**NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION (NRAC)**
**August 26, 2026, REGULAR MEETING APPROVED**

Meeting Place: Conference Room 1; Road and Bridge Department
Meeting Time: 4:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:**

| **Members** | **County Staff** | **Guests:** |
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| Ken Keck (Chair) | Sam Eriksen | Lew Carter |
| Zach Franco (Co-Chair) | Rachael Navarrete | |
| Erin McCarta | Danielle Jefferies (online) | |
| Benjamin Butler (ABS) | Scott Clobes (online) | |
| Raoul Boughton (ABS) | Demitria Peterson (online) | |
| Noah Handley (ABS) | | |
| Sandra Vazquez (ABS) | | |
| Derek Hendrie | | |
| Randy Gornto | | |
| Jarred Eddie | | |

**I.** Meeting was called to order by Ken Keck at 4:11 p.m. **Mr. Keck** read the public notice. Introductions were made.

**II.** Pledge of Allegiance

**III.** Approval of the June 24, 2026, minutes. **Motion: Mr. Gornto** motioned to accept the minutes; **Second**: **Mr. Eddy**. Unanimous approval.

**IV.** **A. ECR2607-0009- Sam Eriksen** introduced Rachael to the group and introduced the ECR to the group and explained the ECR review process. **Rachael** provided more background information on the special exception process allowing the applicant to have a sand mine across two sites and that the applicant still needs to acquire all necessary state and federal permits before proceeding. **Mr. Keck** asked the group if they had any questions for staff or the consultant. **Mr. Gornto** asked about the PFAS left on the grove and if those are tested and how deep the mine could go. **Rachael** stated that mining operations are allowed to go 50 ft. deep or 2 ft. above the confining layer, whichever is first. As for the sand, the sand is transported across the state and the county doesn't request that information. Conversation occurred on where the confining layer was located for this site. **Mr. Franco** asked about requiring onsite monitoring, **Mr. Eriksen** stated

that decision would come after receiving the ERP from SWFWMD. **Mr. Gornto** asked how deep the clay pit near the site is. **Mr. Carter** stated it is 130 ft. deep but regulations have changed since that mine began operation. **Mr. Keck** asked about the gopher tortoises found onsite. **Mr. Carter** explained the rules and regulations regarding gopher tortoises. **Mr. Franco** asked about the reclamation plan, **Rachael** stated that the applicant asked for a vegetative landfill, however it was originally denied and nothing new has been proposed. **Mr. Eriksen** reminded the group that they are only approving the ECR not any other proposals regarding the site. Mrs. McCarta stated that the northern edge of the property abuts the old landfill and asked if engineering confirmed that cell was not used and that it would be fine to recommend approval if there was no harm structurally or environmentally to the landfill north of the site. **Motion: Mr. Keck** recommends conditional approval of ECR2607-0009 based on the engineering department affirming there are no environmental hazards due to potential landfill operations on the adjacent north site. **Mr. Franco** second. All in favor.

**B. Special Exception Requests & Big Bang Ranch Inspection- Mrs. Eriksen** introduced the engineering team to the group and gave the floor to **Mrs. McCarta**. **Mrs. McCarta** asked for information pertaining to general special exception requests that have occurred and been approved within the last year's calendar. **Mrs. Peterson** displayed a spreadsheet showing all special exceptions for mines that have been approved. **Mr. Eriksen** stated that there were no special exceptions for mines approved in the current calendar year. **Mrs. McCarta** then began discussing the development order for Allied Tire's sand mining. **Mrs. Peterson** stated that the landowner was never given a development order and he mined without permission. **Mrs. McCarta** stated that in the gun range area they should not mine material until it is tested for contaminants including but not limited to lead and that condition should be included in any possible code enforcement violation. Further discussion occurred on what parcels had development order and what parcels did not. Discussion occurred on the FLUCs code for sand mines in the county.

**C. Conservation Trust Fund- Mitigation Fee Increase- Mr. Keck** reminded the group that NRAC needed to come up with a number and rationalization by February**. Mr. Eriksen** reminded the group of ridge to river and impact fees not moving forward as well as changes to how the fee was changed.

**CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA** –

**V. Updates: Mr. Eriksen** discussed the next meeting at Grassy Lake Scrub.

**VI. Conservation Trust Fund—See agenda packet**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS** –

**VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** –

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS** –None.

**X. NEXT MEETING DATES –** Next meeting set for September 30, 2026.

**ADJOURN** – Mr. Keck adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.