



Polk County

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT

Approve Land Purchase Agreement in conjunction with the purchase of a conservation preservation property located in the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem Project - Crooked Lake West Area, Nolette parcel. (\$2,500 one-time expense)

DESCRIPTION

The County through its Environmental Lands Acquisition program routinely acquires title to properties for conservation preservation purposes. Through this acquisition program the County has accumulated a large land holding within the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem known as the Crooked Lake West Area; however, many of the parcels are scattered and non-contiguous making land management activities very difficult. The County's Natural Resources section has identified numerous parcels which if acquired would infill and add to the overall conservation area while aiding in future land management activities. The County is in the process of contacting the property owners of the identified parcels, many of whom are out of state, with an offer to purchase the specific parcels. Several property owners are still reviewing the offer and others, such as the one referenced below, have decided to accept the County's offer, and have executed an agreement for the sale of their property.

Approving the following agreement will allow the County to purchase and take ownership of the subject property. It will also allow the parcel to be incorporated into the existing Crooked Lake West conservation preservation area and aid in the overall land management of the area:

1. Land Purchase Agreement between Nancy A. Nolette, as successor Trustee and Polk County for the purchase of Parcel ID Number 273121-000000-044130 for the amount of \$2,500. The property is a vacant, rectangular-shaped parcel containing approximately 1.25 acres lying in Section 21, Township 31 South, Range 27 East.

RECOMMENDATION

Request Board approve the afore-mentioned Land Purchase Agreement and authorize the issuance of a check in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available for the purchase of the property in the Environmental Lands Acquisition Fund.

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