



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Charlotte County Administration Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-119
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

**Minutes
October 14, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Captain Ron Blago, Chairman – Member at Large
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary – Englewood U.S.C.G.A.
William Bergman – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club
Mike Conlon – Port Charlotte Yacht Club
William Dixon – Punta Gorda Sailing Club
Douglas Donovan – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla Port Charlotte
John Fleming – Member at Large
Tom Hamilton – Isles Yacht Club
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Robert Leonard – Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida
Captain Tim Lynch – Palm Island Marina, Member-at-Large
Fred Mesler – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club
Raymond Rose – Peace River Squadron, Inc.
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotunda
Captain Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large
Cody Vaughn-Birch – Member at Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Captain Jay Buckley – City of Punta Gorda
Len Harris, Vice Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Mel Staudmyer – Harbor Heights Yacht Club
Anthony Tonz – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club

GUEST

Grace Amodeo
Randy Brodensen - City of Punta Gorda
Ken Dieffenbach - Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida



STAFF

Commissioner Robert Starr
Tara Musselman – Public Works
Chuck Mopps – Public Works
Roger DeBruler – Natural Resources
Andy Stevens – Natural Resources
Sandra Williamson – Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Blago called the October 14, 2010, **Marine Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. noting there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: *A motion was presented by **Maurice Sabourin** and seconded by **Scott Schermerhorn** to accept the September 9, 2010, Marine Advisory Committee minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.*

REGULAR BUSINESS

- ***Tara Musselman*** - presented a MSBU update regarding the following projects:
 - ***Ackerman Waterway*** - No active projects at this time.
 - ***Alligator Creek*** – Contractor is on site dredging. The S-curve is approximately 50% complete. Once completed new channel markers will be installed. The contractor is also dredging the northern 500' of the creek and is approximately 85% complete. Entire base bid project should be completed by the end of the year. The optional items, sea edge and the main channel maintenance, will be completed by spring 2011.



- **Buena Vista Area Waterways:**
 - **Beach Complex/Sunrise Shoaling Study** – Coastal Engineering (CEC) has continued the modeling effort to attempt to simulate the existing accretion and erosion patterns along the beach complex shoreline. Due to the sensitivity of the models and challenges associated with coastal processes, CEC has introduced a second model to improve their findings to date which appears to be more promising. The model is being calibrated; then CEC will generate the alternatives analysis examining dredge and fill options including the use of structures.
- **Edgewater North** - No active projects at this time.
- **Gulf Cove Waterways** - No active projects at this time.
- **Harbour Heights** – Dredging project is completed.
- **Hayward Canals** - No active projects at this time.
- **Lewis Creek** - No active projects at this time.
- **Manchester Waterway** - No active projects at this time.
- **Northwest Port Charlotte** – Coastal Engineering is seeking DEP permits to provide better access to the Myakka.
- **Peace River Shores** - No active projects at this time.
- **Pirate Harbor** – The DEP permit has been received. An administrative challenge has been filed and DEP and County legal are discussing the options. The ACOE permit is pending.
- **Southbridge Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **South Gulf Cove:**
 - **Trout Creek** – All permits received, bid specs are in purchasing for review and should go out to the public by the end of October.



- **Suncoast Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
 - **Stump Pass – Chuck Mopps** informed the Committee that the two (2) lowest bidders have been deemed non responsive. The next two (2) bidders were significantly above the project budget. The County and Coastal Engineering (CEC) looked at value engineering opportunities, improved the bid documents, and re-advertised the project. Bids on due on October 20th.
- **Reappointments**
- **Gerald Meckenberg** announced there are seven (7) members up for re-appointment. It is very important that these members get their re-appointment letters submitted due to the fact that the letters will need to go before the Board of Commissioners for approval.
- **Resignation**
- **Gerald Meckenberg** opened the discussion stating **Robert Leonard** will not be submitting his letter for re-appointment and that Charlotte Coastal Conversation Association of Florida has recommended **Ken Dieffenbach** as his replacement on the Committee. **Gerald Meckenberg** acknowledged **Ken Dieffenbach** and asked him to leave the room for a vote.

ACTION: A motion was presented by **Tom Hamilton** and seconded by **Bill Dixon** that **Ken Dieffenbach** be recommended for appointment to the Marine Advisory Committee as a representative of the Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida. The vote passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Starr** stated that EPA is proposing to increase the ethanol content in gas to 15 percent which could cause harm to boat motors. He suggested that MAC send a letter to the Board of County Commissioners suggesting that the Commissioners send a letter to EPA voicing their concerns regarding the increase of ethanol in the gas. Also, a discussion also took place regarding the joint meeting with MAC, Parks and Recreation, Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee's and it was suggested that semi annual meetings take place between these advisory committees.



ACTION: A motion was presented by *Tom Hamilton* seconded by *Bill Dixon* to send a letter to Board of County Commissioner to make a recommendation to EPA asking them not to increase the ethanol content in gas to 15 percent. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Pre-agenda Protocol – Gerald Meckenberg*** addressed some of the concerns about the pre-agenda meetings violating the Sunshine Laws. He stated that the meeting is open to the public, it is advertised in The Charlotte Sun-Herald and on Charlotte County's Government website, and brief minutes are taken during the meeting.
- ***Goals & Objectives – Chairman Blago*** advised that only three (3) members have submitted their suggestions for goals and objectives. It was suggested by *Cody Vaughn-Birch* that it might be helpful if the Committee came to a consensus on the meaning of goals and objectives. *Maurice Sabourin* stated once all of the information is gathered, this will give the committee a direction on how to proceed with the goals and objectives.
- ***Recommend to Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners adopt a resolution requesting Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission to delete certain administrative rules*** – a discussion took place regarding some of the administrative rules. After a lengthy discussion it was decided by the Committee not to take any further action on the above subject.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***WCIND and Boater Improvement Funds Budget Update***
 - *Andy Stevens* gave an update on the WCIND funds. They have received a new application from Charlotte Harbor Regatta for this coming year and after they accumulate several more applications, they will be submitted to MAC before the



WCIND meeting.

Commissioner Starr left the meeting at 10:47 am.

➤ ***CNIF Funds***

- *Randy Brodenson* gave an update on the day docks...the bid went to Duncan Sewall out of Sarasota and the easterly mooring field...the bids have been received but they cannot be awarded at this particular point.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ***Manatee Committee Review – Tom Hamilton*** provided information about the committee's first meeting which was held on September 30, 2010.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- ***None***

NEXT MEETING

The next pre-agenda meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., Room B207. The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in Conference Room B106.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 11:20.

**Approved by the Committee on
November 12, 2010:**

S. L. Williamson

Sandra L. Williamson,
Administrative Assistant I