



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

**Minutes  
November 12, 2010**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Captain Ron Blago, Chairman – Member at Large  
Len Harris, Vice Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club  
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary – Englewood U.S.C.G.A.  
William Bergman – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club  
Captain Jay Buckley – City of Punta Gorda  
William Dixon – Punta Gorda Sailing Club  
Douglas Donovan – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla Port Charlotte  
John Fleming – Member at Large  
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 Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large  
Cody Vaughn-Birch – Member at Large

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Conlon – Port Charlotte Yacht Club  
Tom Hamilton – Isles Yacht Club  
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotunda  
Mel Staudmyer – Harbor Heights Yacht Club  
Anthony Tonz – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club

**GUEST**

Jo Mogle  
Tom Knight  
Charles Gertner



### **STAFF**

Tara Musselman – Public Works  
Andy Stevens – Natural Resources  
Sandra Williamson – Recording Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Chairman Blago* *Chairman Blago* called the November 12, 2010, **Marine Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:30 am and led the members and audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll call was done by Sandra Williamson, Recording Secretary, and it was noted there was a quorum present.

- *Chairman Blago* announced that agenda items will be taken out of order for this meeting.

### **Election of Officers**

- **Chairman:**  
**ACTION:** A motion was presented by *Bob Leonard* and seconded by *Bill Dixon* that *Len Harris* be elected as Chairman of the Marine Advisory Board for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Vice Chairman:**  
**ACTION:** A motion was presented by *Bill Bergman* and seconded by *Raymond Rose* that *Bill Dixon* be elected as Vice Chairman of the Marine Advisory Board for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Secretary:**  
**ACTION:** A motion was presented by *Jay Buckley* and seconded by *Douglas Donovan* that *Gerald Meckenberg* be elected as Secretary of the Marine Advisory Board for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



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**ACTION:** A motion was presented by **Scott Schermerhorn** and seconded by **Len Harris** to accept the October 14, 2010, Marine Advisory Committee minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Tom Knight**, former chairman of MAC, addressed the Committee about the County's acquisition of a piece of land located near the Placida boat ramp. Since the property will be used for extra parking, his concerns are as follows:

- Property next door is zoned residential
- Boaters arriving at all hours
- Noise level

He asked the Committee to keep this in mind should this project come before the Marine Advisory Committee.

### **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 75% complete and once completed new channel markers will be installed. The contractor has reported completing the northern 500' of the creek and has requested a survey to verify the results. The 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 the Spring of 2011
- **Buena Vista Area Waterways:**
  - **Beach Complex/Sunrise Shoaling Study** – Coastal Engineering (CEC) has completed the modeling effort to analyze three (3) developed alternative including no new action, feeder beach, and rock groin. CEC has developed cost estimate for the rock grown alternative and requested the County to provide historic dredging project costs to develop accurate cost estimates for the other two (2) alternatives. Upon obtaining the cost information, CEC will finalize and submit to the County the shoaling study report.
- **Edgewater North** - No active projects at this time.
- **Gulf Cove Waterways** - No active projects at this time.



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- **Harbour Heights** – No active projects at this time.
- **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 mitigation options. The ACOE permit is pending. The County and DEP legal and technical staff has coordinated in regard to the administrative challenge. Last week the County staked out the dredge footprint and hosted site visit by permit agency staff.
- **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** – The County re-advertised the project and bids were received October 20<sup>th</sup>. Southwind Construction Corporation was deemed the lowest responsive bidder. The BCC approved the contract for \$3,763,066.10, during the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Construction is anticipated to start the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> and be completed by March 31, 2011.

**Cody Vaughn-Birch** inquired about the marking of the pass. **Tara Musselman** handed out a map of the recommended locations.



### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

*None*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- *Gerald Meckenberg* read the letter of recommendation from Pirate Harbor Yacht Club recommending Charles Gertner as the replacement for Richard Johnson. Mr. Gertner was present for questions.

**ACTION:** A nomination was presented by *Robert Leonard* and seconded by *Bill Dixon* that *Charles Gertner* be recommended for appointment to the Marine Advisory Committee as a representative of the Pirate Harbor Yacht Club. The vote passed unanimously.

The following members were re-appointed to the Committee:

- Captain Ron Blago
- Captain Tim Lynch
- Raymond Rose
- Captain Maurice Sabourin
- Captain Scott Schermerhorn
- Mel Staudmyer

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*WCIND Funds, CNIF Funds, and Boater Improvement Funds Budget Update*

- *Andy Stevens* gave an update on the WCIND & CNIF funds. The auditors are trying to finalize the budget...when he receives the report he will forward it onto the Committee.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Manatee Committee Review* – *Andy Stevens* informed the Committee that the next scheduled meeting is November 15, 2010, at 6:00 pm

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- *Chairman Blago* presented *Robert Leonard* with Letter and a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service on the Committee.
- It was recommended by the Committee that the Charlotte County Legal Department



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revise the By-Laws to allow for a pre-agenda meeting. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the pre-agenda meetings and is the meeting necessary.

*Len Harris* left the meeting at 10:54 am and *Bill Kumm* left the meeting at 10:57 am.

- *Jo Mogle* asked the Committee if there was anything they would like for her to address at the next meeting of the State of Florida Boaters Advisory Committee. A discussion took place about getting canoes & kayaks registered with the State.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 11:03 am.

**Approved by the Committee on  
December 9, 2010:**

*S. L. Williamson*

Sandra L. Williamson,  
Administrative Assistant I