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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: March 3, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No.8(D)(1)(D)

Resolution No. R-165-09

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of $51,225 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Environmental Enhancement at the Virginia Key Beach Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

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Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the disbursement of $51,225 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to replace a wetlands pedestrian bridge across a tidal channel as part of the ongoing wetlands restoration efforts at the Virginia Key Beach Park, authorized by Resolution R-1227-05, in connection with the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

Scope
This BBEETF disbursement request will benefit coastal areas of District 7 (Comm. Gimenez).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
This resolution authorizes the disbursement of funds from the BBEETF for activities that are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF as described in Section 24-40 and the Shoreline Development Review requirements of Chapter 33D-38(4) of the Miami-Dade County Code.

Track Record/Monitor
The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will monitor the activities performed with the BBEETF funds. The activities include all project-related tasks including overall program administration, outside funding requests and agreements, contractor selection, contract administration, restoration contract compliance, success monitoring and final reporting.

Background
Under the Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program, DERM conducts various environmental restoration and enhancement activities throughout Biscayne Bay. These highly successful and popular projects are generally implemented on public lands and are assisted financially through various state and federal programs. The requested funds will be used to replace a wetlands pedestrian bridge in association with the wetlands restoration efforts at the Virginia Key Beach Park conducted by DERM and authorized by Resolution R-1227-05. The original bridge was removed to provide access for the removal of sediments with heavy equipment within the historic creek.

The $51,225 requested to be disbursed are encumbered BBEETF monies that were deposited into the BBEETF by several separate actions by the Shoreline Development Review Committee with conditions requiring these funds be used for public access improvement along Biscayne Bay. DERM will coordinate the funding requests, the contractor selection process, and all of the construction activities. These activities are conducted by outside contractors and County staff members. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF as described in Section 24-40 and the Shoreline Development Review requirements of Chapter 33D-38(4) of the Code of Miami-Dade County. I have received and considered the attached recommendation of the Director of DERM.

Assistant County Manager

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 10, 2008

To: George M. Burgess
County Manager

From: Carlos Espinosa, PE, Director
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Recommendation for Disbursement of $51,225 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Conduct Environmental Enhancement at the Virginia Key Beach Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program

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Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am recommending the disbursement of $51,225 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to replace a wetlands pedestrian bridge across a tidal channel as part of the ongoing wetlands restoration at Virginia Key Beach Park previously authorized by Resolution R-1227-05.

This disbursement request is for the construction of a 30 foot long pedestrian bridge replacement over a restored tidal creek associated with an ongoing effort to restore the Virginia Key ecosystems. The original bridge was removed to provide access for the removal of sediments with heavy equipment within the historic creek. The overall ecosystem restoration effort was initiated in September 2008 and includes the restoration of marine wetlands, freshwater wetlands, tropical hardwood hammock, and dune community.

The wetlands restoration component consisted of the selective clearing of all exotic vegetation within approximately 50 acres, the excavating and proper disposal of all materials, the creation of flushing channels, the creation of tidal pools, the planting of mangroves using volunteers from the local community and the installation of an interpretive boardwalk through the restored wetlands.

The objectives of this ongoing project are to restore and enhance the ecological habitats for a wide variety of fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals and to provide environmental education to the local community.

These restoration activities are conducted by outside contractors and County staff members. The $51,225 requested to be disbursed are encumbered BBEETF monies that were deposited into the BBEETF as required by several separate actions by the Shoreline Development Review Committee with conditions requiring these funds be used for public access improvement along Biscayne Bay. The proposed activities are consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF as described in Section 24-40 and the Shoreline Development Review requirements of Chapter 33D-38(4) of the Code.

Please contact me as needed at 305-372-6754.

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 3, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(D)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(D)
3-3-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-165-09**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF $51,225 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AT VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK THROUGH THE COUNTY'S BISCAYNE BAY RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, authorizes the disbursement of funds not to exceed $51,225 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund, for the replacement of a wetlands pedestrian bridge across a tidal channel as part of the wetlands restoration efforts, authorized previously by Resolution R-1227-05, at the Virginia Key Beach Park through the County's Biscayne Bay Restoration and Enhancement Program.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Natacha Seijas, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman aye

Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Kay Sullivan**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Robert A. Duvall