

**Minutes Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 20, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.
Charlotte County Administrative Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room #B-106
Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Jones, Acting Chairman
Andy Dodd, Secretary
Chris Hencher
Matthew Sullivan, Jr.

STAFF

Commissioner Richard Loftus
Allison Turner, Env. & Ext. Services
Sandra Williamson, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Dan Ryals
Arnie Sarlo
Fred Walters
Orrin Webb

GUESTS

Barbara Carlton, P.R.V.C.G.A.
Ron Hamel, Gulf Coast Citrus Association

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The **May 20, 2010** meeting of the **Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee** was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by *Acting Chair Jones* it was noted there is not a quorum.

II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The Committee needs to discuss filing the vacant position of Al Cheatham.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes for the April 15, 2010, ANRAC meeting will need to be approved at the next scheduled meeting which is July 15, 2010.

IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Loftus advised he will be going to Washington next week to meet with Senator Nelson and some of the other legislators. Hopefully he will be able to address his concerns and make mention of the fact that Charlotte County

is in disagreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the nutrient levels.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Acting Chair Jones reported the Committee needs to nominate someone to fill the vacant position of Al Cheatham who was serving under the position of environmental conservation. After that procedure has been completed, it would then go before the Board of County Commissioners for their approval.

VI. OLD BUSINESS -

- *East County Plan and Smart Charlotte 2050 Update – Matt Trepal* informed the Committee that all of the Planners have been working to meet a deadline for the Objections, Recommendations and Comments of the DCA which is targeted to go before the June 15, 2010, land use meeting. He also gave them an update on the *Improper Rural Development Options*, the County has been working with DCA to revise the Goals, Objectives, and Policies that were established in the plan. A discussion took place regarding the updates.
- *Ecosystem Services concerning Agriculture and Farming - Acting Chair Jones* advised there is nothing to report at this time.
- *EPA/DEP Numeric Standards and Statewide Stormwater Rule Update - Acting Chair Jones* brought the members up-to-date regarding EPA's nutrient criteria and that the implementation of the proposed rules will be delayed until 2011. *Barbara Carleton* with Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association discussed the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary program and the nutrient criteria which they would like to recommend to the EPA.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Hamel advised the Committee that Congressman Rooney's office will be following this topic very closely.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

None

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

None

XI. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

None

XII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acting Chair Jones advised that six (6) affirmative votes are needed to elect officers and stated elections will be tabled for the next meeting.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **July 15, 2010**, at 9:00 a.m. in Room B-106.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.