

BYLAWS OF THE MYAKKA RIVER
MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Myakka River Management Coordinating Council (Hereinafter referred to as the Council).

ARTICLE II
LEGAL AUTHORITY

The legal authority for the Council is Section 258.501, Florida Statutes, entitled "Myakka River Wild and Scenic Designation and Preservation Act" (hereinafter referred to as the ACT).

ARTICLE III
POWERS AND DUTIES

The council shall exercise all the express powers and duties existing under the Act, including, to wit:

- A. To jointly develop a management plan for the designated segment of the Myakka River with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks (hereinafter referred to as the Department).
- B. To review and make recommendations on all proposals for amendments or modifications to the Act and to the management plan, as well as on other matters which may be brought before the Council by the Department, any local government, or any member of the council, and to render its nonbinding advisory opinion to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Department, and affected local governments.
- C. To adopt bylaws to provide for election of officers, removal of officers for just cause, meetings, quorum, procedures, and other such matters as its members may deem advisable in the conduct of its business. Such bylaws shall be approved by the Department.
- D. To advise the Department and the Southwest Florida Water Management District on matters affecting the administration of the river area, as defined in the Act.
- E. To exercise any other powers and duties which may be lawfully delegated to it by the Department.

ARTICLE IV
COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. The Council shall be composed of one representative from each of the entities listed below. Representatives of other entities may be appointed to or removed from the Council by the Department.

Department of Environmental Protection
Department of Transportation
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Department of Community Affairs
Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State
Southwest Florida Water Management District
Southwest Regional Planning Council
Manatee County
Sarasota County
Charlotte County
City of Sarasota
City of Venice
City of North Port
Agricultural Interest
Environmental Organizations

- B. Each member shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Department. Each member shall authorize one alternate who must be designated in writing to the Department.
- C. Members of the council shall serve until duly replaced by the Secretary of the Department. Any Council member who fails to attend or be represented by his duly registered alternate at three (3) consecutive Council meetings shall be considered to have resigned his Council Membership.

ARTICLE V
COUNCIL RECORDS

Council minutes, records, correspondence, and other documents shall be retained by the Department.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

There shall be the following officers: Chairman and Vice Chairman. Each officer shall be a member of the Council.

- A. The Chairman shall be the chief officer of the Council and shall:
- (1) Perform all duties set forth by these bylaws or incident to the office or prescribed by majority vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council.
 - (2) Preside at meetings of the Council.
 - (3) Appoint a Vice Chairmen to serve out an unexpired term; and

- (4) Appoint Chairmen and membership of all special committees subject to majority vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly constituted meeting of the Council.
- B. The Vice Chairman shall:
- (1) Perform all duties of the Chairman in the event of absence or disability of the Chairman or in event of a vacancy in that office.
 - (2) When serving as Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall exercise all powers of that office.

ARTICLE VII ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICERS

- A. Nominations shall be made and elections shall be held for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council members in attendance at a duly-constituted annual meeting of the Council.
- B. Elected officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and shall assume office immediately upon their election.
- C. Officers may be removed from office for just cause by two-thirds vote of the Council in attendance at a duly-constituted meeting of the Council called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII VOTING

- A. Only duly appointed Council members and registered alternates shall vote. Each Council member or duly registered alternate shall be entitled to one vote.
- B. All Council members or registered alternates must be present at Council meetings in order to vote.
- C. At any duly constituted meeting, all questions, except those concerning amendments to the bylaws and removal of officers, shall be resolved by a majority vote of those Council members in attendance.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

- A. There shall be an annual meeting of the Council for the election of officers and such other business as may be brought before the Council. Such annual meeting shall be the first meeting of each year, held at a time and place decided by mutual consent of the Chairman and the Department.
- B. A meeting of the Council may be called at any time by mutual consent of the Chairman and the Department, or by a majority vote of the Council members in attendance at a duly constituted meeting. The time and location of the meeting shall be determined by mutual consent of the Chairman and the Department.
- C. Each Council meeting agenda shall have a specified time for the Department to bring business before the Council.
- D. Each Council meeting agenda shall specify a time for the public to address the Council. A time limit on speakers may be imposed by a majority vote of those Council members in attendance.

ARTICLE X
NOTICE OF METINGS

- A. Written notice of all Council meetings shall be given by the Department to all Council members at least fourteen (14) days in advance as to date, time, and place of said meeting.
- B. Public notice of all Council meetings shall be given in accordance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE XI
QUORUM

A quorum for all Council meeting shall consist of a majority which number shall include either the Chairman or Vice Chairman. If the absent Council members or registered alternates originates forty (40) miles or more away from the meeting location, that member's absence would not effect seating a quorum and a quorum would consist of three (3) less than a majority.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- A. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Council members in attendance at a duly constituted meeting of the Council. Amendments to the bylaws shall become effective upon adoption.
- B. All proposed bylaws amendments shall be distributed to all Council members at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting.
- C. These bylaws and all subsequent amendments thereto shall be approved by the Department.

ARTICLE XIII
PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The parliamentary authority for the Council shall be Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition.

Adopted this 3rd day of April 2013.

ADOPTED:  for the Myakka River Management
Coordinating Council

APPROVED:  for the Department of
Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks