


INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szyrka P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Keith McCully, P.E., Stormwater Engineer 

SUBJECT: Approval of a 2017 House Appropriations Grant and a Fiscal Year 2017 TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant for Osprey Acres Floway and Nature Preserve

DATE: September 21, 2017

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

On October 26, 2016, County staff applied for a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant for Osprey Acres Floway and Nature Preserve (Osprey Acres). On February 23, 2017, FDEP notified staff that Osprey Acres would receive a \$1,200,000 TMDL Grant. In early 2017, County staff applied for a Florida House Appropriations Grant for Osprey Acres. On May 4, 2017, staff was notified that Osprey Acres would receive a \$1,234,286 Appropriations Grant. The two grants total \$2,434,286 and a Standard Grant Agreement (Number NS027) encompassing both grants was received from FDEP on September 15, 2017. Staff has no recommended revisions to the Standard Grant Agreement.

The County also has a \$1,200,250 SJRWMD Cost-Share Grant for Osprey Acres (Contract #28730). The three grants total \$3,634,536. All grants funds are allocated for construction activities.

The project was bid for construction and on July 18, 2017, the County Commission awarded a \$7,436,921.35 construction contract to West Construction, Inc. A notice to proceed with construction was issued to West Construction, Inc. with a project start date of September 5, 2017.

FUNDING

The construction contract is \$7,436,921.35. As noted above, two new grants and the existing SJRWMD Cost-Share Grant will fund up to \$3,634,536, or 48.9 percent of the project cost. The remainder of the project costs will be funded with a budget amendment from Optional Sales Tax Cash Forward - Oct 1st to Optional Sales Tax / Public Works / Osprey Acres Stormwater Park. Account No. 31524338-066510-16022.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the County Commission approve Standard Grant Agreement Number NS027 for the TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant and the Florida House Appropriations Grant and authorize the Chairman to execute it on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENTS

Cost-Share Agreement with SJRWMD (Contract #28730)

DISTRIBUTION

Michael Smykowski, Budget Division
Kate Pingolt Cotner, Assistant County Attorney

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 3, 2017