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Photo Caption: Okaloosa County Commission Chairman Nathan Boyles recently signed contracts to secure land surrounding the Shoal River.

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Okaloosa Purchases Land to Preserve a Future Water Supply for County

Okaloosa County Commission Chairman Nathan Boyles recently signed contracts to secure land surrounding the Shoal River. This land purchase will not only be a source of future water for the citizens, but also protects military missions in the area. “This has been a visionary project for many years and we greatly appreciate the leadership of staff and citizens in this endeavor,” stated Chairman Nathan Boyles.

Future Water Supply has been discussed in Okaloosa County since the 1990s, to include the formation of “The Citizens Committee for Future Water Supply.” Members of the Citizens Committee for Future Water Supply included Jerry Mitchem, John W. Johnson, Phil Krajeck, Marv Brigman, Yvonne Earle, David Coup and Jackie Burkett. In 1998, Okaloosa County received a 20 year Consumptive Use Permit (CUP) from the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD), and have constructed three new Floridian aquifer wells in our mid-county service area north of Eglin.

“Our relationship with the NFWFMD and current water supplies will serve us well into the future, and thanks to the tremendous effort of staff and citizens, we will have a future water supply beyond that time,” stated Water and Sewer Department Director Jeff Littrell.

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