

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2002- 45

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE OF THE BABCOCK RANCH PROPERTY BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach is a barrier island located off the coast of Southwest Florida in Lee County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach is entrusted with conserving, protecting and preserving the rich ecological environment of our Island and is therefore also concerned with growth and development issues in Lee County and Southwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Babcock Property, located partly in Lee County contains over 90,000 undeveloped acres and the Babcock Ranch has filed a large plan amendment in Charlotte County which would allow 20,000 additional living units accommodating over 50,000 people; and

Whereas, the Babcock Ranch lands kept in an undeveloped state are necessary to protect our area's water quality, its native plants and animals, and protection of the recreational opportunities for the future; and

WHEREAS, the expedited acquisition of these lands which are currently beset by development pressures will help to protect and preserve one of the largest tracts of undeveloped land in Southwest Florida and also not further burden our already struggling capital infrastructure ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Lee County, Florida:

That the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby publicly proclaims its strong support for purchase of the Babcock Ranch Property by the State of Florida.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

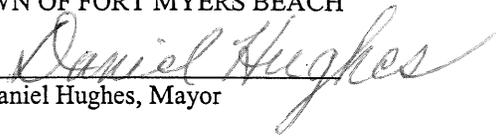
Howard Rynearson	aye
Daniel Hughes	aye
Bill Thomas	aye
W.H. "Bill" Van Duzer	aye
Terry Cain	aye

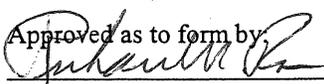
APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2002.

ATTEST:

By:   
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By:   
Daniel Hughes, Mayor

Approved as to form by:  
  
Richard V. S. Roosa, Town Attorney