

MINUTES
CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 14, 2013
Charlotte County Administration Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Chairman Len Harris called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club
Raymond Rose, Vice Chairman – Peace River Squadron, Inc.
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary –U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood
Susan Bareither - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor
Captain Ron Blago – Member at Large
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club
Sarah Buck – Punta Gorda Sailing Club
Jay Buckley – Member at Large
Ken Dieffenbach – Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida
Jake Dye – Isles Yacht Club
John Homer Fleming – Member at Large
Chuck Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club
Richard Hoagland - Harbour Heights Yacht Club
Tom Ireland – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club
Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large

STAFF

Charles Mopps, Community Development – Engineering
Richard Kolar, Financial Consultant – Fiscal Services
Roger DeBruler, Jr. – Parks and Natural Resources
Andy Stevens – Community Services
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, BCC Liaison

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GUESTS

Randy Broderson, City of Punta Gorda
David Hilston, City of Punta Gorda
Betty Staugler – UF/IFAS
Corporal David Stefanini - CCSO
Captain D. Chandler - CCSO
Thomas Gramza, Staff Officer, Public Education - Flotilla 98
Ray Harden III, Staff Officer, Communications – Flotilla 98
Stephen GaNun, Operations Officer – USCGA Flotilla 99
Jim Thomson, CEO – CHEC
Mary Ann Hughes, Board Member - CHEC
Steve Osborne, Board Member – CHEC
Lt/C Ronald Ludvig – Peace River Sail and Power Squadron
Tom Cavanaugh - Punta Gorda City Council

Changes to the Agenda

NONE

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Deutsch read his letter to WCIND regarding the H-Pile Safe Water Navigation Aid at Stump Pass and reported that he had received a prompt response that the request would be investigated. He anticipates assistance will be forthcoming from WCIND.

Regular Business

On motion by Tom Ireland, seconded by Sarah Buck, and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting held on March 7, 2013 were approved as presented.

On motion by Jake Dye, seconded by Garland Wilson, and carried unanimously, the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2013 were approved as corrected: Add Commission Deutsch to the attendance list.

The Minutes from the Regular meeting held on January 10, 2013 will be presented for approval at the April meeting. The clerk is in the process of completing the transcription.

Charles Mopps provided a verbal update to his MSBU Update, which had been omitted from the documents delivered to the membership prior to the meeting. The Clerk is to forward this document to the members upon receipt.

New Business

A. The Funding Applications were reviewed and recommendations made for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year.

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The membership was reminded that if the organization they represent on the Committee has presented a funding request, they must announce such to the Committee, complete a Conflict of Interest Form for retention in the public record and abstain from voting on that item.

1. Request from Charlotte County Community Services Department, Parks and Natural Resources Division, for the Abandoned Vessel Removal Program - **\$100,000** (WCIND Funds) – **Roger DeBruler, Jr.**

Mr. DeBruler provided a video presentation which updated the members on the work performed with the funding which has been provided over the last few years. This presentation included Requests #1, #2 and #3.

A motion was made by Captain Ron Blago, and seconded by William Kumm to approve the request as presented. Following much discussion and a roll-call vote, the motion was DEFEATED with 5 in favor and 14 against and one abstention.

A motion was made by Herman Novak and seconded by Tom Ireland to bring the funding to a total of \$225,000. Following discussion and a roll-call vote, the motion was APPROVED on a vote of 18 in favor and 2 against. This request was approved and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

2. Request from Charlotte County Community Services Department, Parks and Natural Resources Division for the Artificial Reef Construction and Monitoring Program - **\$50,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Roger DeBruler, Jr.**

On motion by Mike Quinn, seconded by Jake Dye and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$50,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

3. Request from Charlotte County Community Services Department, Parks and Natural Resources Division for the Coastal Programs Assistant – Oversight of the Abandoned Vessel and Artificial Reef Programs - **\$53,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Roger DeBruler, Jr.**

On motion by Jake Dye, seconded by Captain Jay Buckley and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$53,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

At this time, MAC Member William Kumm suggested that a roll-call vote only be used in the event of a non-unanimous hand count. Based on consensus of the members, this practice was utilized for the remainder of the applications.

4. Request from Charlotte County Community Services Department, Parks and Natural Resources Division for Miscellaneous Expenditures for use in the

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Abandoned Vessel and Artificial Reef Programs - **\$10,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Roger DeBruler, Jr.**

On motion by Herman Novak, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$10,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

At this point, Andy Stevens thanked Roger DeBruler for his great work.

5. Request from Charlotte County Public Works Department for Maintenance and Aids to Navigation programs – **\$40,000** (CNIF from WCIND Funds) - **Jason Ouimet**

Charles Mopps made the presentations for Items #5, #6 and #7.

On motion by Garland Wilson, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$40,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

6. Request from Charlotte County Public Works Department for Maintenance and Aids to Navigation: New Markers into NW Pt. Charlotte from Myakka River leading into both Sun Coast, South Bridge Waterways from the Peace River - **\$59,600** (CNIF from WCIND funds) – **Jason Ouimet**

On motion by William Kumm, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$59,600 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

7. Request from Charlotte County Public Works Department for Continuous Debris Removal of Navigational Hazards - **\$25,000** (BIF Retained Funds) – **Jason Ouimet**

On motion by William Kumm, seconded by Ken Dieffenbach and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$25,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

8. Request from Charlotte County UF/IFAS/Florida Sea Grant for Reprinting the Boating and Angling Guide to Charlotte Harbor - **\$10,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Betty Staugler**

Betty Staugler made her presentation for Items #8, #9 and #10

On motion by William Kumm, seconded by Captain Jay Buckley and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$10,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

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9. Request from Charlotte County UF/IFAS/Florida Sea Grant for the Bay Scallop Restoration Program (using Hatchery Reared Animals) - **\$10,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Betty Staugler**

On motion by Jake Dye, seconded by Captain Jay Buckley and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$10,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

10. Request from Charlotte County UF/IFAS/Florida Sea Grant for Miscellaneous Expenditures and Supplies Related to Water-Based Operations and Marine Education - **\$7,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Betty Staugler**

On motion by Captain Jay Buckley, seconded by Mike Quinn and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$7,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

Commissioner Deutsch and MAC Member Ken Dieffenbach left the meeting at approximately 11:39 a. m.

11. Request from Charlotte County Public Works Department for the Stump Pass Dredging/Renourishment Project - **\$150,000** (WCIND Funds) – **Charles Mopps**

Charles Mopps made a presentation for both Items #11 and #12.

On motion by William Kumm, seconded by Chuck Gertner and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$150,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

12. Request from Charlotte County Public Works Department for the Stump Pass Dredging/Renourishment Project - **\$50,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Charles Mopps**

On motion by William Kumm, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$50,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

13. Request from Civil Air Patrol, Charlotte County Composite Squadron to Offset Costs of the Weekly Sundown Patrol - **\$12,500** (BIF Local Funds) – **Maj. Richard W. Morrel**

Major Morrel made this presentation.

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On motion by William Kumm, seconded by Captain Maurice Sabourin and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$12,500 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

14. Request from Peace River Sail and Power Squadron for Materials for Safe Boating Courses and Seminars and to Replace the Failing 2005 Classroom Computer - **\$4,000** (\$2,000 BIF Funds and \$2,000 (BIF Local Funds) – **Lt/C Ronald Ludvig**

Lt/C Ronald Ludvig made the presentation.

On motion by Richard Hoagland, seconded by William Kumm and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$4,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

15 and 15A. Request from US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 98 for Purchase of Flat-screen Television Monitor, Auxiliary Speaker, Laptop Computer Software and Connecting Cables to Be Used at Public Events and Training - **\$2,000** (\$1,000 WCIND Funds and \$1,000 BIF Local Funds) – **Thomas Gramza, Flotilla Staff Officer – Public Education**

Officer Gramza made the presentation for this request and corrected the amount being requested. Apparently two copies of the same request were received. The amount of this request was corrected to \$1,000 (\$500 WCIND Funds and \$500 BIF Local Funds)

On motion by Sarah Buck, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried on a vote of 16 in favor and 0 against and 3 abstentions, this request was approved in the amount of \$1,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

16. Request from US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 98 for Updating Communications Radios and Support Equipment to Maintain and Improve the Skills for Performing Critical Search & Rescue Missions and to Ensure the Safety of the Boating Public - **\$2,500** (\$1,250 WCIND Funds and \$1,250 BIF Local Funds) – **Ray Harden III, Flotilla Staff Officer – Communications**

Officer Harden made the presentation.

On motion by Mike Quinn, seconded by Garland Wilson and carried on a vote of 16 in favor and 0 against and 3 abstentions, this request was approved in the amount of \$ and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

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17. Request from US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 99 to Fund Rescue and Survival Equipment for Protection when Doing Search & Rescue on the Water; and, Teaching Materials for Boaters' Classes; and, GPS Use on the Water - **\$4,500** (\$2,250 WCIND Funds and \$2,250 BIF Local Funds – **Stephen M GaNun, Operation Officer**

Officer GaNun made the presentation.

On motion by Jake Dye, seconded by Chuck Gertner and carried on a vote of 16 in favor and 0 against and 3 abstentions, this request was approved in the amount of \$4,500 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

18. Request from Charlotte County Sheriff's Office to Refurbish Two (2) Boston Whaler Patrol Boats to Extend Their Usable Service Life for an Additional eight to ten (8–10) years - **\$50,000** (WCIND Funds) – **W. D. Libby, Chief Deputy**

Cpl. David Stefanini and Capt. D. Chandler of the Sheriff's Office made this presentation.

On motion by Chuck Gertner, seconded by William Kumm and following some discussion, carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$50,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

19. Request from Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) for Boat-based Environmental Education Programs for Charlotte County 4th Grade Students, Teachers and Chaperones; and, Adult Programs - **\$83,737** (WCIND Funds) – **Jim Thomson, CEO**

Jim Thomson made this presentation. Steve Osborne, CHEC Board member spoke in support of the request. Mary Ann Hughes, another CHEC Board member was also at the meeting

On motion by Mike Quinn, seconded by Chuck Gertner and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$83,737 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval.

20. Request from City of Punta Gorda to Purchase Sewage Pump-Out Boat to Meet the Specifications provided in the Request Documents - **\$20,000** (BIF Local Funds) – **Howard Kunik, City Manager**

David Hilston made the presentations for the City's requests.

On motion by Captain Jay Buckley, seconded by Tom Ireland and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$20,000 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval

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21. Request from City of Punta Gorda for Operation and Maintenance of the Sewage Pump-Out Boat (requested in Item 20 above) - **\$6,250** (BIF Local Funds) – **Howard Kunik, City Manager**

On motion by Captain Jay Buckley, seconded by Herman Novak and carried unanimously, this request was approved in the amount of \$6,250 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval

Tom Cavanaugh, Punta Gorda City Councilman, was in attendance and thanked the MAC committee, on behalf of the city, for their support of the pump out boat grant request.

22. Request from Boca Grande Fire Department for Night Lights for Vessel Navigational Search and Rescue Capabilities - \$2,100 (BIF Local Funds) - **Fire Chief G.W. Blosser.**

A Lieutenant from the Boca Grande Fire Department made the presentation.

A motion was made by Captain Jay Buckley and seconded by Jake Dye. Following discussion and a roll-call vote, the motion was APPROVED on a vote of 17 in favor and 2 against. This request was approved in the amount of \$2,100 and will be forwarded to the BCC for final approval

Old Business
NONE

Other Business
Rich Kolar reported that two additional funding requests were just received and will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Committee.

Citizen Comments
NONE

Good of the Order
Captain Jay Buckley requested that the funding information be presented on the screens during the presentations.

Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 9.30 a.m. **Room B-106.**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

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Adjournment

On motion by Chuck Gertner, seconded by Captain Jay Buckley, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on April 11, 2013

Len Harris, Chairman
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