



## 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

**November 2, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order:

**Jeff Anlauf** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

**Mr. Anlauf** 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 noted a quorum was present. Stas Matias and Wendy Lang was absent.

### Present

Don McCormick

Nichole Beyer

Robert Wibbeler

Jeff Anlauf

Hank Killion

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Mr. McCormick** made a motion to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes, seconded by **Mr. Wibbeler** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

## 6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

**Damian Ochab, SMSKA**, Thanked Matt Logan for communicating to his members of his HOA with the situation going on with the sand being renourished on the beach. With explaining the process that it takes and the approval that it needs. The issue with the members is they want it now; **Mr. Logan** did a great job explaining this is a process and talking 2024-2025 for it to begin. The key is constant education and communication, he's very pleased that **Mr. Logan** did so. Members are constantly bothered by the Erosion Control Line (ECL) vs the Mean-High Water Line (MHWL) and what's private vs public on the beach. It's primarily a problem on the south end from the public beach to the state park. There has been a lot of erosion where the public beach has been eroded. We are asking the county to explain the policy in regard to private vs public. The Sherriff has come up with a policy to help explain to the owners and visitors. However, he wasn't sure if the county has one in place. He's asking if there is a written policy and if so, what is it and how do we deal with the current issues. He also mentioned to the board that the boat races are coming on Manasota Key it's November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

**Hank Killion** asked if we could bring in truck loads of sand in Charlotte County? **Mr. Logan** replied he will cover that when he speaks about the beaches.

## 7. New Business

- Discussion on Field Trips by Janette Knowlton.

**County Attorney Janette Knowlton** stated on the field trip issue the Sunshine Law not only extends to the formal action that you take here but any discussion or deliberation that you have. It does not prevent you from doing a field trip, but you cannot discuss anything that would come before you. For best practices I would notice it as a public meeting for whatever field trip you plan to take, take minutes – the minutes can be as simple as we went to the beach and **Mr. Logan** gave us an update on the project. Be prepared if all of you all go together to offer transportation for the public too. Or you can all just meet separately wherever your going. She will leave that up to them.

**Mr. Anlauf** commented that this is good news, and it would be nice to actually see in person the projects that are being discussed.

## 8. Old Business

- **Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager**
  - Water Quality

**Mr. Moody** was not present. There was no update given at this time.

- Riviera Marina

**Mr. Anlauf** asked if there are any updates on the Riviera Marina and there were none. Other than **Mr. Wibbeler** commented he has been out there, and it is night and day difference of the cleanup.

**Mr. Wibbeler** also commented that he noticed Mr. Moody's involvement with the NOAA Restore-Recreational Fishery Habitat Conservation that lists Brandon as a Natural Resource Manager. He is interested to hear about the NOAA from Mr. Moody.

- **Matt Logan - Public Works**
- South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
- Stump Pass navigation channel project
- Mitigation reef
- Terminal Groin placement on Stump Pass

**Mr. Logan** shared an update for all the projects as a whole. We manage all the shorelines for Manasota Key, Stump Pass State Park, Don Pedro and Knight Island. For the shorelines due to impacts by both Hurricane Ian and Idalia we are working to do our FEMA claims. Not only are we filing claims with FEMA, but we are also working with the state to secure funding. We have two funding sources already in place for Hurricane Ian recovery – FEMA has accepted our application; it's been dedicated, and we are moving forward with them. The state has finalized the second portion of the appropriations, so we are getting a little over \$2 million dollars for our shorelines here in Charlotte County from the State. Between the two (FEMA & the State) we will be able to do a restoration of our shorelines to pre-storm. It is not going to happen this year, because we still have to do the design engineering portion of it and settle the funds, while DEP's money is settled, we do not have FEMA completely through the process. It's anticipated that this time next year we could be seeing construction ramping up. One of the big things that have been brought up is the trucking of the sand. The cost of getting the dredge here via mobilization is of 8 million dollars. While it is a lot of truck loads it still is the cheapest means by getting that sand on our beaches. The sand during Idalia it moved off the top of the beach but it's still within the depth of closure which is the line that FEMA uses. We didn't really have that category G, that we could claim. So, we are pursuing the Category B- which is the Emergency Berm. Which is the reason you saw that so quickly in Lee County, is because that was constructed as a Category B Emergency Berm and that's a shorter process. Hopefully we will be able to get through all of this and because Category B is a different process; Idalia we're hoping will be processed around the same time as Hurricane Ian and we will be able to build back both of those storm impacts at the same time.

- Mitigation reef

**Mr. Logan** he will put off for Michael Poff will be coming into speak in January. He would like for him to do the updates on those because it has been sometime since the last monitoring on the Mitigation Reef, they were able to complete it this past season.

- Terminal Groin placement on Stump Pass

**Mr. Logan** we still haven't had a season where it hasn't' been disrupted. However, looking at the rate at where Stump Pass is closing off, the stability of the shoreline north of the Terminal Groin, for all intense and purposes it's working very well.

There was a discussion about the history of the Terminal Groin and the dredging that has been done thus far.

- Parks and Natural Resources Update

**Mr. Anlauf** commented that he read in the paper that Collier County had record number of turtles and he inquired if Charlotte County had them as well?

**Jamie Scudera, Natural Resources**, replied yes, we did. We do not have the final numbers of how many were affected by the storm. However, the silver lining is yes, there were breaking records. We are still gaining final numbers because they stopped monitoring last week. Monitoring is officially done, once all the data is in, she will supply the members the final counts. Staff has been busy doing a lot of pre-season print out and distribution. Making sure we get everything taken care of for notifying the various condos associations and rentals about shorebird season coming up soon.

**Ms. Scudera** speaking of birds, they received authorization from legal and met up with everyone on Palm Island about the electric fencing; to keep the coyotes out. The reason is it is flat out there, the dunes have washed up. We want to see what the shorebirds and seabirds are going to do this year. Our assumption is they are going to start nesting closer to the water because there is no barrier. With the barrier not being there we don't want to put out the electric fence because we want to wait to see what they will do this year. This will be a down year and we will reassess next year.

- DV Reports

**Ms. Scudera** commented that they are finishing interviews this week and are hoping to have a new person by the end of the month. She has been working with officer Nelson the most, with CCSO, he sat down with me and went over everything. She has updated to report with the information that she was able to receive:

- 2 have been removed
- 2 relocated
- 17 open cases
- 20 ready for removal – FWC – had 8 that were authorized; just waiting on their contractor

9. Correspondence and Communication

None offered.

10. Public Comments

**Mr. Ochab**, commented that on Manasota Key there is a parcel of land as you enter onto our island on the right hand side; that's 35 acres of what's considered Mangrove Forest Wet Lands. That has been for sale for the last couple of years. Looking at the county's maps they envision 35 lots available for develop. There's concern in the community about getting rid of 35 acres of wetlands that does effect the shore of Lemon Bay. We have been working with Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coves. There interested in trying to find out if someone has purchased that property. Recently the selling price has decreased and the Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coves, CFGC, and the South Manasota Sandpiper Key Association, SMSKA, are splitting the cost for the land to be appraised in hopes that the CFGC can get a grant to purchase the property to leave it as environmental sensitive wetlands. He wanted to let the board members know they are working hard to keep that land as wetlands.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

**Commissioner Deutsch** commented that there will be an air show and a huge concert at the fairgrounds this Saturday. Next week there will be a parade that starts out at Harbor Blvd that's going to run up to Edgewater.

12. Member Comments

**Mr. Wibbeler** commented that he was looking at the Florida Legislative items for 2024 that are out there. There were Mangrove replanting and restoration dredging, he wasn't sure if these would be discussed at this meeting. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented that it's a wish list and that we've been successful the last couple of years because we have local people involved in the leadership.

Mr. Anlauf commented that he's aware of a presentation that will be heard here next month and ask Mary McMurray to explain what it will be about. **Mary McMurray** responded that she works for the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves office. Where they mange state waters portion of Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve, Charlotte Harbor, Gasparilla Sound of Aquatic Preserve, Pineland Sound Aquatic Preserve and Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve. They do water quality, seagrass monitoring, education outreach and they also review and provide comments on any activity that's being permitted within those water bodies. The presentation will be just and an overview to educate the board and how we work with the surrounding counties. Our office has done several clean ups with Keep Charlotte Beautiful, and we remain vigilant on the aquatic preserves back to what they were before the hurricane.

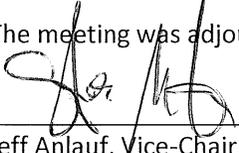
**Mr. Anlauf** commented that he would like to add to the December's agenda to have a discussion of where they would like to go for a field trip.

13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, December 7, 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 10:02 a.m.

  
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Jeff Anlauf, Vice-Chair