

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: Reconsideration: Cypress Knee Museum and Buckhead Ridge Watershed Proposal (<i>Taylor</i>)					
DEPT/DEPT REQUEST: County Manager					
BACKGROUND/DETAIL OF REPORT: Cypress Knee Museum was considered for County support on August 24, 2009; BOCC voted 5-0 to deny the request. Dr. Harris Friedman wants the BOCC to reconsider this request. The BOCC was given his additional material on February 10, 2010. Attached is another request from him. See attached E-mail. Likewise, Buckhead Ridge Watershed Project was considered last summer; BOCC voted 4-1 to deny. Now, Mr. John O'Neil wants the BOCC to reconsider the decision. Does the BOCC wish to reconsider either of these issues? See attached E-mail.					
BUDGET IMPACT: Yes / No – If Yes, how much? From where? No					
COORDINATION WITH: _____					
MOTION As a member of the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the issue(s) of _____, _____					
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From: "Harris Friedman" <harrisfriedman@floraglates.org>
To: <WTaylor@MyGlades.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 7:16 AM
Subject: Cypress Knee Museum proposal

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Please pass the following message to the county commissioners.

I read the unofficial minutes (prepared by Commissioner Storter) of the last BOCC meeting. It stated that "the Board consented to have County Attorney Pringle look into options for the county to legitimately assist Glades County Youth Livestock Show-a non-profit Florida corporation-by possibly leasing their property in order to provide insurance coverage under the County's policy." I have no doubt the Glades County Youth Livestock Show is a worthwhile project. But this is essentially the same type of help that I am asking for the Cypress Knee Museum, except that the insurance for the museum would be considerably less, since it is only for liability (as the museum has no tangible value to be insured until restored). And I note that, although both projects would benefit the county, the museum offers much more potential as an economic engine in bringing in ecotourism dollars. In addition, it is ranked highly (i.e., 23rd) in the list for receiving state funding, which is approved for \$322,108.00, so losing it now would be particularly unfortunate, since funding is in sight. In my view, it makes little sense to support one project while denying the other. Perhaps more germane, however, is the importance of openness in government. In specific, I was told by Tracy Whirls that the Cypress Knee Museum would not be on the agenda last year at the BOCC meeting when it was discussed. Evidently the BOCC decided to hear it, despite that Ms. Whirls had asked for it to be tabled, and that there was no one present to even speak for the project. I have now asked that it simply be reheard so that I can share important information on this project. To deny my request to have this reheard leaves the responsibility clearly on the BOCC if the Cypress Knee Museum were to be bulldozed, as the BOCC is refusing to even consider the proposal in an open fashion. And I note that, if the Cypress Knee Museum were to be bulldozed, that would get tremendous publicity, which could reflect quite badly on the BOCC! Therefore, in the spirit of open government, please reconsider letting me at least speak on this proposal at an upcoming BOCC meeting.

Yours truly,

Harris Friedman

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Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 8:55 AM
Subject: RE: P.R. ROUND THE YEAR SOURCE OF WATER
 Good Morning John,

It is apparent to me that you are confused and with all due respect you have not been hearing the message I've been giving you for months about these dispersed water storage projects (FRESP) or about the Paradise Run conceptual project. The bottom line with the Paradise Run ASR project is that the District has NO intentions to invest any money in this project at this time or in the near future. Should something change I promise you will be the first one I call. Besides that the Paradise Run Project would NOT provide a year round source of water for BHR as it was NOT conceptually designed to do so.

The FRESP projects involve water storage and would NOT provide BHR with a year round source of water. They are being implemented to keep as much water on the landscape during extreme wet periods. This water will be allowed to recharge the system during dry periods. Please do not confuse recharge with flow, flow is not the main intent percolation back into the groundwater table is.

In addition to FRESP the District has been talking with several landowners in the S127 Basin to potentially store water on their properties. These projects are only in the infant stages right now and there's no guarantee for a source of funding to implement any type of public private partnership to store water in this area at this time. Again, if such a project were implemented it would NOT provide a year round source of water for BHR. These projects are not designed to provide a year round flow of water they are designed to store water.

With all that said Mr. Taylor has invited me to speak to the BOCC in March. I will tell them exactly what I've just explained to you in this email. Although I feel such a presentation is not the most effective use of the Boards time, as always, I am more than happy to speak with them. There is an expense associated with reproducing all this information but I'm also more than happy to do so even though the Board has been presented with it in discussion at a previous meeting and voted not to move forward on their own. Due to the tremendous cost of such an experimental project I feel like their decision was and continues to be a good one in light of the current economic conditions.

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Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2010 11:12 AM