

**Babcock Ranch Preserve  
LLC Board Representative Meeting**

**February 23, 2009**

**Attendees**

Hilary Swain, Babcock Ranch Board of Directors  
Mark Llewellyn, Genesis Group  
Joe Petrich, Genesis Group  
Marcus Carnegie Genesis Group  
Jerrie Lindsey, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Lora Silvanima, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Ken Creveling, Urbanomics, Inc.

**Meeting Notes**

1. Archibold Biological Station
2. Considering Eco Leases for their property
3. Specialty hunting opportunities
4. Suggested talking to FEDP State Park about cabins and camping
5. Sandy Safley - Chairman  
Manny Fuller – Hunting  
George Tanner – UF Retired  
Bill Hammond – FGCU – environmental planning  
Bill Wilcox – Natural historian – Edison C.C.  
Erick Lindblad – Sanibel  
Jim Bryan – Forester by training
6. Outline progress
  - a. Timeline
  - b. Big issues
  - c. Stakeholders
  - d. Some details about Genesis Group
  - e. How much are we getting paid
7. Will send information on Buck Island Ranch
8. Discussed the events of the day



9. Discussed the Tier 1 Hunting Area
10. Curry Lake – consider restoration potential for birding.
11. Board – General feeling was to not phase out the row crops too quickly.
12. Discussed connectivity to Web.
13. Did not like the idea of a boardwalk through the swamp.
14. Consider:
  - a. Experiencing the hydrologic cycle
  - b. Theme becomes the process
  - c. Wetland passport – experienced the systems on the ranch
  - d. Educational experience
15. Tell the story of:
  - a. Wetland
  - b. Ranching
  - c. Forestry
  - d. Hunting – along with hunting experience
  - e. History of property
16. Discussed equestrian uses and the thought of a cattle drive.
17. Discussed cabins for 2<sup>nd</sup> tier hunting and other special ecological experiences.
18. Consider talking to state parks about cabin uses.
19. Possibly two (2) different costs
  - a. Cost for cabin
  - b. Cost for Tier 2 hunting
20. Consider providing cabins to support the Kitson Nature & Research Center and Field Research site.
21. Make sure we address safety and emergency access.



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1. Hillary – Recreation won't help bottom line at all.
2. Possible to set up something like an “eco-lease” – rent the place to birder, hunting, etc...can rent for weekends.
3. Talk to state parks because they are experts in with setting up cabins.
4. What to do at board meeting
  - Goals for RMP
  - Time frame
  - Issues that have come up so far in the process
  - How Genesis got the job. What are they being paid.
  - Catch the board up to speed.
5. Talk to Katie Nesmith for FNAI about BRP property and what FNAI found on the area.
6. Will send info from Archibold ranch operations.
7. Might be useful to use a different term for the tours instead of “Wilderness”. That term has a specific definition and the tour is not a wilderness tour. The name is confusing.
8. Idea for putting up easy to access recreation trails and such right next to the easement where there is currently farming.



9. Potential Themes

- How does the wetland system work and how does it change over time
- Ranch operations
- Forestry story

10. Cabin as they are now spread throughout the area would be economic suicide to manage and revitalize. It would be a management nightmare.

11. Bunching the cabins in one area is much more feasible.

12. Maybe the state won't let you charge a lot for hunting, but you can charge a lot for staying in the cabins. Eco-renting. Cabins could also have visiting students or researchers.