



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

**Minutes
December 9, 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
William Dixon – Punta Gorda Sailing Club
John Fleming – Member at Large
Charles Gertner, Pirate Harbor Yacht Club
Tom Hamilton – Isles Yacht Club
Robert Leonard – Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida
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
Mel Staudmyer – Harbor Heights Yacht Club
Cody Vaughn-Birch – Member at Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Captain Jay Buckley – City of Punta Gorda
Mike Conlon – Port Charlotte Yacht Club
Douglas Donovan – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla Port Charlotte
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Captain Tim Lynch – Palm Island Marina, Member-at-Large
Anthony Tonz – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club

GUEST

Randy Brodersen, City of Punta Gorda
Jo Mogle

STAFF

Tara Musselman – Public Works
Sandra Williamson – Recording Secretary
Pam Alexander – Administrative Assistant II



CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Blago called the December 9, 2010, **Marine Advisory Committee** meeting to order at 9:33 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: A motion was presented by **Scott Schermerhorn** and seconded by **Tom Hamilton** to accept the November 12, 2010, Marine Advisory Committee minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Blago took this opportunity to tell everyone that it has been it pleasure working with them as Chairman of the 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 95% complete and once completed new channel markers will be installed. The northern 500' of the creek and has been completed. The sea edge canal entrance is approximately 25% completed and expected to be done within 3 weeks. Some of the areas in the main channel which are to be dredged were staked out this week. The contractor expects to mobilize another piece of equipment to the area to start this portion of the project.

- **Buena Vista Area Waterways:**
 - **Beach Complex/Sunrise Shoaling Study** – After completing the modeling and reviewing the alternatives, CEC conducted a cost to benefit analysis using maintenance cost data provided by the County and their professional experience. The results of this analysis demonstrated that the current maintenance dredging frequency alternative is more cost effective than the extended dredge frequency with a terminal groin



structure alternative due to the cost of the structure and the significant permit costs and challenge to permit such a structure. The results indicated that the structure does not provide enough shoreline stabilization or eliminate the need to dredge over the 20 year period of analysis. However, CEC will include some recommendations in their final report specific to improving the project by placing the dredged material on the updrift beach on the east side of the pier to add to the longevity plus restore some of the recreational use of this beach area. Further, based on CEC's observations during the field work and stakeholder meetings, CEC will also recommend the County address some drainage issues associated with surface water runoff as well as pool drainage to reduce erosional impacts to the beach.

- **Edgewater North** - No active projects at this time.
- **Gulf Cove Waterways** - No active projects at this time.
- **Harbour Heights** – No active projects at this time. Channel markers are being permitted at this time.
- **Hayward Canals** - No active projects at this time. Channel markers are being permitted at this time.
- **Lewis Creek** - No active projects at this time.
- **Manchester Waterway** – The MSBU Committee has requested that more dredging be completed on Lewis Creek. Charlotte County has piggybacked off of the City of Punta Gorda's annual dredging contract to get the spot dredging done in the Creek.
- **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. The ACOE permit is pending. An administrative challenge to issuance of the DEP permit has been filed. DEP and County legal are discussing mitigation options and have coordinated in regards to the administrative challenge. On November 4, County staff staked out the dredge footprint and hosted site visit by permit agency staff.



DEP biologists collected samples of the fauna inhabiting the exposed rock to determine the species composition. The results of this sampling are expected to be received on December 17. The outcome will be used to help determine how DEP plans to proceed with the administrative challenge.

- **Southbridge Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **South Gulf Cove:**
 - **Trout Creek** – All permits received. The bids were opened on December 8, 2010. Apparent low bidder is HONC. Staff recommendation will be completed by early next week.
- **Suncoast Waterway:** Coastal Engineering is in the process of obtaining permits from the required agencies.
- **Stump Pass** – Southwind Construction Corp. has begun to mobilize to Stump Pass. They anticipate arriving this weekend and weather permitting, setting up and installing pipeline to the Updrift Beach Fill on Manasota Key. Their schedule (weather dependent) is as follows. Construct Updrift Beach Fill from mid December through December 24, 2010. They will shut down for one week and resume pumping until January 21, 2011. Construction of North Beach Fill and Shorebird Mitigation Area {along southern shoreline of Stump Pass, aka former spit} will take place from January 22, 2011 through February 15, 2011. Construction of South Beach Fill (Knight – Don Pedro Island) will follow through March 22, 2011. Demobilization by April 15, 2011.

Chairman Blago inquired if Stump Pass will be open during the dredging process. Tara Musselman stated that it would remain open.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- **Tara Musselman** stated nothing has changed from last month...the auditors are trying to finalize the budget...just as soon as they receive the report it will be forwarded on to the Committee.



COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Starr arrived at 9:49 am.

Commissioner Starr asked the *Chairman Blago* to explain their pre-agenda process. *Chairman Blago* explained the process of the meetings. A lengthy discussion ensued about the purpose and importance of holding the pre-agenda meetings.

Derek Rooney, County Attorney stated the By-Laws will need to be revised to allow pre-agenda meetings. Also the pre-agenda meetings would need to be recorded, minutes typed; and then the minutes should be approved at the regular meeting. Due to the lack of administrative staff, it would be left up to the Secretary of MAC to take care of recording the pre-agenda meetings and typing of the minutes. *Derek Rooney* suggested a majority of MAC members should attend these meetings because problems could arise at a latter date with just a few making decisions for the whole Committee. *Derek Rooney* also suggested that the By-Laws should include that at the regular monthly meeting the Committee could still make additions and deletions to the agenda.

ACTION: A motion was presented by *Tom Hamilton* to revise the By-Laws to allow for a pre-agenda committee. The motion was seconded by *Bill Dixon*. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Manatee Committee Review – *Tom Hamilton* gave a brief update of what happened at the last manatee meeting. They felt like the majority of work has been completed by Charlotte County to create a Manatee Protection Plan. A discussion took place regarding the protection plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Presentation by Mike Giardullo on Harborwalk West Project*
 - Mike Giardullo with Weiler Engineering Corporation presented a design project for non-motorized vessels such as kayaks, canoes and small sail boats. The Company will be requesting funding from MAC.

After the presentation, Mike answered questions from the Committee.



- **Randy Broderson**, City of Punta Gorda gave an update on the day docks and the east mooring field project.

Mel Staudmyer left the meeting at 10:28 am.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

- **Jo Mogle** gave the Committee a State website that shows the location of all the different boat ramps located in the State of Florida. She would like to have someone from MAC to go to the website and view it to make sure all the information is correct. Should you find any discrepancies, please contact the project coordinator at Dennis.renfro@MyFWC.com. The website address is: http://atoll.floridamarine.org/Quickmaps/KMZ_download.htm#BOATING
- **Chairman Blago** introduced the new member Charles Gertner and welcomed him to the Committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Robert Leonard informed the Committee that he has enjoyed serving on the Committee.

Len Harris stated that if anyone have an agenda item they would like to see added to the January meeting to send it via email....he will not correspond back.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 11:07 am.