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Subject: Bishop Aucilla
Attachments: 260 Acres for Easement.png; 40 Acres for Easement.png

Good morning,

Please see the attached two parcels we are considering submitting. We are fine with committing to the 260 acre spot and may consider the 40 North of it.

Lets focus on the 260 Acres first.

After heavy consideration of this and studying the area with a forester, I personally feel this parcel will be of outstanding value to SRWMD and to our family's heritage. The Aucilla River and Raysor creek connection is essential to this area and I am proud to bring this to your consideration. We were able to see where multiple fingers of Raysor Creek fed into the Aucilla and it was quite breathtaking.

As for the pricing per acre. Since we have decided on doing this by a single parcel, I am not nearly as concerned about what restrictions SRWMD will put on the parcel.

We are more than willing to work on the pricing and probably come to a quick agreement on pricing.

In regards to your previous questions:

1. A single map identifying the proposed conservation easement boundaries. **(Provided)**
2. The tax parcel number for each proposed tract included in the proposed conservation easement offer. **(Provided)**
3. The overall price offer for the proposed conservation easement appears to be roughly \$2,346 per acre. Is there a willingness to reduce the offer? **(Yes) (I would be fine with 1600-1800 an acre if this helps)**
4. What crops will be removed from production and what is the crop rotation? This information will help determine any potential nutrient load reduction benefit. **(We have decided to not farm this/these parcels)**
5. Staff review did not identify a Water Use Permit. **(Ok)**

At this point, I am between a rock and a hard place. I really, really want this to be protected but it has become a very large variable in us closing our deal. We are under contract for 1.4 million dollars and need to recover all we can as soon as possible. We actually close this deal July 24th. If there is anyway to help ease this heartburn, please let me know.

Obviously, the forester has his options, which is our last resort. Please let me know what I can do to help seal this deal.

Thank you all for your help in this process.

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