

MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 5, 2012

Chairman Bob Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The Clerk called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Dick Whitney, Vice Chairman
Clifford Kewley
Jack Landis
Kevyn Schweim
David Nellis

Members Excused

Tommy Brock

Staff Present

Commissioner Robert Starr
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording Secretary
Lynette Auger, Natural Resources (arrived late)

Guests Present

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Jack Landis, seconded by Cliff Kewley, and carried unanimously, the Minutes from December 1, 2011, were approved as presented.

Chairman Comments

The Chairman deferred his comments regarding agenda items for upcoming meetings until New Business

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Starr commented that the County had a good year in 2011 and he was optimistic for 2012. A number of "good things" are coming. Cheney Brothers are already working and it is anticipated that about 10 other companies will follow. Approximately 1200 teams are anticipated to participate in the Ripken projects. Revenue from all of these changes will help funding for Stump Pass, etc. The Joint Meetings help to improve

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communications between the Committees and the BCC. Chairman Pierce stated that feedback from the BCC is important.

Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants acknowledged the commendation letter sent to the BCC by the BSAC last month. In addition, he provided copies of the pre-construction high water line and his PowerPoint presentation from the previous meeting for each member and for the record. Additional discussion ensued. He advised that Phil Flood was the liaison with Florida State Lands. BSAC member David Nellis reminded all that the pre-construction mean high water lines are a useful concept but are not legal until the erosion control lines are adopted. He discussed deeds, etc. for properties on fresh water: the state owns the water body and not the homeowner. The State also permits electrical lines OVER this water body.

There was a discussion about asking for input from Commissioner Skidmore for salt water areas, since he represents District 3. Commissioner Starr reminded everyone that all five commissioners actually represent all five districts. He also stated that, in order to keep everyone current, all Commissioners will be providing updates at future BCC meetings on the activities of the various advisory committees.

Commissioner Starr also stated that writing letters regarding issues of concern to representatives at the state and federal level, as well as locally, frequently do have an impact.

New Business

1. Cliff Kewley, Dick Whitney and Kevyn Schweim were all present at the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 4, 2012, for the power point presentation entitled "The economic impact of waterway trails - the Caloosa Waterway as an example." All felt it was a great presentation. A long range plan and many volunteers are necessary. The Lee County group was creative and reached out to their business community. Charlotte County should try to move in this same direction; however, the funding available in Lee County far exceeds that available in Charlotte County. The anticipated resort and waterpark and baseball expansion will help to bring additional funding, but may take 5 to 6 years. Charlotte County needs to move away from construction and diversify our base. The BCC needs to stay focused.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Mark Asperilla, Charlotte County now has a Sports Authority.

Commissioner Starr left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

2. Suggestions for Agenda Items
 - a. Lynette Auger, Natural Resources will invite Betty Staugler, Florida Sea Grant, to the joint meeting and perhaps to a future BSAC meeting.

- b. Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, offered to provide an update on Stump Pass and Pt. Charlotte Beach at the joint meeting. It is anticipated that they will be selected to be the firm to move forward with the Stump Pass project.
 - i. Additional funding sources should be researched, as federal funding may still be available from legislation from the late 1970s.
 - ii. Additional discussion ensued regarding permitting and related activities and the continued support of the State Parks Department
- c. Lynette Auger from Natural Resources will make a presentation at the BSAC February meeting on sea turtles and shorebirds
- d. Global warming and rising sea levels; it is accelerating or decelerating is a topic to be discussed at the April meeting. Michael Poff to provide contact information, although he will be unable to attend.
- e. It was agreed that the committee would establish a 15- 20 minute block of time in upcoming meetings for each member to provide a biographical history of themselves, their interest in being a member of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee and to present one or two ideas for consideration of the committee in setting goals and future agendas. Any future new members will also be afforded this opportunity. Jack Landis agreed to go first at the February meeting.
- f. David Nellis requested an update on the pilot project which the BSAC had previously supported regarding the disposal of dredge material from around a dock to be used as fill on a vacant residential lot. An update is to be requested from Public Works (possibly from Joanne Vernon, Matt Logan or Dan Quick).

Old Business

NONE

Action Items

NONE

Committee Reports

NONE

Correspondence and Communications

NONE

Public Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

NONE

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Member Comments

NONE

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 9:00 AM in Room B106

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on February 2, 2012

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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