

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 29, 2002

SUBJECT: Request to Surplus Property, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the surplus of a parcel of land containing approximately 28 acres at the Aquaculture Demonstration Farm in Blountstown, Calhoun County, Florida. Authorize the Chancellor, Division of Colleges and Universities, or the Chancellor's designee, to execute the documents required by the Department of Environmental Protection for the transaction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approximately 28 acres of land were purchased in 1990 in Calhoun County for the establishment of an Aquaculture Demonstration Farm to be used as an educational facility. Programs at the facility address alternative species for production, marketing, and pond management for several fish types and aquatic plants. As a result of *The Effectiveness of the Organizational Structure of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences* study, programs located throughout the state are being consolidated. UF/IFAS has determined it to be cost-effective to move the demonstration farm programs and equipment to the Gainesville campus and sell the property in Calhoun County. The University of Florida Board of Trustees, at its June 13, 2002, meeting, approved the surplus and selling of the land.

This transaction is subject to approval of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and will be made in accordance with the procedures of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Other Supporting Documents Available: Letter from President Charles Young dated June 17, 2002, with attachments

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