

**MANATEE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION/TOUR
Bradenton, Florida
March 13, 2017**

Present were:

Bill Webster, Chairman
Bob Nicholson, Vice-Chairman
Randy Cooper
David Landers
Ingrid McClellan
Tim Polk

Absent were:

Mike Burton
Bradley Hawkins
Patrick Healy
Debbie Lansing
John McDonald
Jim Parks
Richard Smith
Scott Tussing
Patsy Ugarte

Also present was:

Mike Elswick, Resource Management Division Manager, Parks and Natural Resources
Logan Arbuckle, Ranger, Parks and Natural Resources
Mark Proch, Senior Ranger, Parks and Natural Resources
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of Circuit Court

Chairman Webster called the work session to order at 2:00 p.m.

TOUR OF EAST COUNTY PRESERVES

Mike Elswick, Resource Management Division Manager, Logan Arbuckle, Ranger and Mark Proch, Senior Ranger, and ELMAC members toured the following preserves:

1. Duette Preserve
Discussion ensued regarding various hunting seasons, organized hunts, prescribed burning, memberships for citizens to use the preserve, wells located in the Preserve, funding for continued restoration, history of the location, the restoration of long needle pines, saw palmetto and the removal of invasive species such as cogon grass.
2. Rye Preserve
Discussion ensued regarding the trails, camping on site, history of the preserve, and the Rye Nature Center.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Webster adjourned the work session at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____