

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Charlotte County Administration Center, Room B-119

**Minutes  
June 10, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Captain Ron Blago, Chair  
Len Harris, Vice Chair  
William Bergman  
Captain Jay Buckley  
Mike Conlon  
Bill Dixon  
John Fleming  
Robert Leonard  
Captain Tim Lynch  
Raymond Rose  
Captain Maurice Sabourin  
Scott Schermerhorn  
Mel Staudmyer

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary  
Douglas Donovan  
Tom Hamilton  
Richard Johnson  
William Kumm  
Fred Mesler  
Anthony Tonz  
Cody Vaughan-Birch

**STAFF**

Commissioner Robert Skidmore  
Commissioner Robert Starr  
Tara Musselman, Public Works  
Sandra Williamson, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS**

Grace Amodeo  
Jo Mogle  
Randy Brodersen

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

*Chair Blago* called the June 10, 2010, **Marine Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. noting there was a quorum present.

Chairman Blago announced the Committee will be on a hiatus for the next two (2) months and will reconvene in September.

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Chair Blago* offered opening remarks and led the members and audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was presented by *Mel Staudmyer* seconded by *Bill Dixon* to accept the May 13, 2010, Marine Advisory Committee minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## IV. REGULAR BUSINESS

*MSBU Update - Tara Musselman* presented members with an update regarding the following projects:

- ***Ackerman Waterway:*** No active projects at this time.
- ***Alligator Creek*** – Bids were opened on June 2, 2010. Only one contractor, Marine Contracting Group, bid the project. Base bid using the Lister Street spoil site location is \$307,556.88 and optional bid, if the contractor can use a private site on Alligator Creek is \$196,081.88. The contract will be on the Board of County Commissioner's agenda for approval on June 22, 2010. The construction should begin early July.
- ***Buena Vista Area Waterways:***
  - ***Beach Complex/Sunrise Shoaling Study*** – Expected completion is late summer 2010.
  - ***Sunrise Waterway*** – (Fay Related Damages) Construction started April 26 and has been completed. Compiling data for FEMA reimbursement.
- ***Edgewater North:*** No active projects at this time.
- ***Gulf Cove Waterways:*** No Active projects at this time.
- ***Harbour Heights:*** The Contractor is continuing with the dredging. Project end date is July/August 2010 (pending time extension change order).
- ***Hayward Canals:*** All work is completed. No Active Projects at this time.
- ***Lewis Creek:*** Dredging has been completed. No active projects at this time.
- ***Manchester Waterway:*** No active projects at this time

- **Northwest Port Charlotte:** The dredging has been completed. No active projects at this time.
- **Peace River Shores:** No active projects at this time
- **Pirate Harbor:** The County continues to coordinate with DEP specific to public interest criteria mitigation to satisfy the concerns of the Aquatic Preserve staff.
- **Southbridge Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **South Gulf Cove:**
  - **Trout Creek** - The Army Corps has sent a Protected Species /Public Notice to the National Marine Fishery (NMFS). The Corps determined that the proposed project “May affect, but is not likely to adversely affect” the sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish and a “no effect” to smalltooth sawfish critical habitat. A Corp permit will be issued if the NMFS agrees with them.
- **Suncoast Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **Stump Pass:** The Consulting Team and County continue to coordinate the request to FEMA for additional funding. DEP issued their permit modification on May 24th. The County and Consulting Team are coordinating with the Corps to obtain their permit modification. The Consulting Team is updating the plans and specs for consistency with permit conditions. The County is preparing for advertising the project for bid when the permits are in hand and to time the start of construction when the shorebird nesting within the authorized borrow area limits (Stump Pass channel) is complete for the 2010 season.
- **Final Budget Action August/September**

On June 22, 2010, the recommendations that this Committee made will go before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval. Once the BCC approves the list of applications it will then go to WCIND for review and approval. Then final budget hearings for the County are in September.

## V. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

*Commissioner Skidmore* thanked the Committee for what they are doing for Charlotte County. A brief discussion took place on their accomplishments.

*Commissioner Skidmore* left the meeting at 9:41 a.m. and *Commissioner Starr* arrived at the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

*Chairman Blago* announced the joint meeting with Parks & Recreation, Beaches & Shores Advisory, and Marine Advisory Committees – Wednesday September 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center. The Committee suggested that *Commissioner Starr* prepare the agenda for the joint meeting.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### ➤ *WCIND and Boater Improvement Funds*

1. An updated was given on the following boat ramps: El Jobean, Ainger Creek, Bay Heights, and Cattle Dock Point.

### ➤ *Non WCIND Funds*

1. **Accounting of Parking Fees:** *Commissioner Starr* advised the Committee that the County is currently looking into updating their existing meters located at the beaches and boat ramps. A brief discussion took place regarding the meters.
2. **Funding Kayaks and Canoes - Jo Mogle** announced that she will be attending FWC non-motorized vessel advisory group meeting and wanted to know if the Committee had anything they would like for her to address while attending the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of registering kayaks and canoes.

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

*Manatee Committee Review – Tara Musselman* informed Tom Hamilton that his name will be on the ballot which will go before the Board of County Commissioners.

*Randy Brodersen* with the City of Punta gave the Committee an update on the City's projects.

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- What the Committee has accomplished so far this year:
  - Stump Pass
  - El Jobean Boat Ramp
  - Budget
  - Joint meeting

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next pre-agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., Room B-207. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 9:30a.m., Room #119

A motion was presented by *Bill Bergman* seconded by *Bill Dixon* that if an emergency meeting needs to be called while they are on hiatus, the Chairman has the right to call a meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:46.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON:  
September 9, 2010**

*S. L. Williamson*

Sandra L. Williamson,  
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