



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Centennial Blvd Bldg.

1120 Centennial Blvd.

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Chairman's Comments

A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.

B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes

C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.

4. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None offered.

6. Regular Business

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from December 2, 2021
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from December 9, 2021.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. FY22-23 MAC Grant Application Review – Jim Darden

Jim Darden he did not have a financial report because they are still working on end of year and reimbursements. He did receive an application for next fiscal years cycle from Public Works for navigational lighting and marine markers.

Mr. Ireland asked with the chaos and things going on in today's world, do you think we will see more or less applications?

Mr. Darden said he feels the local organizations will be sending in their requests, but we never know. Deadline for applications are January 31, 2022.

D. MSBU Update – Zach Patchell/Matt Logan

Mr. Patchell was present.

Ackerman and Manchester Waterway – no projects at this time – refer to Manchester waterway.

Alligator Creek – No active project at this time. Next scheduled meeting January 20th.

Buena Vista – Coastal Engineering prepared and submitted permitting plans to state and federal agencies. FDEP exemption status has been received. ACOE permit application submitted and awaiting the new Nation Wide 35 permit available after April 2022 to cover this project. Pre-storm bathymetric survey for Buena Vista interior canals was reviewed with the MSBU Advisory Board and they wish to hold off on an interior project at this time but are considering options.

Edgewater North – Coastal Engineering completed the field survey work for the bathymetric survey of this system and has finalized bathymetric plans and volumes for -3.5' MLW and -4.0' MLW. The results were reviewed by both the County and the MSBU Advisory Board for determination on whether to proceed with a dredge project. Determination will be made by the BoCC on how to proceed.

Gulf Cove Waterways – A request letter of interest went out to engineering firms to complete the design of the Gulf Cove interior dredge project. Coastal Engineering was selected for the design project. Negotiations for scope and fees are under way.

Harbour Heights – Johnson Engineering was selected to design the upcoming maintenance spot dredge project. Johnson is preparing permitting plans and application to submit to agencies.

Hayward canals – Johnson Engineering has submitted final bid documents to the County and this project is under final review and will be sent to purchasing in coming weeks for the bidding process.

Manchester Waterway – The bathymetric survey was reviewed with the Manchester MSBU Advisory Board and they have requested an estimate for limited dredging of canals with the most sediment buildup. Options and estimates will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

Northwest Port Charlotte – Final documents and budgeting have been worked out and this project was sent to purchasing to rebid this interior dredge project.

Peace River shores: No active projects at this time.

Pirate Harbor: Request for letters of interest went out to engineering firms for the design and permitting of a maintenance dredge project and Coastal Engineering was selected as the design firm. Negotiations are under way for scope and fees.

Southbridge Waterway: No active projects at this time.

South Gulf Cove: A bid package for the Turn Basin / Access Channel maintenance dredge was sent to purchasing and was advertised. Bid open is scheduled for January 12th.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock: Lock design working towards 90%. Awaiting ACOE response on permitting, EOR has requested updates, ACOE has provided they are working on this project and approved permit is expected soon. ACOE permitting may be further delayed due to a manatee death incident in early Oct. 2021 at the existing lock. FWC is performing an investigation and will advise on manatee safety conditions. The County received and reviewed engineering scope and fees for additional services to add a Tender House to the design. Comments and questions were given, and negotiations continue.

Suncoast Waterway: No active projects at this time.

Commissioner Deutsch mentioned the mini groin system they have been checking into.

Mr. Russell said the groin would work but the problem is there are no boats coming ashore at this point. He said if you put a groin up/barricade, he does not think they can go into the bay area.

Commissioner Deutsch said if we don't move ahead with the groin thing, maybe we can do some signage there if someone is going by, they will see it is an environmental thing.

Matt Logan said we have Coastal engineering under contract to do an erosion study out there. Not just for the channel, but for the whole beach. He said they dredged the channel and put the sand on the beach, and the storm season goes by and it erodes back. Coastal engineering is checking into how we can slow that erosion down. One thought is a living shore line, which is very similar to a quad system, they act as barriers, and slow down the water so the sand stays there. We should get the results from that study in a few months.

E. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler

Roger DeBruler said your report shows you have 10 boats outstanding, but he needs to add one more. CCSO is working on a sailboat that is up the Peace River (east of I-75 bridge). He said the boat is 32 feet. No mast.

Mr. Ireland said we need to better acknowledge the presence and participation of our Charlotte County marine patrol. Two representatives from the Sheriff's office are here today and we truly appreciate your help with all of this.

Aaron Williams, with CCSO, said someone asked about a mast that was at the Sunseeker area by the bridge. We have been actively working that and he will be locating the owner today. He will be serving papers. There are a few areas we are working on some issues, regarding boat docks at the beach and how they were using it.

F. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Ainger Creek – The park redevelopment project is managed by the Facilities construction and maintenance department. The most current information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage.

Allapatchee – The fishing pier replacement design budgeted for this fiscal year; the construction bid package has been submitted to purchasing; bid are due back January 19, 2022.

Anger Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Bayshore Live Oak park – Fishing Pier replacement design will kick off after the holidays.

Boca Grande Fishing Pier – no projects at this time.

Butterford Waterway Park – No projects at this time.

Cedar Point Environmental Park – No projects at this time.

Centennial Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Darst Park – No projects at this time.

El Jobean Boat Ramp – No projects at this time.

El Jobean Fishing Pier – No projects at this time

Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Harbour Heights Park – No projects at this time.

Hathaway Park – Design for the Hathaway Park floating dock and gangway is complete; the construction bid package has been submitted to purchasing.

Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park – No projects at this time.

Live Oak Point – Community Services will initiate seawall repairs to address sunken pavers at the terminal circle.

Placida Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Placida Park – 2014 Sales Tax project for the boat ramp expansion is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department. Facilities provided the following: Contractor estimating for schematic design deliverables was received and is under staff review.

Port Charlotte Beach Park – the 2020 sales tax project for recreation Center is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department. Facilities provide the following: BCC approved the start of negotiations with design team; RFP for the CM at Rick went to purchasing and shortlisting is scheduled for January 19, 2022.

Community Services is evaluating the feasibility of the addition of an ADA lift to allow the transfer of a handicap person from the boarding pier to a vessel.

Riverside Park – ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels, cannot be addressed via repairs. Ramp full redesign is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department. The selection of the design team was postponed from the January 11, 2022 BCC meeting.

South Gulf Cove Park – Design for the South Gulf Cove Park boarding is complete; the construction quotes have been received and are being reviewed by staff and the designers.

Spring Lake Park – No projects at this time.

William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park – grant for additional trails, boardwalk, fitness equipment and interpretive signs was awarded; design in process; ACOE and SWFWMD permits have been applied for. ADA canoe/kayak launch project is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department.

Mr. Bigness said at some of the boat ramps, he noticed a lot of boats that pull out on a trailer, their bilges are spilling salt water all over the road, he wondered if we should put up signs that say “drain your boat at the ramp”.

Ms. Powell said we can evaluate if that is a possibility. She said signage at the boat ramps is a very big challenge. Everybody wants a sign there. We have sign clutter. Most people don’t even abide by the signs that are there. We are in the process of redesigning our signs to get as much information out as we can without signage clutter.

7. New Business

Election of Officers

- Chair – Mr. Ireland
- Vice-Chair - Ms. Bareither
- Secretary – Mr. Meckenberg

Mr. Meckenberg stated that all 3 officers were willing to continue for another year; asking for other nominations, none offered.

Mr. Killion moved to close the nominations, seconded by **Mr. Mayes**; with a unanimous vote for all incumbents to be re-elected.

8. Old Business –

Mr. Russell said it appears there is a sailboat tied up at the dock at the sailing center. A guy has his truck and trailer parked there. They took some pictures. It has been reported in, and they think he is living in the boat. He asked the sheriff’s office if they looked into it.

Deputy Williams said that is what he was talking about earlier.

Deputy Carley said they are working on that at the beach complex. The boat comes and goes. It was not there this morning. We have not seen the boat and truck/trailer there at the same time.

Mr. Hickey said yesterday afternoon, they finally received the license for the other station, Marker #2. We have a boat and on a calm day, we will go out and fix it. Marker #4 had components removed for autopsy. It's back on and may go live Friday.

9. Other Business –
None offered.

10. Citizen Comments –
Sam Diekman said at the last meeting, we spoke about the Ainger Creek waterway and getting temporary markers put in since some are missing. She wanted to know if there was any outcome.

Mr. Logan said he spoke to their signing and marking department and they said they had a meeting with our legal department and that is where it is sitting. They are trying to get that approved and we are trying to get this issued resolved.

11. Good of the Order -
None offered

12. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at 1120 Centennial Blvd., Port Charlotte.

13. Adjournment
Dr. Strube made a motion to adjourn, second by **Mr. Hickey**, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair