by Theodore Volandes and Angela Volandes, contains approximately 2.50 acres and represents the final parcel necessary for the project. The appraised value of the Tract is \$57,500. District staff is requesting authority to make a written offer at the appraised value of \$57,500. If the landowner fails to accept and enter into an agreement for sale and purchase, approval of the Governing Board item will also grant authority to file an eminent domain action.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

Additional Item Background:

The District, as local sponsor for the USACE, has agreed to acquire the lands needed to complete the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Component of the Picayune Strand Restoration Project (Project), pursuant to the Project Partnership Agreement by and between the District and Corps, dated August 13, 2009 ("PPA"), as amended by the 2015 Limited Reevaluation Report ("LLR"). A map of the Project boundary and tract to be acquired is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Tract SG100-025, owned by Theodore Volandes and Angela Volandes, contains approximately 2.50 acres. The appraised value of the Tract is \$57,500.

District staff is requesting authority to make a written offer at the appraised value of \$57,500. If the landowner fails to accept and enter into an agreement for sale and purchase, approval of the Governing Board item will also grant authority to file an eminent domain action.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The Picayune Strand Restoration Project will restore freshwater wetlands, improve estuarine water quality by increasing groundwater recharge, reduce large and unnatural freshwater inflows, and restore and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species. This is a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan project and is included in the District's Five-Year Plan of Acquisition.

Funding Source:

All costs associated with the acquisition of the tract herein described will be funded from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and/or Ad Valorem funds.

Staff Contact and/or Presenter:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2022-0501](#)

[Resolution No. 2022-0502](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Schedule 1](#)