2:00 p.m. Meeting Convened – Roll Call

On Zoom: Board: Chair Susan Trevarthen, Vicki Tschinkel, Jake Varn, Courtney Cunningham, Timothee Sallin, Tim Jackson, Andrew Dickman, Lee Constantine, Jim Swann Mark Watts, Greg Barnhart
Emeritus: Lester Abberger, Roy Rogers
Staff: Paul Owens, Jane West, Vivian Young, Haley Busch

Welcome and Introductions; Purpose of Meeting
Susan Trevarthen inquired about board and staff members health and well-being.

Pandemic Update
Paul provided an update of staff continuing to work productively from home.

Board Action and discussion
ACTION: Approve/modify meeting minutes June 22, 2020
Jake Varn moved to approve the June 22 board meeting minutes, Mark Watts seconded, and minutes were approved unanimously.

Advocacy & Activities:
• Overview -Paul Owens
Paul provided an update on Governor DeSantis’s SB 410 veto and thanked Vivian and Jane for their work on the campaign. He noted it was a multifaceted effort involving many partner organizations and created a roadmap of us to follow for future campaigns. Paul reported that he had written letters to thank the Governor for his veto, as well as all the organizations and individuals who helped us with the campaign.

Paul highlighted Haley’s work on best practices for citizen engagement during public hearings, which reinforces our legislative priorities regarding protecting public participation during the pandemic.

In July we published several op-eds about the M-CORES project and Paul pointed to the media packet noting there was a lot of press coverage for our organization over the last three months. Paul shared an update on his meetings with Republican legislators in the Florida House of Representatives to share our mission. Paul thanked Roy Rogers for helping make the connections.
Paul shared a brief fundraising update on the summer appeal which is doing better than projected. The summer appeal was designed to make up for some of the losses we incurred from canceling the spring appeal due to the pandemic.

Paul shared Jane’s work on a legal challenge to the 2019 House Bill 7103 and mentioned she is also working on a legislative fix in addition to the legal challenge.

Paul shared an update on our 2070 workshops which are now following a virtual model with the Brevard 2070 workshop coming up at the end of October. He noted the St. Johns 2070 follow-up webinar included more than 100 people. In another follow-up to the St. Johns 2070 workshops, Paul wrote to the county commission to encourage them to revive their land acquisition program.

Sea Level 2070, a report on the impact of sea level rise on land use population and migration patterns, will begin next spring and Paul is looking forward to getting new baseline data to present in our county workshops.

Paul continues to work with Robert Hartsell who monitors developments in the Agricultural Reserve area in Palm Beach County.

Paul worked with Jake Varn to write a letter to the City of Dunnellon expressing our concerns about a proposed development along the Rainbow River, citing inconsistencies between the proposal and the City’s Comprehensive Plan. A few weeks later, the proposal was withdrawn.

Paul shared our endorsements of land conservation ballot initiatives in Volusia, Manatee and Collier counties. We worked with the Trust for Public Land to raise awareness about the campaigns.

Paul shared his coalition building work through regular meetings with the Florida Conservation Voters, Florida Conservation Coalition, Ocean Coalition, and the Sadowski Coalition, who presented Paul with an award at their virtual conference. Paul also attended an event hosted by the Florida Wildlife Corridor and met virtually with the Everglades Foundation executive director, Erik Eikenberg, and the director at the Friends of the Everglades.

Susan and Lester Abberger praised Paul and the staff for their work during the past quarter. Paul welcomed the board to work with him on contacting legislators and asked members to assemble a short list of legislators we ought to prioritize meeting with. Jim Swann agreed to work with Paul on contacting a few legislators.

- Fundraising Update — Paul Owens on behalf of Toni Russell
  Paul presented Toni’s report, beginning with the fundraising dashboard, showing we’ve gotten off to a good start in the current fiscal year that began July 1. There is more revenue, which reflects the unusual summer appeal, which we didn’t have last year. Paul also said that major
donors continue to be a big part of our fundraising base and responsible for the largest percentage of our gifts. Paul thanked Vicki and Walter Tschinkel for their generosity.

Toni has been working on the year-end appeal with Paul helping with the letter highlighting our involvement in local issues across the state. The theme is “connections” and of the 67 counties in the state, we have been involved in more than half the counties. Paul noted this is strong for a statewide organization with a staff of only five people.

Toni surveyed people this summer about donors’ interest in estate giving and received a few responses from those interested in exploring the idea further.

Toni worked on attracting more people to be featured in our donor spotlight section of our newsletters. Paul shared our newsletter will include a feature on Sara Sinclair Ellenburg, who left half her estate to 1000 Friends.

Toni will now be working on the audit for the next few months and is keeping busy on the operations and development front.

Susan noted the lack of responses to the donor survey that Toni conducted from those below the age of 44. Susan said increasing this population segment in our donor base is an area we need to improve upon.

- Policy/Legal Update - Jane West

Jane mentioned that SB 410 was one of just three bills that Governor DeSantis vetoed and the campaign was a team effort by our partners across the state.

Jane is preparing for the Brevard 2070 workshop and welcomes board members to share insights on the county.

Jane has been participating in Everglades Coalition issues, including passing a resolution against M-CORES. Jane is currently working with the coalition to make sure the administrative order that denied the Miami 836 extension road is upheld.

In Martin County, Jane will be participating in a County Commission meeting on behalf of 1000 Friends and the Guardians of Martin County regarding a large proposed residential development that could be an indicator of sprawl. Jane is concerned about the precedent the development could set through the increase in residential dwelling units.

Jane continues to be involved with the Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition (FORCE) and their outreach efforts, including drafting a bill to get the Rodman Dam removed, and an economic analysis to espouse the benefits for the Putnam County region.
Jane mentioned the St. Johns County 2070 follow up webinar, and shared our partnership with the Matanzas Riverkeeper and the North Florida Land Trust on a grant application for a study of the impacts of development on the Guano-Tolomato/Matanzas watershed basin.

In Sarasota County, Jane attended a hearing about rural heritage and hamlet developments. Hamlets in Sarasota County do not match with the vision of what was originally contemplated in their 2050 comprehensive plan.

Jane has been assisting a couple of Walton County neighborhood organizations in protecting their unique coastal dune lake ecosystems.

Jane provided an update on the HB 7103 litigation, sharing that she and a small team are working on an initial brief for filing a notice of appeal to the first District Court of Appeals.

Jane supervised a legal intern from Florida State University during the latter part of the summer who assisted with legal research.

Tim Jackson lauded Jane’s work in Sarasota County. Paul also noted that we received good attention from local press and raised our profile in Sarasota County thanks to Jane’s work.

Jim Swann inquired about when the language for the “fix” bill for HB 7103 would be ready and mentioned that he would like to share with his legislators. Jane is working on the language and will share when it is ready.

* Communications Update - Vivian Young*

Vivian has been spending a lot of time on the fall webinar series and detailed the upcoming speakers and topics. Vivian thanked Tim for his help on the October webinar about induced traffic demand.

Vivian finished the Annual Report and sent the fall newsletter to the designer that will go to the mail house at the end of October.

Vivian talked about the SB 410 veto campaign, explaining how other organizations follow our lead specifically on growth management, our special niche.

M-CORES work has kept Vivian very busy this summer. She published the “Detour Around Accountability” report co-authored with Sierra Club. Vivian noted that we are starting to hear from people about the economic concerns of M-CORES in the context of strained financial times due to the pandemic, as well as concerns about the project siphoning funds from local government priorities.

Tim Jackson underwrote a series of natural resource maps produced by the University of Florida to demonstrate the kinds of impacts the roads would have in each of the proposed regions. Vivian continues to update our website with the relevant M-CORES information.
Paul, Andrew Dickman, Thomas Hawkins (our three task force representatives) have been meeting regularly with Vivian, Jane and Haley whenever an M-CORES topic has come up concerned with the big-picture plan. Vivian spearheaded a number of papers and letters that outline particular concerns, such as broadband issues.

Vivian will begin work on the Sea Level 2070 project this spring.

Vivian provided a brief update on the email alerts and the number of views, likes and traffic for our website, and social media pages.

Vivian served on the American Planning Association’s Great Places People’s Choice Awards panel. Vivian has been more active on the Stronger, Safer Florida Coalition with the goal of addressing the issue of property insurance issues following hurricanes and severe storms. The coalition has asked Vivian to work on an op ed with them.

Susan thanked Vivian for spearheading efforts on M-CORES advocacy.

- Outreach Update - Haley Busch
Haley continues to build local connections in the Tampa Bay area, including with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. She may be tapped to join a couple of working groups on behalf of 1000 Friends. Haley continues outreach to young professionals and student groups, including the environmental department at Eckerd College and with an Alachua County-based group called Young Leaders for Wild Florida. Haley participated in the first annual “Preservation on Main Street” conference hosted by the Florida Main Street program.

A larger project Haley has been working on is the best practices for citizen engagement guide. With local and county governments shifting to remote public hearings, we have been looking for good examples and lessons to be learned from governments trying to increase public participation in hearings, particularly in the community planning process. A second guide followed our first “Best Practices” guide, and Haley has received comments from about a dozen individuals in response, providing feedback and additional examples for inclusion. This is something Haley will continue to update as we follow the pandemic and government procedural responses, and Haley encouraged board members to share good examples.

Tim Jackson praised this project and encouraged Haley to continue to include this messaging in our outreach and encouragement of public participation. Susan noted that increased options for virtual public participation allows for families with children, people with disabilities to engage in local government. Vicki suggested involving other organizations to distribute these materials and Haley concurred that she would like to turn them into distributable fliers and online resources.

Haley and Jane continue to manage the Instagram account and have been steadily increasing the followers. The Instagram currently has 850 followers.
Haley continues to work on the 2070 workshops and is on track with the virtual Brevard 2070 workshop scheduled for October 28. There will be a survey beforehand and opportunities to engage with presenters in attempts to make this virtual event more engaging. Haley continues to meet residents interested in a growth management conversation in Volusia county, and is shopping the Volusia 2070 workshop concept with potential partners.

Haley and Jane met with North Florida Land Trust and the Matanzas Riverkeeper to apply for a grant for a collaborative project protecting the Guano-Tolomato/Matanzas Basin watershed in Northeast Florida.

Haley has been watching DEP’s stormwater rulemaking process and led a joint sign-on letter with 19 organizations providing general initial comments on stormwater protections. She will be engaging throughout the rulemaking process to provide comments on behalf of 1000 Friends of Florida.

Haley assembled a memo regarding updates to our GuideStar and Charity Navigator profiles, evaluator organizations that rank nonprofits on their transparency and fiscal integrity. Haley will be keeping our profiles up to date and will also be working with Paul to craft new operating procedures that will strengthen our profile. She noted this is the beginning of a longer-term process and encouraged board members to reach out to her and Paul with any questions.

Courtney Cunningham shared the University of Florida civic engagement center, noted they could amplify our work on citizen engagement in public hearings and community planning.

**M-Cores Update & Strategy**

Vivian introduced our M-CORES advocacy strategy, explaining it as a bifurcated approach where we have our three task force representatives (Thomas Hawkins, Andrew Dickman and Paul Owens) who have been participating in the task force meetings and very engaged in the nuts-and-bolts part of the M-CORES process. Then, there is the public outreach and education aspect of our strategy. With the final task force meetings at the end of October, and draft final reports already shared among task force members, task force members will need to decide how and what position to take.

Several staff and board members expressed concerns about the content of the task force reports and the process for finalizing and approving them. Paul noted 1000 Friends established four priorities for the M-CORES process and he has not seen our issues addressed. Paul is particularly concerned about the lack of explicit policy to prevent sprawl.

Vicki, Susan, Andrew and Tim agreed that we need to detail our concerns about the reports and process in a letter to DOT. Jake moved that a letter be sent explaining how the task force process is flawed and identifying within the draft reports the things they failed to address. Vicki seconded the motion. Jake’s motion to send the letter was unanimously approved.

Paul welcomed any board members to participate in the M-CORES strategy working group.
Draft 2021 legislative priorities and strategy
Paul shared the priorities list and differentiated between the items. 1000 Friends will take the lead on versus items we share advocacy efforts with our partners. Jane shared elements from her draft language for the HB 7103 repair bill. Jake expressed concerns about the water commission section. This language came from the Trouble in Paradise report. Board members agreed to strike this from the legislative priorities list.

Jane solicited input from the board on the Rodman Dam removal legislation and noted that we are seeking a sponsor. Jane also shared our work on the preemption supermajority bill with coalition partners.

Financial report/further board action
- **Current budget and status**
  Paul provided a brief update and shared that we have a healthy budget.
- **ACTION: Approve investment plan from investment committee**
  Paul introduced the investment plan and noted it has already been approved by the board’s ad hoc committee. Paul described that the Sara Sinclair Ellenburg funds will be invested similarly to a 401k and will gradually move into a diversified portfolio. Jake moved to approve the investment plan. Mark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Board member recruitment
Susan shared that we have room on our board to add new members. After a discussion among members, Susan asked them all to think about their connections and identify new candidates who could add value to our board.

Schedule for upcoming meetings, further discussion
Paul shared our next meeting will be in February, prior to the legislative session.

Executive Session (Board only)

Timothee Sallin, Secretary
1000 Friends of Florida
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2021
2:00pm – 5:00pm
Via Zoom conference call

2:00 p.m. Meeting convened — Roll Call
On Zoom: Board: Susan Trevarthen, Jake Varn, Greg Darnhart, Jim Swann, Tim Jackson, Mark Watts, Andrew Dickman, Vicki Tschinkel, Lee Constantine, Tim Sallin, Courtney Cunningham
Emeritus: Lester Abberger, Roy Rogers
Staff: Paul Owens, Jane West, Vivian Young, Toni Russell, Haley Busch

Welcome and introductions; purpose of meeting
Susan Trevarthen welcomed staff and board members.

Pandemic update
At Susan’s invitation, board members and staff provided updates on the well-being of family and friends during the pandemic.

Board action and discussion
ACTION: Approve/modify meeting minutes from September 28, 2020
Lester Abberger moved and Greg Darnhart seconded approval of meeting minutes from September 28, 2020. Minutes were approved unanimously.

ACTION: Complete Conflict of Interest Statements
Toni Russell will email and send to all members of the board at the end of the meeting.

Advocacy and activities
  • Fundraising update — Toni Russell

  Toni provided an update on fundraising activities. Last August was our first time running a summer appeal, and we exceeded our budget. We need to gain some ground to meet the budget for “Total Giving” category, but Toni is projecting reaching and exceeding our budget. For the year-end appeal, we were missing several large donors from previous years. Toni thanked Greg for his outreach in Palm Beach and noted we have been receiving gifts from this area. Toni is currently planning the spring appeal, will be focusing on stewardship for webinar donors, and is wrapping up work on the audit.

  Lester thanked Paul and Toni for the handwritten thank you cards we send donors.

  Toni has received 650 gifts to date. Toni is attending webinars about equity and inclusion in fundraising.

  Susan inquired about the overall geographic distribution of our donor base. Toni referred to the dashboard sheet displaying a “giving by county” graph. She noted Martin County is at 40%,
where last year at this time Martin was at 50%, with the bigger change in Palm Beach County.
Susan asked that we check-in regarding diversifying the geographical base of donors.

- **Policy/legal update — Jane West**

  Jane has been preparing for the legislative session and attended delegation meetings where she shared 1000 Friends’ legislative priorities.

  Jane summarized her work in different counties and municipalities across the state, including in the City of Clearwater, in South Florida with the Everglades Coalition Conference, and in Martin County with the Guardians of Martin County. Jane traveled to attend their in-person Martin County legislative delegation meeting. She provided an update from the Brevard 2070 workshop and wrote a follow-up letter about the short-term rental issues there.

  Jane shared information about SB 62, a bill dismantling Regional Planning Councils. Jane noted that opposing this will be one of the big priorities for 1000 Friends of Florida in the legislative session.

  Jane provided an update on the Free the Ocklawaha Coalition work. There is a bill in drafting, a rebranding of the campaign (“Great American Riverway”), and a multi-pronged advocacy approach underway.

  Jane celebrated the St. Johns Board of County Commissioners recent decision to resurrect the LAMP (Land Acquisition and Management Program) program that was dismantled after the last housing recession and is now funded at $500,000 annually. 1000 Friends was an active member of the coalition working on this issue.

  In Sarasota County, Jane testified (virtually) in support of a citizen-based comprehensive plan amendment initiative that sought to amend the future land use map and preserve the rural integrity of Myakka.

  Jane shared the F-B 7103 litigation case is still pending in the first District Court of Appeals and she is expecting the reply brief by February 14. Maggy Hurchalla’s petition to the U.S. Supreme Court was denied jurisdiction.

  Jane and Haley have been supervising two legal students from the University of Florida. One of the students is writing a research paper about golf course conversions. Several board members expressed interest in this project and asked Jane to disseminate the paper upon completion.

  Jane has been following the federal delegation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Jake Varn and Vicki Tschinkel inquired about the Biden administration’s position on delegation and whether 1000 Friends should write another letter to the Environmental Protection Agency. Jane agreed that it would be good to continue the pressure at federal level in conjunction with other environmental organizations.

  Lester encouraged Jane to try to meet with Senator Jennifer Bradley and Representative Paul Renner to advocate for the Ocklawaha River restoration.

- **Communications update — Vivian Young**

  Vivian shared we continue to see an increase in webinar attendance, with more than 50% in 2020. Vivian’s next big task is preparing for the 2021 legislative session, and she shared our
efforts to promote legislative delegation meetings. Vivian continues to update the legislative bill tracker.

Vivian continues to work on M-CORES advocacy, with Paul, Andrew, and Thomas Hawkins serving on the task forces and our internal advisory committee. Vivian worked closely with staff and Tim Jackson to develop a unified message. The task force reports were adopted and passed, and 1000 Friends outlined our concerns. We started segueing M-CORES advocacy efforts into the 2021 legislative session. The working group developed draft legislation to make fundamental change in the M-CORES program and taking it off “autopilot” and removing the mandatory start and completion dates. Vivian noted there are currently three bills filed that are relevant to M-CORES.

Vivian and Paul continue to work on Sea Level 2070, the next iteration of the 2070 project. They spent significant time during the fall working with the University of Florida on the methodology.

Susan thanked Vivian for her hard work.

- Outreach update — Haley Busch

Haley has also been preparing for the legislative session and introducing herself to newly elected representatives. She attended legislative delegation meetings in Southwest Florida and followed up with legislators seeking more information about our priorities. She presented with Paul and Jane in a legislative update webinar hosted by the St. Johns Riverkeeper.

Haley directed board members to her report for a full list of the organizations and community partners she has been corresponding with. She highlighted her ongoing conversations with representatives from the University of Florida and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical (FAMU)’s joint program called Community Voices Informed Choices. She noted their capacity-building strategy for community outreach and thinks they would be a useful partner in future 2070 workshops.

Haley made an appeal to board members for pictures for the Instagram account and thanked Tim Sallin for sharing his images.

Haley shared an update from the Brevard 2070 workshop last October and mentioned that she spoke at the Brevard County Legislative Delegation meeting, tailoring her presentation to incorporate the outcomes of the Brevard 2070 workshop. Haley continues to explore other opportunities for 2070 workshops and will be working with the St. Johns Riverkeeper on workshops in counties in the river basin.

Haley is tracking legislation related to water quality and water supply and is also following water quality rulemaking.

- Overview — Paul Owens

Paul lauded Vivian’s work on M-CORES advocacy over the last 15 months. 1000 Friends has been much more proactive and engaged in the pre-session activities by attending legislative delegation meetings, including board member Tim Sallin attending Lake County’s. Paul put together a legislative strategy with Lee Constantine and noted that this will likely be a challenging session on the growth management front.

Vivian and Paul will be working on the Sea Level 2070 report.
Later this week, Paul will be participating in the first meeting of the Environmental Working Group that has been appointed for the Florida Transportation five-year update.

Paul noted our legislative priorities page on the website and thanked Vivian for creating a well-organized page.

Susan thanked the staff members on their engagement and work on local, regional and state projects.

Diversity in activities, mission
Susan, Paul and Courtney have had some discussions on incorporating diversity and inclusion within our work. Susan asked staff members to include a section on diversity, equity and inclusion in their staff reports going forward.

Courtney concurred, Florida is going to look much more diverse going forward and 1000 Friends will need to stay relevant.

Paul shared the website changes are underway and will also be working on updating our mission and vision statements. Paul pointed to the GuideStar materials in the board packet including a demographic survey for staff and board members, and an equity strategies checklist. He noted these are geared towards larger organizations with Human Resources departments, but Paul highlighted four of them that we could focus on moving forward.

Roy Rogers moved to authorize the chair and ad hoc committee to refine our diversity and equity strategies for the organization. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Model development standards
This was a project Jane began at the direction of the board to come up with a “wish list” of sustainable development concepts. She noted it is still in draft form and reached out to other members and partner organizations on each of the topics. This project seeks to define the criteria for what constitutes a sustainable development in Florida. Board members expressed an interest in refining the project and narrowing the scope. Paul proposed continuing to convene the working group with board members interested in this project to work on refining and revising the document.

Investment update
Mark Webb provided an update on the performance of 1000 Friends of Florida’s investment portfolio and strategy, including our endowment, short-term reserve and long-term reserve funds. Mark answered questions from board members.

Financial report/Further Board action
- Current budget and status

Paul and Tim Jackson presented an update on the current budget. Paul pointed to the financial report, on page 85, that total revenues through first half of year are slightly ahead of last year. He explained our personnel expenses are higher because we added an employee and noted that costs in other areas through the first six months are substantially lower.

Evolving opportunities for engagement and support throughout Florida
Paul, Susan and Courtney have been discussing the influx of entrepreneurs relocating to Miami in recent months and how 1000 Friends might reach them. Paul has begun engaging with several of them on Twitter through 1000 Friends’ account and encouraged board members to keep him up to date.

Schedule for upcoming meetings, further discussion
The board will aim to reconvene via Zoom meeting near the end of May or early June.

Executive session with President (Board only)
1000 Friends of Florida  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 10, 2021  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
Via Zoom conference call

9:00am: Meeting convened — Roll Call  
On Zoom: Board: Susan Trevarthen, Jake Varn, Greg Barnhart, Jim Swann, Tim Jackson, Mark Watts, Vicki Tschinkel, Tim Sallin, Courtney Cunningham  
Emeritus: Lester Abberger, Roy Rogers  
Staff: Paul Owens, Jane West, Toni Russell, Haley Busch, Carol Jones

Announcement  
Paul Owens announced that Roy Rogers has decided to step back from his active role in our leadership. Paul and Susan expressed the Board’s sincere appreciation for Roy’s leadership, guidance, and generosity. Roy shared the pleasure he has experienced from serving on the Board and the lifelong friends he has accumulated.

Welcome and introductions; purpose of meeting  
Susan Trevarthen welcomed staff and board members. Jane West introduced and welcomed Carol Jones; the new office assistant based in the Tallahassee Office. Carol Jones gave a brief overview of her professional background and excitement to come on board. Susan and Paul thanked Carol for joining the organization.

Pandemic update  
At Susan’s invitation, board members and staff provided updates on the well-being of family and friends during the pandemic.

Board action and discussion  
**ACTION: Approve/modify meeting minutes from February 8, 2021**  
Vicki Tschinkel moved and Jake Varn seconded approval of meeting minutes from February 8, 2021. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Advocacy and activities  
• Fundraising update — Toni Russell

Toni provided an update on fundraising activities. The Spring Appeal sent in April 2021 went to 8,762 donors which is the largest that has ever been sent. A new prospect list was added which generated 14 new members, who are difficult to recruit. Toni said two of the new members are potential major donors and hopefully they will continue to stick with us and increase their giving over time.

Toni thanked Greg for his outreach in Palm Beach and noted that the mailing portion that went out under Greg’s signature generated $6,020.
Toni and Paul worked on submitting reports and letters of inquiries to the Bailey Foundation and the Munson Foundation. We are expecting to receive $35,000 from the Munson Foundation during the month of July.

Toni is currently planning the year-end appeal whose theme is going to be "Timeless Florida". For the 6th year in a row, Anniversary cards will be sent out in the next 30 to 60 days.

Toni submitted the PPP loan forgiveness application and expects we will receive approval within the next 90 days.

Vicki said it was good to see a sturdier base of donors outside of the Hobe Sound network, which reduces the dependency on one geographic area.

Toni thanked Vicki for her generous gift and ongoing support.

Toni emphasized that now that there is assistance on board (ie; Carol) to help with the office, she will have more time to concentrate on other areas of fundraising.

Susan requested that Toni email a list of the upcoming webinars to all Board members.

- **Policy/legal update — Jane West**

Jane provided a recap of the legislative session and the frustrations staff encountered with the inability to contact lawmakers in person due to the Capitol closure. Her testimony on the Senate side was livestreamed from the FSU Civic Center. There were technical glitches throughout the session which impacted the effectiveness of the testimony.

Jane shared information about HB 337 (Impact Fees), SB 88 (Farming Operations) and others that were opposed by 1000 Friends of Florida and signed into law by the governor. There were a significant amount of preemption bills this year which created bipartisan outrage.

Jane is planning a proactive approach to meet with our advocacy partners, gather ideas on bills and potential sponsors in preparation for the next session.

Jane continues to serve as a statewide resource for local citizens and organizations seeking advice and guidance on pending land use issues and threats to natural resources.

Jane summarized her work in different counties and municipalities across the state, including Hold the Line Coalition (HLC), Guardians of Martin County, FORCE (Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition for Everyone), Santa Rosa's Water Future, St. John's LAMP (Land Acquisition Management Program), and more.

Jane is working with former 1000 Friends policy & planning director Thomas Hawkins on citizens planning rights provision to ride the coattails of House Bill 59, Growth Management, which requires all local governments to amend their comprehensive plans. They must amend their comprehensive plans to include a provision regarding property rights.

Jane said we had two interns from the University of Florida, referred by UF law professor Mary Jane Angelo, and they did a good job. Their term is now ended.

Lester congratulated Jane on a job well done on her advocacy efforts on behalf of 1000 Friends and the future of Florida.
• Outreach update — Haley Busch

Haley concurred with Jane and Lester regarding the interesting session, which included watching the Florida Channel, supporting our lobby team on how to advocate via Zoom and through video testimony.

Haley has continued to attend webinars, participate in workshops and virtual conferences hosted by local, state, and national partner organizations. These include the Hobe Sound listening session, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council’s Agency on Bay Management (ABM), St. Johns Riverkeeper Lunch N’ Learn, just to mention a few. A detailed list is provided on page 34 of the report to the board.

Haley’s focus this summer and fall is on the 2070 workshops. Since things are beginning to open up in the wake of the pandemic, workshop planning is underway with the St. Johns Riverkeeper.

Haley is working on the development of the list of nontraditional partner organizations for 1000 Friends of Florida that includes minority homeowner and citizen advocate organizations.

Susan expressed her appreciation to Haley for taking the initiative to pursue diversity training.

• Communications Update - Paul Owens (in Vivian’s absence)

Paul pointed out that attendance in the webinars is most important and directed meeting participants to page 24 of the board report. Our average attendance continues to go up, which has resulted in the need to upgrade our webinar package to accommodate more than 500 people at a time.

Paul directed the meeting participants’ attention to pages 25 and 26 of the board report, which provides the layout of our tentative webinar schedule for the upcoming season.

Paul noted that Vivian developed veto petitions that were promoted in several emails and during the Legislative Wrap Up Webinar. Paul referred to page 28 of the board report for detail.

Paul said Vivian will be spending the majority of her time in the upcoming year focusing on the Sea Level 2070 Report.

• Overview — Paul Owens

Paul provided a brief overview on the outcomes of several bills presented during the legislative session.

Paul noted that there were some positive things in the budget that were passed, such as $400 million for land conservation and $500 million each for resilience and septic to sewer projects.

Paul asked for questions from the meeting participants as he needed to end his discussion due to time constraints.

Vicki thanked 1000 Friends Board Members, staff and friends who worked so diligently on the M-CORES project, which led to passage of a bill to repeal the 2019 law that authorized the toll road network.
Investment update

Mark Webb provided an update on the performance of 1000 Friends of Florida's investment portfolio and strategy, including our endowment, short-term and long-term reserve funds. Mark answered questions from board members. Suggestion was made for the investment committee to meet and review investment options.

Financial report/Further Board action

- Current budget and status

Paul and Tim Jackson presented an update on the current budget. Paul pointed to the statement of revenues and expenses on page 79, that the total revenues may be skewed due to the Ellenburg Trust money which should be deducted if you want an accurate picture of where we are in revenue over expenses. He explained that if you deduct the second installment, we are still running about $14,000 in revenue over expenses. On page 81, Paul also explained that we are running over budget on printing, copying and postage due to an increase in mailed appeals and newsletters.

- ACTION: Approve/modify 2021-2022 budget

Paul and Tim outlined details in the proposed 2021-2022 budget. In response to questions, Tim directed Paul to add detail to the budget summary to identify targets for additional fundraising. Vicki Tschinkel moved to approve the budget; Jim Swann seconded. The budget was approved, with the amendment specified by Tim, without opposition.

Recruitment of new board members

Susan Trevarthen proposed that the Board approve the addition of a new member, Bob Cambric of Apopka. Susan outlined Bob's extensive experience as a planner. Mark Watts moved to approve Bob's appointment; Lester Abberger seconded. Bob's appointment was approved without opposition.

Schedule for upcoming meetings, further discussion

The board will aim to reconvene via Zoom meeting in September.

Executive session with President (Board only)