

Minutes
Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee
Field Trip
Thursday, March 5, 2009
Stump Pass Beach State Park, Englewood Beach, Knight
and Don Pedro Island, and Palm Island

Members Present

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Dick Whitney, Vice Chair
Kevyn Schweim
John (Jack) Landis

Excused

Bill Weller
David Nellis

Staff Present

Missy L. Christie, Environmental Specialist

Guests

Michael Poff, CEC
Chad Lach, State Park Services

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

The **Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee** Field Trip commenced on March 5, 2009, at 9:00am at Oyster Creek Regional Park, San Casa. The Advisory Committee conducted onsite inspections of Stump Pass Beach State Park, Englewood Beach, and Knight/Don Pedro Island. A quorum was present.

II. Stump Pass Beach State Park

The Committee began the tour at Stump Pass Beach State Park where they traveled along the beach, stopped at the former site of the geo textile tubes, and progressed to the southern tip of the park to observe the southern portion of Stump Pass. Members observed the erosion occurring on the beach and how much the beach has changed.

III. Englewood Beach

From Stump Pass, the group proceeded to Englewood Beach to review the park entrances that were brought to the Committee's attention by **Commissioner Starr**. In a previous meeting, **Commissioner Starr** raised the question on whether or not a boardwalk could be put in place at the beach entrances to reduce the impacts to the dune system from beachgoers. Advisory Committee members discussed options that may work to reduce impacts. Options such as planting vegetation will be discussed at a future meeting.

IV. Knight/Don Pedro Island and Palm Island Resort

The group then traveled to Knight and Don Pedro Island and Palm Island Resort. **Michael Poff** gave the Committee on onsite overview of the nourishment project and outlined areas where sand was deposited along Knight and Don Pedro Island in 2006, and will be deposited during the 2009 dredge. From here, the group proceeded to the northernmost tip of Palm Island Resort to observe the beaches along Stump Pass.

Following the tours, the group enjoyed lunch at Rum Bay Restaurant and ended the tour at 1:00pm.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **April 2, 2009, at 9:00a.m.** in Room B207.