

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR GRANT OF UTILITY EASEMENT

PROJECT: Hickory Hammock Management Area
COUNTY: Highlands
TRACT NOS.: 1910E-017, 1910E-018
ACRES: 1.0 (1910E-017), 3.12 (1910E-018)
PURPOSE: Grant Utility Easements to Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hickory Hammock Management Area (“Hickory Hammock”) is located on the west side of the Kissimmee River, along US Highway 98 in Highlands County. It is open to the public and contains two heavily used public use amenities, the Istokpoga Canal Boat Ramp Area (ICBRA) and the Hickory Hammock Equestrian Center (“HHEC”).

CONSIDERATIONS: District staff recommends that the Governing Board approve granting two (2) utility easements to Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. for overhead electric power connections containing 3.12 acres, more or less, for the ICBRA (Tract No. 1910E-017) and 1.0 acre, more or less, for the HHEC (Tract No. 1910E-018), as more particularly described on Exhibits “A” and “B”, in order to provide electric utilities for District facilities located on the Hickory Hammock site.

AUTHORIZATION: Pursuant to Section 373.056(4), Florida Statutes, “any water management district may grant utility easements on land owned by such district to any private or public utility for the limited purpose of obtaining utility service to district property under such terms and conditions as the governing board of such district may determine.”

RECOMMENDATION: A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to approve granting two (2) utility easements to Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. for overhead electric power connections containing 3.12 acres, more or less, and 1.0 acre, more or less, in Highlands County, for the Hickory Hammock Management Area.

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Attachments: Resolution and map