

MINUTES
Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 1, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Bob Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He determined that a quorum was present. He welcomed Charles Mopps, Project Manager for Coastal Zone Projects, back from his deployment in Afghanistan and thanked him for his service.

Members Present

Robert Pierce, FL Shore & Beach Preservation, Chairman
Clifford Kewley, District 5, Vice Chairman
Tommy Brock, District 3
Jack Landis, Member-at-Large
David Nellis, District 2
Dick Whitney, District 1

Vacant

District 4

Staff Present

Commissioner Robert Starr, District 1
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Pamela J. Alexander, Recording Secretary
Charles Mopps – Community Development, Engineering

Guests Present

Michael Poff – Coastal Engineering Consultants
Lynette Gay – Palm Island Homeowner
Brent Moore – Humiston & Moore, Engineer for Homeowner
Daryl McCann – Lombardi Design, Landscaper for Homeowner

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Cliff Kewley, seconded by Tommy Brock and carried unanimously, the Minutes from the October 4, 2012

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Chairman Pierce reported that he will give his autobiography and philosophies at the December meeting. He suggested that Cliff Kewley also provide his information as well

Chairman Comments

Chairman Pierce reported that there are visitors in attendance to discuss the damage and prognosis for repair of a property on Palm Island which was severely impacted by TS Debby.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Stephen Deutsch arrived at approximately 9:12 a.m. He introduced himself and expressed his interest in being the BCC Liaison to the BSCA. He will make his official

request in December. There was a brief discussion about changing the meeting BSAC dates to accommodate a possible change in the BCC Pre-Agenda dates.

Commissioner Robert Starr arrived at 9:38 a.m.

Old Business

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering, provided the following information: The annual monitoring report will be published next week. The monitoring included in this document includes the studies completed in July 2012. This report is part of the ongoing monitoring required by the State. It is also the basis for the post-storm damage assessment report which will be submitted to FEMA for possible reimbursement. This normally takes 6 to 12 months but may be delayed due to the recent effects of Hurricane Sandy.

At the direction of the County, Coastal Engineering is pursuing an extension to the current permit which expires in March, 2013. Florida statutes allow a 10-year extension from the date of the last major modification which was in 2010. A request for a reduction in the monitoring has also been submitted.

Charles Mopps interjected that this project is not only for beach re-nourishment but it is also an inlet management project.

Much discussion ensued regarding the administrative extension and the 10-year management plan and the implications of each. An additional topic of discussion was the installation of structures and the "buy-in" anticipated by the State Parks Department.

Mr. Poff advised that they are evaluating all of the ideas submitted with the goal to select approximately 4 or 5 which may ultimately be economically and environmentally feasible as well as "permissible" for further detailed study. They have initiated surveying and will begin testing next month for new off-shore sand sources.

Additional discussion continued regarding the replacement of sand on the 4-5 private homes severely impacted by TS Debby and the sand loss experienced by the State Park.

Mr. Poff commended Charlotte County for their foresight in having a long-term funding program in place to fund projects such as this. There are many other Florida counties who have not done so and are waiting for Federal (USACE, FEMA) funds to assist their reconstruction efforts following recent storm events.

Permitting/installing temporary structures could defeat the permitting process the County is currently pursuing.

Brent Moore, Mrs. Gay's engineer thanked the group for allowing him to participate in the discussion so that he may provide Mrs. Gay appropriate information as she moves forward. There was additional discussion of this property and the possible actions that could be taken to restore and hopefully maintain it. Mr. Mopps suggested that Mrs. Gay and her engineer attend the December meeting and that Jason Stoltzfus will be invited. There may be more definitive information from FEMA by that time.

The group commented on the tracking, size and duration of storms and their impact. The storms with the lower category designations generally cause more beach damage that

the larger, stronger storms.

New Business

NONE

Action Items

NONE

Committee Reports

NONE

Correspondence and Communications

NONE

Public Comments

NONE

Staff Comments

NONE

Member Comments

Chairman Pierce advised that the Autobiographies will continue in December. Both he and Cliff Kewley will present in December.

Next Meetings

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room B-106

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on December 6, 2012

Robert Pierce, Chairman

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