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**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Cooperative Agreement between Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry and Seminole County

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety

**DIVISION:** Administration - Public Safety

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Tad Stone

**CONTACT:** Shelly Brubaker

**EXT:** 5000

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment of the Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry and Seminole County, Contract No. 1938.

County-wide

Tad Stone

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Board of County Commissioners entered into an agreement on March 18, 1988 which became effective on July 1, 1988, for the establishment and maintenance of countywide fire protection of all forest and wild lands within the County. In accordance with Florida Statute 125.27, the County shall be assessed each fiscal year for its share of the cost of providing such fire protection at a sum in dollars equal to the total forest and wild land acreage of the County, as determined by the Division of Forestry, multiplied by 3 cents. This original agreement was amended on December 15, 1994 due to a reduction in acreage that provided the County with a cost savings of \$264.00.

Due to the current assessment by the Division of Forestry, the cost of providing such protection has increased. This increase will take place for the next fiscal year, going from 3 cents to 7 cents per acre. The existing agreement for fire protection is based on 106,208 acres at 3 cents per acre, equaling \$3,186.24. The amended agreement for fire protection is based on 102,180 acres at 7 cents per acre, equaling \$7,152.60.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment of the Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry and Seminole County, Contract No. 1938.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Agreement
2. Agreement
3. Agreement
4. Notify Letter

**Additionally Reviewed By:**

- Budget Review ( Lisa Spriggs, Ryan Switzer )
- County Attorney Review ( Ann Colby )

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

AND

The County of Seminole, in the State of Florida

115,008 Acres Land

THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 18th day of March, 1988, by and between the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, hereinafter called the "Department," and the County of Seminole of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the "County."

WHEREAS, Section 125.27, Florida Statutes, provides that the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall enter into agreements with the Board of County Commissioners of each county in the State for the establishment and maintenance of countywide fire protection of all forest and wild lands within said county, and

WHEREAS, Section 125.27, Florida Statutes, also provides that each county shall, under the terms of this agreement, be assessed each fiscal year as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection a sum in dollars equal to the total forest, and wild land acreage of the county, as determined by the Department, multiplied by three cents (3c).

NOW, THEREFORE, this Cooperative Agreement shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1988, and shall continue in full force and effect until superseded by a new agreement or cancelled by the Florida Statutes.

1. The Department shall provide fire protection for 115,008 acres of forest and wild lands within Seminole County.

2. The County shall, under the terms of this agreement, pay to the Department annually as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection \$ 3,450.24, said receipts to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State.

3. No amendment, addendum, or changes in this agreement shall be valid and binding upon the parties hereto unless such amendment, addendum, or change be reduced to writing and executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Seminole County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner of Agriculture

BY: [Signature]  
Chairman of Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date 6/16/88

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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ADDENDUM  
TO  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY  
AND

SEMINOLE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an agreement as required by section 125.27, Florida Statutes, dated MARCH 18, 1988, to provide fire protection to the total forest and wildland acreage of SEMINOLE County.

WHEREAS, the parties now desire and intend to amend said agreement.

THEREFORE, this amendment witnesseth:

Paragraphs numbered 1 and 2 of the aforesaid agreement are amended as follows:

FROM

1. The Department shall provide fire protection for 115,008 acres of forest and wild lands within SEMINOLE County.
2. The County shall, under the terms of this agreement, pay to the Department annually as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection \$ 3,450.24, said receipts to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State.

TO

1. The Department shall provide fire protection for 106,208 acres of forest and wild lands within SEMINOLE County.
2. The County shall, under the terms of this agreement, pay to the Department annually as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection \$ 3,186.24, said receipts to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State.

In all its other terms and conditions the agreement remains unchanged and is hereby reaffirmed.

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY

BY: *W. L. Gumbert*  
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

DATE: *January 5 1995*

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEMINOLE COUNTY

BY: *R. Hill P. H.*  
CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

DATE: *12/15/94*

Attest: *[Signature]*  
Clerk of the Circuit Court



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## CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Please Respond To: Division of Forestry  
Forest Protection Bureau  
3125 Conner Blvd. Suite A  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650

July 25, 2008

Seminole County

**RE: Amendment of Contract # 1938 dated 07/12/88.**

This letter, upon execution by both parties and attachment to the original contract shall serve to amend said contract. The contract shall be amended as follows:

The third recital paragraph and paragraphs 1 & 2, are amended as follows:

FROM

WHEREAS, Section 125.27, Florida Statute, also provides that each county shall, under the terms of this agreement, be assessed each fiscal year as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection a sum in dollars equal to the total forest and wild land acreage of the county, as determined by the Department, multiplied by three cents (\$.03).

1. The Department shall provide fire protection for 106,208 acres of forest and wildlands within County.
2. The County shall, under the terms of this agreement; pay to the Department annually as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection, \$3,186.24, said receipts to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State.

TO

WHEREAS, Section 125.27, Florida Statute, also provides that each county shall, under the terms of this agreement, be assessed each fiscal year as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection a sum in dollars equal to the total forest and wild land acreage of the county, as determined by the Department, multiplied by seven cents (\$.07).

1. The Department shall provide fire protection for 102,180 acres of forest and wild lands within County.





**CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

2. The County shall, under the terms of this agreement; pay to the Department annually its share of the cost of providing such fire protection \$7,152.60, said receipts to be deposited as prescribed by Florida Statute.

**NO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT ARE AMENDED OR OTHERWISE ALTERED BY THIS AMENDMENT.**

*Mike Gresham*

Mike Gresham  
Director of Administration  
Department of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services

*August 5, 2008*

(Date)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Company)

(Date)





Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
CHARLES H. BRONSON, Commissioner  
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Please Respond to:  
Division of Forestry  
8431 S. Orange Blossom Trail  
Orlando, FL 32809

September 2, 2008

Dear Seminole County Commissioners:

Enclosed is a revised copy of the Forest Protection Cooperative Agreement. Please note that the assessment has increased from last year.

I would like to point out some of the services that the assessment helps the Division provide to the citizens of Seminole County. First and foremost, the assessment offsets a small portion of our wildfire and other all-risk operations within the county, which includes the salaries of three Forest Rangers, two Senior Forest Rangers, and one Forest Area Supervisor. The assessment also helps to pay for the services of our new Wildfire Mitigation Specialist who will be working in Seminole Woods, and other communities in the County to keep them safe from the dangers of wildfire.

I understand that this increase comes at a time when everybody is struggling with budget cuts, but please understand that the actual value of the services the DOF provides to Seminole County is in excess of \$195,000 in salaries alone. One last item I would like to point out is that this is the first increase in the Forest Protection Assessment since the law was originally passed in the 1940s. I think that when everything is taken into consideration, the citizens of Seminole County are getting an excellent deal for \$7,152.60.

Please have the Chairperson of the Commission sign all three copies, retain one for your records, and return two to me at the response address above.

Sincerely,

**CHARLES H. BRONSON**  
**COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

Sean P. Gallagher  
Orlando District Manager



**Florida Agriculture and Forest Products**

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