

MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Robert Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Building Construction Services Department Conference Room, 18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida. The Chairman determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

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

Members Excused

Kevyn Schweim

Staff Present

Commissioner Robert Starr
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording Secretary
Betty Staugler, SeaGrant

Guests Present

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants
Chad Lach, Gasparilla Island Administration

On motion by Jack Landis, seconded by David Nellis, the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected. The Minutes had Dick Whitney still listed as the Vice Chairman instead of Cliff Kewley.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

NONE

Chairman Comments

Bob Pierce discussed the lack of a quorum at the most recent joint meeting and that it reflects poorly on the Committee. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the group that two joint meetings per year were adequate unless something urgent requires a special meeting to be called.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bob Starr suggested that BSAC could send a liaison to attend the meetings of other related Committees and make a report. He further suggested that alternative methods for Stump Pass should be discussed by the BSAC in order to make recommendations to the BCC. Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, reminded everyone that the Committee had recommended several things to the BCC and which were included in the recent RFP and that it takes time for it to be seen. Mr. Poff further stated that a stabilizing structure will be need and that all options will be considered.

New Business

Chairman Pierce led a discussion regarding the Joint Meeting with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and the Marine Advisory Committee held on February 1, 2012. It was very positive and was not controversial. The funding source information was new to some members. All were reminded that the recommendations from each committee help to make the joint meetings be more productive. It was suggested that the BSAC's recommendations for discussion items be submitted prior to the summer hiatus, since the next Joint Meeting will be prior to the next BSAC meeting.

Michael Poff discussed issues related to stump pass, beach sand, etc. Work under the new contract may be implemented on or about 5/12/12, but it will be about a 2-year process. The State Parks Department will get involved as soon as possible; however they disagree with installation of a jetty. Mr. Poff advised that he will bring different structural options to meeting in May. It was noted that many homeowners and other residents have ideas and an interest in what is done. It was also noted that the City of Venice took some of our sand to refill their beaches, which became necessary as a result of their jetties.

Betty Staugler, Sea Grant Extension Agent was in attendance and made a presentation in which she discussed the many affiliations of her agency on federal, state and local levels, such as NOAA, IFAS, as well as local government. SeaGrant oversees 32 sea grant programs, including some in the Islands. They combine research, education and outreach. She explained her many of her projects. Discussion ensued. She further advised there are Workshops scheduled at the Boating Conference May 15-17 in Clearwater, with additional classes on 14th.

10:27 A.M. Commissioner Starr left the meeting.

Old Business

1. Member Presentation: Jack Landis presented his suggestions regarding Stump Pass (copy attached). Discussion ensued. It was a consensus of the members that the State Parks personnel should be invited to attend the May 3, 2012 meeting to discuss possible alternatives for the structure to be proposed for installation during the next 10 years at Stump Pass. Michael Poff also advised that he had some historical federal documents regarding funding and other issues that he will share at the May meeting.
2. Chad Lach has had many residents ask him about the Boca Grande trestle removal project. Information was provided by Michael Poff and Commissioner Starr.

3. Member Autobiography and Philosophy: Jack Landis was the first to present in this section of the meeting. Remaining members will present in subsequent meetings. Mr. Landis advised that he is 82 ½ years old and has lived on Manasota Key since 1939. He provided information on his background

Action Items

NONE

Committee Reports

NONE

Correspondence and Communications

Discussion regarding the pilot dredge fill project previously discussed by the Committee. An update was requested. Most of the members were upset with the response received. Much discussion ensued. This is not being "green" or economical.

Motion was made by David Nellis and seconded by Cliff Kewley to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to implement a trial program to allow dredge fill to be placed on adjacent property. The motion carried on a vote of five (5) to one (1) with Robert Pierce dissenting.

Public Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

NONE

Member Comments

NONE

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be the Field Trip on Friday, March 9, 2012 on Palm Island to view shore birds and inspect for beach erosion. All planning to attend should meet at the County Facility on San Casa at 8:30 a.m. that morning.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on April 5, 2012

Robert Pierce, Chairman
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee