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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 3, 2010

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

From: George M. Burgess, County Manager

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

Resolution No. R-594-10

Subject: Resolution Approving Submission of Grant Application for up to $1,000,000 from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act United States Standard Grant to Reimburse the Environmentally Endangered Lands Trust Fund

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for up to $1,000,000 in grant funds from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act United States Standard Grant to reimburse the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Trust Fund for acquisition of coastal and freshwater wetlands and further authorizing the Mayor or his designee to receive funds and execute contracts and amendments as required. EEL staff was notified of these reimbursement funds by the Office of Grants Coordination.

Scope

The EEL Program is countywide. These grant funds are being sought for coastal and freshwater wetlands located within the South Dade Wetlands Project Area is located in Commission District 9. The County Commission initially placed the South Dade Wetlands on the EEL Priority A Acquisition List in 1993 and the project area has been expanded with Commission approval since that time to include all the land shown within the project boundaries in Attachment A.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

These grants will contribute up to $1,000,000 in matching funds to the EEL Trust Fund to reimburse acquisitions in the South Dade Wetlands Project Area. As of March 31, 2010, the balance of the EEL Trust Fund GF080 (Subfund 081, Project Numbers 081005, 081006 081007 and 081008) is $58,217,501 of which $26,760,308 is reserved for acquisition and $31,457,193 is reserved for management. If awarded, this grant will allow the EEL Program to leverage Acquisition Trust Funds with matching funds provided by the grant.

Track Record/Monitor

The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management will administer these grants.

Background

The South Dade Wetlands EEL Project encompasses an important wetland system in the southern part of the County. Land in this area is targeted for acquisition because of its strategic location between two national parks (Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park) within the watersheds of Florida Bay, Biscayne Bay, Card Sound and Barnes Sound. Preserving and maintaining these wetlands is important for protecting against salt water intrusion of the Biscayne Aquifer and because of the importance of the region to endangered and threatened species. The acquisition of land in this area will add to adjacent conservation land and will facilitate the management of other County-owned land in the area.

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act United States Standard Grant is a federal program that provides funding in support of projects that contribute to the conservation of wetlands with an emphasis on waterfowl, migratory bird and imperiled species habitat. The grant application is due in July 2010.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: June 3, 2010

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

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

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"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**

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

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(A)
6-3-10

RESOLUTION NO. **R-594-10**

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO $1,000,000 FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT UNITED STATES STANDARD GRANT TO REIMBURSE THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT FUNDS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

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

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes of Section 24-50 of the Code of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes submission of a grant application for up to $1,000,000 from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act United States Standard Grant to reimburse the EEL Trust Fund for acquisition of coastal and freshwater wetlands within EEL preserves; authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to execute such contracts and amendments as approved by the County Attorney's Office; authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to deposit any and all monies received into the Environmentally Endangered Lands Acquisition Trust Fund for the purposes described in the funding request; and authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to file and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson 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	absent
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2010. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Robert A. Duvall