

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2021-028**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE COUNTY'S QUALIFICATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND RECEIVE FUNDS RELATED TO THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COORDINATOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS, IF AWARDED; AUTHORIZING WILBUR DEAN, COUNTY COORDINATOR, TO ACT AS PROJECT MANAGER, EXECUTE OTHER DOCUMENTS AND PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Section 206.606, Fla. Stat., provides funding for the State Game Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FWCC") to be used for the Florida Boating Improvement Program ("FBIP"), which FBIP is a grant program to be used for boating-related projects and activities for counties whose boating-related needs are unmet due to insufficient financial resources from vessel registration fees, with priority consideration given to counties in a variety of circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Levy County meets the circumstances for priority consideration for FBIP grant funding in that Levy County has a population of 100,000 or fewer people, and Levy County is a coastal county having a high level of boating-related activities from individuals residing in other counties; and

WHEREAS, Levy County is the fee simple title owner of Bird Creek Park, which contains a public boat ramp known as the Bird Creek boat ramp which lacks necessary improvements to enhance boater safety; and

WHEREAS, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") desires to submit a grant application to the FWCC for FBIP funds to enhance boater

safety by installing two (2) observation piers/docks at the Bird Creek boat ramp, which will provide boaters with existing loading docks unobstructed by non-boater activity for use by Levy County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, as part of the FBIP grant application process, the Board desires to authorize certain County representatives to execute an FBIP grant application for the Project, execute any grant agreement as the result of an award of an FBIP grant, if any, and administer any awarded FBIP grant on behalf of the County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, of Levy County, Florida that:

1. The Board, as the governing body of Levy County, certifies that it has the authority to submit an FBIP grant application for the Project (the "Grant Application") to FWCC, and to receive any funds that may be provided to the County under the FBIP, pursuant to its powers of local self-government granted by Article VIII, section 1, Florida Constitution, and Section 125.01, Fla. Stat., and pursuant to the provisions of Section 206.606, Fla. Stat.

2. The Board authorizes the County Coordinator, or his/her designee, to execute and submit the completed Grant Application on behalf of the County, with authority to submit the application for such grant to the FWCC.

3. The Board authorizes the Chair of the Board, or Vice-Chair of the Board in the Chair's inability or absence, to sign any and all agreements or contracts, or amendments thereto, which are required in connection with an award of an FBIP grant pursuant to the Grant Application.

4. The Board authorizes Wilbur Dean, County Coordinator, or his successor in title, to act as Project Manager on behalf of the County for any FBIP grant funds that may be awarded to the County pursuant to the Grant Application, which authorization includes, but is not limited to, the authority to administer the FBIP grant and to sign any and all assurances, reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required for the FBIP grant administration.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

John Meeks, Chair

ATTEST: Danny J. Shipp, Clerk of
Circuit Court and Ex-officio Clerk to
the Board of County Commissioners

Danny J. Shipp, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney

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