

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: City of Clewiston Lease Agreement

COUNTY: Hendry

PURPOSE: 99 Year Lease for Recreational Use

CONTRACT: 4600002053

REQUEST: Authorize a Ninety-Nine year lease for recreational use with the City of Clewiston

BACKGROUND:

The District entered into an Agreement with the City of Clewiston (CITY) in August 1975, to operate and maintain an access road and a new boat launching area on Canal 21. The boat launching area includes a boat basin, launching ramp and attendant docks, parking area and landscaping. A Supplemental Agreement was executed in October 1977 to modify the legal description. An Agreement was executed in September 1982 that superseded the earlier Agreement to provide for repairs and improvements and the future operation and maintenance of the boat launching area. A Supplemental Agreement was entered into in September 1989 to provide for additional improvements to the boat launching area and was amended in 1995 to extend the term and add additional lands to the Agreement. The Agreement was amended in March 2009 to extend the term to September 2050 to facilitate a grant with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Recreational Trails program for the Florida National Scenic Trail Clewiston Trailhead. The City now needs a ninety-nine year lease to qualify for the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will be responsible for all repairs, improvement, maintenance and up-keep of the Clewiston Recreation Area which includes: access road from Francisco Avenue to Structure 169, parking and launching surfaces, boat launching ramp, courtesy piers, boat basin (including side slopes), lighting and any additional facilities that may be erected or placed on the sight. The City shall bear liability for any and all claims for personal injuries or property damages.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District authorize a ninety-nine (99) year lease of land interests comprising 35.8 acres, more or less, with the City of Clewiston for recreational purposes.

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