

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 003**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SFWMD) FOR A MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH, IN PART, PROVIDES \$214,700 IN SEED FUNDING TO THE TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the SFWMD in partnership with the Town of Southwest Ranches has identified a need for a local wetland mitigation option for small nursery operations located within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has, or will acquire, several parcels of land to create open space and wetland areas; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the limited availability of onsite mitigation options for these small nurseries and the restoration that would be required, a partnership option has been created; and

**WHEREAS**, the nursery owners will co-apply for a permit with the Town and will provide resources to implement the necessary wetland improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the SFWMD will provide \$214,700 in seed funding to the Town, which will be utilized for environmental and engineering design and site evaluation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

**Section 1:** The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2:** The Town Council hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement with the South Florida Water Management District to create a mitigation partnership program.

**Section 3:** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney to enter into an interlocal agreement with the South Florida Water Management District in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and to make such modifications, additions and or deletions which they deem necessary and proper to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

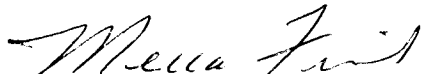
**Section 4:** The Town Council authorizes the appropriate Town officials to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 3:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2004, on a motion by Vice Mayor Knight and seconded by Council Member Maines.

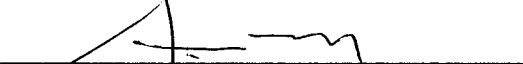
Fink            Y      
Knight          Y      
Blanton        Y      
Maines         Y      
Nelson         Y    

Ayes            5      
Nays            0      
Absent or  
Abstaining     0    

  
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Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

  
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Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney