



## 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
Nichole Beyer .....	District 3
Robert Wibbeler.....	District 1
Wendy Lang, Vice-Chair.....	District 5
Stas Matias.....	District 4
Jeff Anlauf.....	Member-at-Large
Vacant.....	Member-at-Large

### MINUTES

**January 5, 2023, 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.

**Mr. McCormick** welcomed **Robert Wibbeler**, District 1, to the board and had him speak about his background.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

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

**Mr. McCormick** inquired with **Hank Killion** about what his status is for his membership to fill in the Member-at-large position. **Mr. Killion** stated he has sent his application in and is waiting for it to go in front of the board.

**Mr. Killion** also commented that the Charlotte Harbor Regatta for 2023 is canceled.

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from December 1, 2022

**Ms. Lang** made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022, minutes, seconded by **Mr. Matias** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None offered.

7. Old Business

- Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager
  - Water Quality

**Mr. Moddy** gave a short update on the water quality that he did a presentation on at the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, BCC workshop. The presentation can be found on the Charlotte County Website at [CHARLOTTE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS \(charlottecountyfl.gov\)](https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/charlotte-county-board-of-county-commissioners)

**Stas Matias and Nichole Beyer** arrived at 9:08 A.M.

**Damion Ochab** asked if the data points inclusive of the hurricane results? **Mr. Moody** replied no, these are samples that have been sampled monthly before the hurricane.

**Ms. Lang** inquired if CHNEP data's will also be included to website data? **Mr. Moody** responded the plan is to contribute our data to CHNEP and they will have everyone's data.

There was a short discussion about budgets.

- Riviera Marina

**Mr. Moddy** commented that there was a settlement pending sale of the property to the new owners. They were looking to close in September, however the storm delayed things. There has been communication between Florida Department Environmental Protection (DEP) and the lawyers. They are looking to close the sale within the next month or so. Once new ownership takes place, the DEP will move forward for cleanup and all. He was out by the Marina Tuesday after the storm taking samples and documenting boats. The storm definitely made some impacts.

## 8. New Business

- Parks and Natural Resources
  - Parks and Natural Resources Update

**Jamie Scudera** updated the members with the final sea turtle numbers; this is within Charlotte County excluding Little Gasparilla Island:

Total numbers that staff documented:

**2,020** sea turtle nests compared to last year which was **1,800** nests

Manasota Key total – **1,091** (Greens and Logger Heads)

Palm Island, Knight Island and Don Padro- **686** (Green and Logger Heads)

Boca Grande- **243** (Green and Logger Heads)

**Ms. Scudera** mentioned that they had a monitor that was interested in this coming sea turtle year on Boca Grande. Staff has been working on mailers for 2,400 beach front property owners to be mailed with light information. This month and next month they will have a USDA trapper out 20 hours for this month and next month. To do some preseason trapping in our shorebird areas around the state parks. The BCC board approved to hire a part time coastal trapper through USDA, who does all of our trapping. Who will focus in areas where there is predation issues.

- DV Reports

**Ms. Scudera** gave an update on the DV report. 16 have been removed. The Hurricane Ian DV boats do not qualify for the FWC Vessel turn in program, which states that the vessel must be floating and not be deemed a

Derelict Vessel. FWC are working with an open understanding with the owners due to the hurricane as far as removal is concern.

**Ms. Scudera** mentions a podcast that the staff has put together with information about sea turtles and shorebirds. She also comments that staff has been working with 3 different hardware stores within the Englewood area and asked for them to set up a lighting display for sea turtle lighting. To better assist the beach residents.

9. Correspondence and Communication  
None offered.

10. Public Comments

**Damian Ochab, SMSKA**, expressed his concern with the board about the gated beach parking that is on the BCC agenda for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. He asked the board to write a letter of opposition or denial for the gate proposal.

There was a discussion about the gated beach parking that is being proposed for Manasota Key beach.

**Ms. Lang** made a motion for Chairman Don McCormick to write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners stating the board opposes the proposition as it is, seconded by **Ms. Beyer**; the motion passed unanimously.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants  
None offered.

12. Member Comments  
None offered.

14. Election of Officer

- Chair

**Commissioner Deutsch** entertained motions for a Chairman, A motion was made by **Ms. Lang** nominating **Mr. Matias**, seconded by **Ms. Beyer**; hearing no other nominations **Mr. McCormick** moved to close the nomination, seconded by **Ms. Lang**; hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

- Vice-Chair

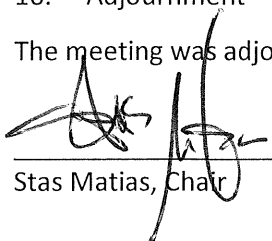
**Commissioner Deutsch** asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair; A motion was made by **Ms. Lang** nominating **Mr. Anlauf**, seconded by **Mr. McCormick**; hearing no other nominations **Mr. McCormick** moved to close the nomination, seconded by **Ms. Lang**; hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

15. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

  
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Stas Matias, Chair