



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Parks & Recreation / Conservation Lands
Department of General Services**

Date: June 28 2021

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
Kevin Kirwin, Director Parks & Recreation

From: Beth Powell, Asst. Director Parks & Conservation Resources

Subject: Approval of State Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease 5-Year Renewal for the Archie Smith Fish House

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

In January 2007, the Board of County Commissioners acquired the historic Archie Smith Fish House under the County's environmental lands program. The subject waterfront property consists of approximately 1.15 acres located north of the intersection of Jackson Street and Indian River Drive in the City of Sebastian.

The property includes a dock and icehouse extending over sovereign submerged lands of the Indian River Lagoon. Because the submerged lands are state sovereign lands, the County executed a sovereignty submerged lands lease with the State (Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund) in conjunction with the property acquisition. The State submerged land lease is now up for renewal. To that end, attached is a copy of the 5-year lease renewal document for the Board's approval consideration.

As reflected in the lease renewal (and in the previous lease), the lease is for a docking facility with a non-water dependent historical fish house/shed to be used for mooring of recreational vessels. The lease renewal is a "fee waived" lease, which reflects public use and forgoes an annual lease fee that would otherwise be charged by the State. Although there is no annual lease fee associated with the proposed five-year renewal, there is a "one-time" administrative processing fee of \$692.31 charged by the State for the five-year lease renewal.

FUNDING

As previously indicated, the lease renewal will result in no annual lease fee. The State administrative processing fee of \$692.31 for the five-year lease renewal is proposed to be paid from Parks & Recreation - Conservation Lands Licenses and Permits funds, Account No. 00121572-034970.

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
General Fund/Conservation Lands/Licenses & Permits	00121572-034970	\$692.31

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached sovereignty submerged lands fee waived lease renewal for the Archie Smith Fish House, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the lease on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENT:

- Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease Renewal (including attachments)

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR JULY 13, 2021