

Minutes

Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 9:00 am
Charlotte County Administrative Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room #B-106
Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Jones, Chairman
Andy Dodd, Vice Chairman
Fred Walters, Secretary
Wes Brumback
Chris Hencher
Matthew Sullivan, Jr.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Arnie Sarlo
Orrin Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Ryals
Orrin Webb

STAFF

Matt Trepal, Staff Liaison
Sandra Williamson, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- The **November 18, 2010**, meeting of the ***Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee*** was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by ***Chairman Jones*** noting a quorum was present. ***Chairman Jones*** welcomed Wes Brumback to ANRAC.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- *IFAS Survey*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ***Chairman Jones*** entertained a motion to approve the September 16, 2010, minutes of the ***Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee*** as written. ***Chris Hencher*** made the motion to accept the minutes as written and seconded by ***Matt Sullivan***. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- *None*

NEW BUSINESS

- *USDA Rural Energy For America Program (REAP)*
 - **Chairman Jones** informed the Committee that in the October issue of the Citrus Industry Magazine there was an article on rural energy programs for growers. A discussion took place about biofuel crops.
- *Meeting Schedule for Next Year*
 - **Chairman Jones** stated that the meeting schedule has been set for 2011, but it is flexible for adjustments.
- *Open Member Forum – Goals and Initiatives for 2011*
 - Alternative Energy Plans.
 - Halt further regulations on agriculture and natural resources in Charlotte County.
 - More correspondence to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - Monitor the Charlotte's Smart Plan 2050.
- **Chairman Jones** commented on the IFAS public survey titled Water Issues in Florida. In the category of Agricultural Land and Open Spaces, he thought the results were interesting.

OLD BUSINESS

- *East County Plan and Smart Charlotte 2050* – This is something ANRAC might want to follow closely.
- *EPA/DEP Numeric Standards and Statewide Stormwater Rule Update* –The State still has not adopted their Statewide Stormwater Treatment Rule plan.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) – Public Opinion about Actions to Protect Water Resources
- Background information on the Peach Fruit Fly
- Miami-Dade County – Exotic Fruit Fly Found

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *None*

STAFF COMMENTS

- **Matt Trepal** informed the Committee that the Comp Plan has been challenged and until that challenge has been resolved Smart Charlotte 2050 will not go into effect. The County is still operating under the 1997 Comp

Plan. The Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, November 15, 2010.

MEMBER COMMENTS

- *None*

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- **Andy Dodd** stated he has been attending Century Commission meetings regarding Critical Lands and Waters Identification Project (CLIP). These are maps that show Florida's highest priority acquisition and preservation of land. As those meetings occur he will up date the Committee.

NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 20, 2011**, at 9:00 am, in Room B-106.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.

**Approved by the Committee on:
January 20, 2011**

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