



Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,
Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>District:</u>
Don McCormick, Chair	District 2
Ellen Decker Vice-Chair	District 3
Patrick Jurek.....	District 1
Wendy Lang.....	District 5
Stas Matias.....	District 4
Jeff Anlauf.....	Member-at-Large
Vacant.....	Member-at-Large

MINUTES

October 7, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

Don McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Don McCormick asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Bennett calling the roll call, it was determined a quorum was present.

Stas Matias and Patrick Jurek were absent.

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from September 2, 2021

Ms. Decker made a motion to approve the September 2, 2021 minutes, seconded by **Ms. Lang** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

7.

None offered.

8. New Business

Ellen Decker announced that she will be moving out of Charlotte County and informed the members that her seat is open. Also, if anyone has suggestions for District 3 for her replacement feel free to contact Diane Whidden.

- **Betty Staugler coming to speak**

The board agreed they would still like to have Betty come in and speak in November since October she was not available.

Ms. Lang made a motion have Betty Staugler to attend and speak at the November meeting, seconded by Mr. Anlauf; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

- **Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager**

- Water Quality

Mr. Moody mentioned that the monitoring plan development is still on going, and currently under review by all of the agencies. Request for Proposal (RFP) is scheduled to go out in the next month or two for a goal to get boots on the ground by early spring next year. There is a sizable red tide bloom currently out in the Gulf for some time now. Its presence is known on occasion, right now it hasn't been manifesting too much. We are also dealing with ground algal bloom in the middle of the harbor; it doesn't pose any concerns in terms of any toxicity to people or wildlife. We are currently monitoring it.

Mr. Anlauf asked **Mr. Moody** what part is the county going to play in the Center for Coastal Solutions by the University of Florida?

Mr. Moody replied they have had some conversations early in the process. They just formed earlier this year. From his understanding they are in the data gathering phase. He expressed to them that he would like to assist them as much as possible that fits within our mission.

- Riviera Marina

Ms. Lang asked **Mr. Moody** if there is any update on Riviera? **Mr. Moody** responded that he is not aware of any changes at this time. **Mr. McCormick** asked **Mr. Moody** if he has had further contact from the Coast Guard? **Mr. Moody** responded they have been in the habit of sending him a heads up on anything new in the investigation and they have not reached out to him lately.

Commissioner Deutsch gave an update on the Dancing Iguana in Alligator Creek, that has been removed. He also informed the board that the Sheriff's office is looking into attaching solar lights onto the derelict vessels (that are in hazardous areas), so they can be seen at nighttime.

- Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
 - South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
 - Stump Pass navigation channel project
 - Mitigation reef
 - Terminal Groin placement on Stump Pass

Matt Logan, Public Works spoke because **Mr. Poff** was not present.

Mr. Logan informed the board that it is a minimal Coastal update. The Stump Pass navigation channel project has been sent out and it came in almost \$1 million under budget. We estimated about \$3.2 million, and it came back around \$2.1 million. It is a newer company that was selected however, the gentlemen that have started the company both have extensive dredging experience with other large firms.

- South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment

Mr. Logan commented that they will be having their pre-construction meeting with them on Monday. He anticipates that Michael Poff will be able to fill the board in next month with a clear picture of what its going to look like in the coming months.

- Mitigation reef

Mr. Logan stated this project has been completed. Transects are still needing to be done for recording. People have been enjoying diving and fishing at it.

- Terminal Groin placement on Stump Pass

Mr. Logan thinks this year will be a good assessment of how that has performed. Hopefully after the task is done with the beach placement of the fill material, we'll be able to start the assessment process.

Ms. Decker asked **Mr. Logan** to explain what transacts are? He explained transacts are when they have to go down and dive from point A to point B and calculate the equivalent coverage. They go down these transacts during construction to ensure that the rock is being stacked correctly.

- **Shore Birds and Sea Birds**

Susie Derheimer stated the Shore Bird and Sea Bird nesting season is over and that the numbers reported last month are set in stone.

- **Sea Turtles**

Ms. Derheimer commented that they are still working on quality checking the data, by next month they will have the final data and numbers. **Ms. Derheimer** brought to the board's attention stranding's. The number of sea turtles washed up to shore have increased greatly this season. The count for Manasota Key Beach is 18 (stranding's). There were 4 green turtles, 8 Logger head and 6 Kemps Ridley's. The county doesn't normally handle the stranding reports, that's done by our coastal wildlife club. However, we have been working with them to get those numbers this year.

Ms. Lang asked if they have sent out the necropsy results for the reasoning? **Ms. Derheimer** answered FWC doesn't normally request that. A lot of times the cause of the stranding can be seen, but the fact that with them washing up and it's not seen on the surface as into why, FWC has requested a necropsy. The results have not come in at this time.

9. Correspondence and Communication
None offered.

10. Public Comments
None offered.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None offered.

12. Member Comments

Mr. Anlauf commented that he attended the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA) on the 15th of September. They spoke on dredging in the freshwater canals and how the channels should be made wider because there's less filling in with the channels. He asked **Mr. Logan** or **Mr. Moody** if this has been investigated by the county?

Mr. Logan expressed that the engineering department has had some preliminary discussion, but it hasn't been widespread throughout our county canals.

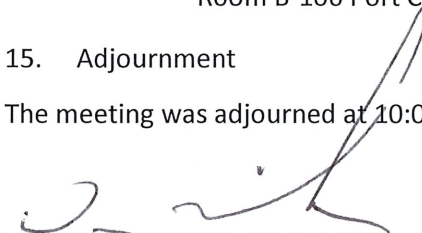
There was a discussion on how much it would cost to dredge the Manchester Waterways since a survey has been performed and a certain amount has been noted that should be removed.

14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.


Don McCormick, Chair