

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20031525

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Request Board authorize equestrian use on an interim basis at Prairie Pines Preserve, Popash Creek Preserve and the proposed Flint Pen Strand Regional Park and continued use at Caloosahatchee Regional Park, Buckingham Community Park and Nalle Grade Park. Continuation of use will be determined when the site-specific land stewardship plans are approved by the Board.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: Lee County Ordinance No. 01-06 requires designation by County Resolution of specific areas where animals may be allowed.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Allows the public, on an interim, limited basis, to enjoy equestrian use of several Conservation 20/20 sites including Prairie Pines Preserve and Popash Creek Preserve and the proposed Flint Pen Strand Regional Park.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT # 4

C11B

3. MEETING DATE:

01-20-2004

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE 01-06
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Parks & Recreation
- C. DIVISION

BY: John Yarbrough, Department Director

John Yarbrough

7. BACKGROUND: Prairie Pines Preserve and Popash Creek Preserve are located in areas where nearby residents have horses. Equestrian use of the Prairie Pines Preserve occurred before the County purchased the property. The neighbors have requested permission to ride their horses in the preserves. Parks and Recreation staff feel the request is reasonable since it involves very limited expenditures and allows a positive use of the sites that will hopefully deter unauthorized uses. Eventually a land stewardship plan will be developed for each site. At that time the types of public use will be evaluated and if equestrian use is determined to be appropriate it will be included in the master recreational plan which is a part of the land stewardship plan approved by the Board. No funding will be required.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director		B Purchasing or Contracts		C Human Resources		D Other		E County Attorney		F Budget Services				G County Manager	
<i>102-04</i>								<i>1/6/04</i>	<i>1/7/04</i>	<i>1/7/04</i>	<i>1/7/04</i>	<i>1/7/04</i>	<i>1/7/04</i>	<i>1/7/04</i>	

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: <i>1-6-04</i>
Time: <i>1:15</i>
Forwarded To: <i>By Admin. 2</i>

RECEIVED BY COUNTY ADMIN: <i>CA</i>
<i>1/6/04</i>
<i>2:40 pm SET</i>
COUNTY ADMIN FORWARDED TO: <i>HP</i>
<i>1/8/04</i>

LEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING FOR EQUESTRIAN USE AT SPECIFIC PARKS AND PRESERVES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the governing body in and for Lee County, a political subdivision and charter county of the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has certain powers and authority relative to developing and using public lands for recreational and conservation purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that allowing equestrian use on an interim basis at Prairie Pines Preserve, Popash Creek Preserve and the proposed Flint Pen Strand Regional Park and continued use at Caloosahatchee Regional Park, Buckingham Community Park and Nalle Grade Park will provide a positive equestrian recreational experience that will benefit the public:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:

1. Equestrian use shall be allowed on a temporary or interim basis at Prairie Pines Preserve, Popash Creek Preserve and the proposed Flint Pen Strand Regional Park and shall be continued at Caloosahatchee Regional Park, Buckingham Community Park, and Nalle Grade Park.

2. Permanent or continued equestrian use at the above sites will be established when a site specific land stewardship plan and/or master recreational plan is approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and being put to a vote was as follows:

ROBERT JANES	_____
DOUGLAS ST. CERNEY	_____
RAY JUDAH	_____
ANDREW COY	_____
JOHN ALBION	_____

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

ATTEST:

**CHARLIE GREEN
CLERK OF COURTS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Chairman

**LEE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By: _____
Office of the County Attorney