



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.....	District 2
Nichole Beyer	District 3
Robert Wibbeler.....	District 1
Wendy Lang	District 5
Stas Matias, Chair	District 4
Jeff Anlauf, Vice-Chair	Member-at-Large
Hank Killion.....	Member-at-Large

MINUTES

March 2, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

County Attorney, Janette Knowlton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Knowlton assisted with nominating a Chair, Pro-Tem. She explained that when a chair or vice-chair are either late or absent you can nominate a chair, who will run the meeting upon the chair's arrival or run it for just that one meeting.

Ms. Knowlton opened the floor for nominations for the chair, Pro-Tem:

Mr. Killion made a motion to nominate Don McCormick, seconded by **Mr. Wibbeler**; there were no other nominations.

Ms. Knowlton opened the floor for voting Mr. McCormick as Chair, Pro-Tem, for today's meeting. The motion carried; with 3-yays and 1-nay (Mr. McCormick).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. 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. Jeff Anlauf, Stas Matias and Wendy Lang were absent.

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from February 2nd, 2023

Mr. McCormick made a motion to approve the February 2nd, 2023, minutes, seconded by **Ms. Wibbeler** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

Damion Ochab mentioned it may not be for this board, but he inquired to see if there has been any discussion about whose responsibility is it to install charging stations at the public beach?

Commissioner Deutsch recommended for him to check with the Parks and Recreation department.

7. New Business

None offered.

8. Old Business

- Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager
 - Water Quality

Mr. Moody commented that they are currently getting a scope negotiated out for the One Charlotte One Water plan. He mentions that Jones Edmunds and Janneke Environmental have been selected to assist with the planning process. There will be multiple public workshops available, at the time that they are starting to formulate the plan and once the draft plan is ready.

Commissioner Deutsch asked if **Mr. Moody** has any update on Red Tide? **Mr. Moody** responded there has been some evidence of Red Tide populations popping up off of Ponce Park and the Harbor. Right now, the concern is if we are going to start seeing blooms and outbreaks within the Harbor. There will be a sampling performed from the Aquatic Preserves monitoring program, next Monday, March 6th. Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) will be performing their sampling next week. There will be some Red Tide collected through these samples and we will be able to see the extent that it is to give us a good idea of what we are looking at.

Mr. Moody mentioned the building claims initiative, which was funding a couple of years ago, onto claim restoration strategies throughout the south gulf coast. They're in the last phases of their permitting process for permission to put in a 5-acre plant bed, just off the east wall of Charlotte Harbor. Right now, he believes they are in the middle of the comment period, once that comment period is done then the permit will be issued not too long after.

- Riviera Marina

Commissioner Deutsch commented he believes that the ownership has been settled, once that is completed it will be a positive movement in the area.

Mr. Moody stated he has not received any update. He will continue to try to get more information.

- 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, expresses that Hurricane Ian has caused a significant amount of erosion. However, despite the fact that Storm Nichole had taken more beach than Hurricane Ian there was a delay of timing for the beach surveys. When they did make it out, they actually found that the beach did rebound, and the sand increased. Unfortunately, we weren't able to capture any of the losses that may have incurred during Storm Nicole. Fortunately, the beach has rebounded, and we are in good standing.

Mr. Logan explained for funding he is going to speak about all the beaches bundled together, they all have different erosion rates. With FEMA there's a set limit, the depth of closure, our losses to claim for FEMA are less because the depth of closure is about 1,000 feet off the beach. With the state they wanted to know the erosion rates out of the template, which is what we designed and placed out there, those numbers are significantly higher. FEMA is going to pay 75% of the total within there's and the state has gotten already \$100 million at a special session, and they will be going back to a second session to ask for the additional \$105 million from the original request. We have reached out to the state for additional funds from Storm Nicole that fell outside of the original ask from Hurricane Ian. He would like for Michael Poff to come to next months meeting to give an update on what happened at the second session and to fill in the gaps of it all. Several trees did fall onto the beach after Hurricane Ian, they have now been cleared. The 3rd year for Tilling is coming up for Manasota Key and also Stump Pass. He will keep the members informed when he hears of a start date.

Mr. Logan explains for Port Charlotte beach, they have had Coastal Engineering under contract to do a study of how to stabilize not just the shoreline, but also try to help stabilize the sunrise channel, which is the boat ramp leaving Port Charlotte beach. The next stage is having the options that Coastal Engineering presented and present those to the Board of County Commissioners. He has spoken to some of the grant specialist, and they were talking about some of the resiliency grants that are available for projects. When this was brought up, they mentioned that this project could possibly be taken up by them with some grant funding.

There was a discussion about the Sunrise Channel and how we can improve the channel in a timely manner. Along with discussion about a land-based equipment to pull the sand out and get it on the beach.

Ms. Knowlton commented that John Elias gave his promise that this will be addressed first. However, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) after their meeting the board has directed staff to do everything, they can to get FEMA money, for everything. If this is FEMA eligible it will take a little bit more time.

- DV Reports

Ms. Scudera gave an update on the DV report.

- 33 open cases
- 7 removed
- 6 relocated- 4 were relocated by Roger and are currently stored at our County Yards for the time being while Law Enforcement are investigating.
- 8 are ready for removal

- Parks and Natural Resources Update

Jamie Scudera informed they have been able to finalize the Sea turtle lighting displays at the 3 hardware stores. The 3 hardware stores are: Gulf Coast Hardware on McCall Road, Ace Hardware off of Placida and the Barnichol Hardware store on Boca Grande. They have endcap displays set up with posters and was able to get ahold of some red bulbs. They vendors have notified staff that they are having a bit of a difficult time through their

contracted vendors getting more than just the red bulbs. We are working with them in hopes of being able to open up a few more doors for them. So, they can offer more solutions for people coming in to shop.

- Shorebirds

Ms. Scudera commented that shorebird season has started, monitoring is on the way and it's a little early in the season, so nothing so far to report.

9. Correspondence and Communication

Mr. McCormick brought up that he has signed the letter that was supporting the South Manasota Sandpiper Key Association (SMSKA) for the denial of the gate at the public beach.

10. Public Comments

Damian Ochab, SMSKA, expressed the intensity of Red Tide that is on Manasota Key. He hasn't received response from the county for instruction of what to do with the dead fish. The Association has recommended for the carcasses to be placed in a black plastic bag aside from the garbage cans for Waste Management to pick up separately. In the past that was the instruction, and they are not sure if that has been scheduled yet with Waste Management. Another thing is they are appreciative that the beach has rebounded it seems, the area where there is more sand is actually where the Mitigation Reef is. Which brings up a topic that this committee has had, regarding artificial reefs. Is there a possibility of looking at artificial reefs? He thanked **Mr. Logan** for the Tilling information and requested for the homeowners in the area to be notified when it takes place. Ms. Scudera mentioned to Mr. Ochab that Roger DeBruler is assessing all of the artificial reefs. He's doing post storm assessments to see how they handle the wave action and is working on all the artificial reefs that the county owns. He thanked Ms. Scudera for the information on the location of the Sea Turtle lighting display units at the three hardware stores.

Commissioner Deutsch commented he will bring up the Red Tide fish debris to the administration's attention.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

Commissioner Deutsch mentioned on March 15th at 10am, there will be a groundbreaking for the tower, that will be a 45-47ft three story facility, which is going to be an education experience at the William Gaines Memorial Park. This year is significant because it is the 40th Anniversary of the Beirut Bombing.

12. Member Comments

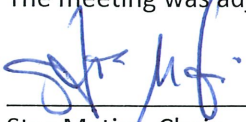
Hank Killion asked Commissioner Deutsch if the county is planning on any permanent beach cleanup program to help with fish, we see on TV about the program that Sarasota County has. **Commissioner Deutsch** expressed that it is difficult to find people to work for the current jobs available. He also asked how much of the harbor is the county vs the City of Punta Gorda, he brings this up because of all the mooring boats in the harbor who are damaging the sea grass. **Commissioner Deutsch** explained that most of the mooring boats are under the City of Punta Gorda. **Mr. Killion** mentioned should we have a mooring location on this side of the bridge? **Commissioner Deutsch** responded that if it was brought up it more than likely wouldn't be discussed for a couple of years, because we are so busy in all departments.

13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, April 6th, 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 10:07 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stas Matias', is written over a horizontal line.

Stas Matias, Chair