

**MINUTES**  
**Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee**  
Thursday, October 4, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Bob Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Excused**

None

**Staff Present**

Commissioner Robert Starr  
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording Secretary  
David White, Recording Secretary  
Marty Simone, Fiscal Services  
Lynette Auger, Natural Resources

**Guests Present**

Chad Lach, State Parks  
Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering  
Rick Parchen, Citizen

On motion by Dick Whitney, seconded by Jack Landis and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as corrected. The corrections were to reflect that Cliff Kewley is the Vice Chair and not Dick Whitney; and, under Member Comments, the last sentence should read as "...the Caloosa Waterway Kayak Festival." as indicated in the Minutes as submitted.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

NONE

**Chairman Comments**

- Chairman Bob Pierce reported that Kevyn Schweim, District IV representative, has tendered his resignation effective September 30, 2012. Rick Parchen was invited by Commissioner Deutsch to visit the meeting as a possible replacement.
- Chairman Pierce further reminded Dick Whitney, representative from District I and Tommy Brock, representative from District III that their terms will expire December 31, 2012.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Bob Starr advised that this would probably be his last meeting. He has enjoyed the last four years and a lot was accomplished. He plans to continue to work during his retirement.

**Old Business**

- Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants (CEC) provided an update regarding the 10-year plan for Stump Pass. The kick off meeting was held here in May 2012 where they presented a desktop analysis of various alternatives which will be beneficial to the management of the Pass and the adjacent beaches. In addition, they met in Tallahassee with the DEP, FWC, Florida Parks and Rec, Aquatic Preserves and others. Their input was also taken into consideration.

While CEC staff was setting up their surveys, Tropical Storm Debby arrived, causing significant erosion. Mr. Poff's staff immediately changed their focus to storm damage assessment report for the County so they could include that in their application to the Federal Government. The volume of erosion was 63,100 cubic yards in the engineered beach area (State Park Beach, shoreline on south side and gulf front beaches). They anticipate additional calculations for this mitigated area. An additional 5-10 properties on the south side of the pass, but not included in the mitigation area, were significantly impacted. As a result of recent storm events, we now have a new team of players on the Federal level and they are being brought up to speed on the status of Charlotte County.

In 2006 and 2011, Charlotte County was able to do an "improved project". There is a possibility that we may be able to do the same thing now. We can elect to do more than just replace the storm damage but by recognizing that this is an area of concern and apply to do a little more. This request would be through FEMA. This could only be for beach fill and would not include structures.

Gauges were deployed in the Gulf over the summer and during Hurricane Isaac and will be part of their plans. They will be setting up models and analyzing. Due to feedback from all parties/stakeholders/agencies, some of the alternatives have been removed from consideration. (seawalls, revetments). Some type of terminal structure is still considered favorable. DEP and Parks would like a non-structural review, which will be used as the control. Breakwaters are not high on the list of favorable alternatives due to environmental issues. Parks wants the smallest footprint possible. CEC will be making presentations to stakeholders in January and February 2013, which will include feasible alternatives and possible funding scenarios. Once these meetings are completed, CEC will make a presentation to the BCC and seek their direction for moving forward.

There was a meeting with the Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers. An informal response has been received stating that the current project does not meet the

cost/benefit ratio to warrant federal funding at this time. State funding is not looking good either. We will have to rely on FEMA funding for restoration after Debby and local sources for infrastructure.

Marty Simone, of the County Fiscal Services Office, provided information on funding from the MSBU/MSTUs. He stated that approximately \$5.2 million will be used toward the 10-year plan and repairs from TS Debby.

Michael Poff reported that FEMA is asking for money back from some coastal counties for payment for damages sustained from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Fay which had not been spent.

Approximately \$1.3 million per year is added from the MSTU/MSBUs, as well as from WCIND/MAC and Tourist Development. There are various required annual expenditures scheduled out of these funds. Once a long range plan is in place, the millage rate for the MSTU/MSBU could be lowered

Mr. Poff reported that it is very feasible that the new permit will be in place and work can begin by the fall of 2015.

The County asked that CEC request a 2-year extension to the existing Permit so that the project can be reconstructed as a post-Debby storm damage recovery project. In addition, this will provide a window by which the design and permitting can be done for the long-term plan. CEC feels confident that DEP will look favorably on this request.

Additional information regarding the type of funding available for the State Park is being sent to the appropriate federal agencies.

Additional discussion ensued concerning the current conditions at Stump Pass and the State Park.

Commissioner Starr commented that he felt we should do it all as once to reduce staging costs, etc. He feels that funding other areas of infrastructure may take precedence over beaches. He feels that we are moving ahead in the appropriate manner.

Mr. Poff advised that they are searching for off-shore, compatible sand sources and expect to know before the end of the year. He should be able to report at the December BSAC meeting.

### **New Business**

1. Update by Michael Poff regarding Beach restoration due to storm events this

summer. *The information for this item of business was included in the Old Business update above.*

**Action Items**

NONE

**Committee Reports**

NONE

**Correspondence and Communications**

NONE

**Public Comments**

NONE

**Staff Comments**

NONE

**Member Comments**

Tommy Brock brought up the problem of anchoring off shore and abandoned vessels. Lynette Auger reported that the Natural Resources, in conjunction with the CCSO Marine Patrol, investigate abandoned vessels and pump out violations. Additional discussion ensued.

It was recommended that this be a topic for discussion at a future Joint Meeting of Beaches & Shores, Parks & Rec and Marine Advisory Committees.

Commissioner Starr had to leave the meeting. Jack Landis expressed his appreciation for the assistance and input provided by Commissioner Starr during his term. Those in attendance provided a round of applause.

Tommy Brock presented his autobiography and BSAC Philosophies. He was born and raised in Florida. He worked in the phosphate industry, for Tampa Electric and finally purchased his father's farm in 1979 and worked it until 2006. He and three others formed the Florida Strawberry Growers Association where he served as president for 3 terms. He served on many other boards and committees, including the State Farmers Market Committee, Southwest Florida Water Management Board, the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Agency and the South Manasota Key Homeowners Association. As a fisherman, he is passionate about protecting the environment.

Chairman Pierce reminded those present that the next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room B-106.

Jack Landis asked about the boat launch project in the Englewood area and why it was

never presented to the BSAC for discussion. Lynette Auger advised that this project had not received final approval. She will investigate this issue and report at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on November 1, 2012

Robert Pierce, Chairman  
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee