



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services

Date: March 12, 2018

To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

Thru: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

From: Beth Powell, Conservation Lands Manager

Subject: Request for Board Approval of a Resolution for a Grant Application to the Florida Inland Navigation District for Public Use Improvements at the Jones' Pier Conservation Area

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners formally consider the following information at the Board's regular meeting of March 20, 2018.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

In September 2008, the Board of County Commissioners purchased the historic Jones' Pier site under the County's environmental lands program. The subject waterfront property consists of approximately 16.5 acres located on south Jungle Trail. The property was acquired for conservation and historic preservation purposes with a 45% cost-share grant from the Florida Communities Trust.

On March 6, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners authorized staff to pursue an application to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the Waterways Assistance Program to complete certain aspects of the public use improvements including the parking lot, restroom facility, pavilion, water/sewer connections and associated pathways. The estimated cost for the improvements is approximately \$300,000.00 with 50% of that cost (\$150,000.00) to be funded through the FIND grant. Please see Attachment 1 for the proposed improvements provided by MBV under Work Order No. 10.

As a part of the FIND Waterways Assistance Program grant application for the referenced improvements, FIND requires that the applicant (Indian River County) provide a resolution authorizing the project and ensuring that the terms of the grant will be met (if awarded). To that end, the attached resolution (Attachment 2) is herein presented for the Board's consideration and approval.

ANALYSIS

The attached resolution (Attachment E-7 of the FIND grant application) is in standardized format as required by FIND. The resolution indicates that the County is applying for 50% (\$150,000.00) of the total estimated cost of the project. The following table provides a breakdown of estimated cost by project elements:

Project Elements	Estimated Cost	Potential Grant Funds	Potential Grant Fund	County Funding Source
Parking, Sidewalks, Restrooms, Pavilion, Educational Signage	\$300,000	\$150,000	Florida Inland Navigation District	Con Lands CIE/Windsor

FUNDING:

The Board approved increased funding for access improvements in December 2015, through an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan’s Capital Improvements Element and updated the County’s 5 Year Capital Improvements Program Schedule to allocate \$2.9 million dollars over a five-year period to be utilized toward public access improvements on conservation lands. Due to historical structures on site, ability to apply for matching grants, partnership and interest from the IRCHS, and public interest in this conservation area, the Jones’ Pier Conservation Area has been identified as high priority for public use improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached resolution (FIND grant application “Attachment E-7”) and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the resolution on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Conceptual site plan depicting public use improvements provided by MBV under Work Order No. 10
2. Copy of Resolution for Assistance 2018 (FIND grant application “Attachment E-7”)
3. IRC Grant Form – FIND Waterways Assistance Program

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR MARCH 20, 2018