



48 Sackett said there was discussion in the LAC about the strength or weakness of the current easements on
49 the property. It was determined that there are enough flaws in the easement to have concern about its
50 ability to ensure protection in perpetuity. Thabault asked if some proportion of the existing easement will
51 remain on the land the current property owner will continue to hold. Sackett said yes it is approximately a
52 third of the property the current owner will retain. Thabault asked Heaston what, if any, capability the
53 environmental coalition has to bring any money to bear to partner on acquisition of this property.
54 Heaston said there is currently no fiscal capital available. The Whooping Crane Trust has two tracts of
55 agricultural land they could sell to contribute and there is an outstanding Environmental Trust Grant that
56 will not be decided until next year. The current owner now wants to sell the property before the end of
57 the year. Thabault asked if the environmental coalition will still pursue funds to kick in at a later date.
58 Heaston said that is a possibility but the coalition cannot meet the demands of the seller before the end of
59 the year.
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61 Sackett said this was discussed during the LAC. The LAC decided the Program should buy the property
62 in its entirety then the LAC and GC could decide to do something else with the property at a later time if
63 necessary. Strauch asked if it is a perpetual easement. Sackett said yes. Strauch asked if any of the terms
64 are contrary to the Program. Sackett said no. Barels asked if the easement could go away if the Program
65 buys it. Sackett said that could be discussed with the Trust based on the current value of the easement.
66 Barels asked if the current owner was retaining any buildings. Sackett said yes there is a home site with
67 additional buildings. Barels asked if this was considered in the negotiations. Sackett said yes and this
68 was taken out and left with the sellers.
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70 Purcell moved to approve acquisition; Ament seconded. Schneider said we need to make it clear that this
71 property will count toward Program objectives in the First Increment. Thabault said the U.S. Fish and
72 Wildlife Service decided the full acreage (1,445 acres) will count toward Program land objectives in the
73 First Increment. Heaston abstained. **Motion approved.**
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Closing Business

75 GC set Monday, October 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Central time to discuss the draft FY 2011 PRRIP
76 budget.
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78 Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Central time.
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Summary of Action Items/Decisions from October 2010 GC Special Session Meeting

80 1) Approved acquisition of Land Tract 0918.
81 2) Set Monday, October 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Central time for a GC conference call to discuss the
82 draft FY 2011 PRRIP budget.
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