

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

CONSENT

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Sean A. Lieske, Acting Public Works Director

FROM : Kirstin Leiendecker, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Purchase of Mitigation Credits for IRC Fire Rescue Station # 7, IRC-1911

DATE: September 21, 2023

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The proposed site for Indian River County Fire Rescue Station # 7 is located on 2.8 acres at 98th Avenue and 26th Street in Fellsmere, Florida. During the permitting review process, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) requires the purchase of 0.10 mitigation bank credits to offset wetland impacts prior to issuing SJRWMD Permit # 200266-1.

The attached Basin 22 Mitigation Bank Credit Reservation and Purchase Agreement (State) is to reserve 0.10 mitigation bank credit(s) in connection with mitigating adverse wetland impacts which may arise as a result of the construction of Fire Rescue Station #7. Payment is to be made to Gould Cooksey Fennell, PLLC (Christopher H. Marine, Esq.) as Escrow Agent for the Basin 22 Mitigation Bank in the total amount of \$26,500.00.

FUNDING

Funding in the amount of \$26,500.00 is budgeted and available from the following account:

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Optional Sales Tax/Fire Station #7 Construction	31512022-066510-19020	\$26,500.00

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of purchasing 0.10 mitigation bank credits from the Basin 22 Mitigation Bank in the amount of \$26,500.00 for offsetting the proposed wetland impacts to the project area as outlined in the Agreement and requests the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement on their behalf.

ATTACHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING IN ENGINEERING DIVISION

Basin 22 Mitigation Bank Credit Reservation & Purchase Agreement (State)

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023