



## MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 11, 2023

**9:30 a.m.**

Charlotte County Administration Center

18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106

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 April 6, 2023  
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from April 13, 2023.  
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and City of Punta Gorda Police Dept. – Marine Updates

**Deputy Carley** good morning, everyone, Corporal Williams couldn't be here this morning, so here I am. Everything is going good we are staying busy with derelicts. We took possession last week of the 24-action craft. We have been running that has been at craft and it's been getting some nuts and bolts tightened up.

We are excited to have that. Also, the 28-foot Boston Whaler that we took possession of I believe it was 2018. Just recently it's on its way back from Boston Whaler it's been over there for a few weeks. They were working on some welding issues, so the T top which they took care of free of charge. So, we will have many, many more years of service out of that vessel which is great news. We are getting geared up for the Holiday weekend coming up, it's gonna be a busy one. We are seeing a steady business on the water with boats out all aside and slowly get in place in between the Coast Guard and County and all of us working together still. We get several boats removed as derelict's and we find a few more to add to the list. It's an ongoing issue, but we are working hard at it. Also, this year again the Sheriff's Office is doing their annual dive team competition. That we host, last year was the first one, I have flyers here is anybody is interested and would like to hand out. It was a great success last year, I think this year we are gonna have 20 teams, from out of the state. I think some from out of state coming in. So, it's a fun competition to go watch, it's spectator friendly. So, we do encourage if you want to be part of that. Is there any questions for anybody that I could answer.

**Mr. McIntosh** how many boats do you have on the water now?

**Deputy Carley** including the vessels that our volunteers use, we have eight. This holiday weekend all boats will be out on the water which will include the new action craft because it's an extra one. For the patrol vessels it is really going to come in handy. On Saturday there will be a free concert, they bring a barge out to the Boca Grande Sandbar there at the causeway. This year they have a country music headliner, and they are expecting crowds possibly over 20 thousand. Harpoons will be having an after party. I am doing the operations plan for that holiday weekend, that day we will have patrol vessels on the water from 8 am until midnight to cover the county.

**Mr. DeBruler** I just want to ask is the new boat still unmarked?

**Deputy Carley** says it is still currently unmarked Monarch who does the graphics on it. They're about 4-5 weeks out to get us in there. But yes, it will be out there unmarked which could be a good thing. So, we have had in on the water a few days and we have done stops and done stuff with it. It's getting quite the talk around town; we are hearing already hey the Sheriff's Office has a new boat and it doesn't look like a police boat.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** what are you thinking about 2-3 more derelict boats every week, small ones right?

**Deputy Carley** yes.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** my guess is we are looking at least 4 years to get the canals all cleaned out. They both discuss the issues and items in waterways.

**Corporal Trufan** we are kinda in the same boat on derelicts, you get rid of one and two more pop up. FWC is also helping us out. We are trying to get everything squared away, but we expected it. There is so many that you get an additional list, and you know that something is gonna slip thru the cracks at some point. So, we are still working on derelicts. We did get everything transferred, last meeting I mentioned we have a boat that was getting donated to us. So, we transferred all the registration stuff on that, that's going to be. We are still trying to iron out, whether that's going to be a law enforcement or fire rescue boat. It is not marked yet, but it's a decommissioned coast guard search and rescue. Other than that, we've got a Carolina Skiff ordered for the volunteers to start using and also to use, so it's going to be a dual purpose.

We will be able to use it as a shallow water boat currently all of our vessels need at least a couple feet of water to operate in. We have a couple areas in the city jurisdiction that our very low draft areas so we would be able to get into shallower areas if we need to once that boat comes in. Plus, we'll have another boat that the volunteers will be able to utilize also. This is our Deputy coordinator through the volunteer unit, Rich Strocheck and he has some figures he wanted to bring you up on, kinda the support that our volunteer unit brings to us also.

**Rich Strocheck**, Deputy coordinator for the marine unit, Punta Gorda Police, I have been volunteering since 16 and I took over the marine unit.

**Mr. Ireland** since you were 16?

**Rich Strocheck** I took over in May on 21 the marine unit and started out with 7 people, we are up to 17 active and 1 on reserve. So, we keep trying to grow the unit and to always have backup. Some on the statistics, there is 55 miles of canals in Punta Gorda. After Ian our unit went out and did every, we did Laishley, Gilcrest, and whole harbor plus all the canals from debris. We use survey 1,2,3 and we accomplished that in two weeks. So, we took a lot of the load off the city. Some of the hours we did October 20 to September 21 we put in 1,083 man hours with 756 direct patrols, which are patrols that we decide that we have to go into those certain areas. And at least have exposure, it helps out with speakers and anything else in the canals. In 21 to 22 we did 1611 man hours, 1106 direct patrols and then we started to count miles. We put on 2,107 miles on the water in that year. In October 21 thru current day, we have 611 manpower hours, 482 direct patrols, and 1.884 hours. You have to consider some of this time we were held back with Covid plus the Hurricane and down time on the vessel marine too so. We are trying to do weekend patrol; we do an AM and a PM too. Friday to Sunday which is the heavier traffic and holiday patrol.

**Corporal Trufan** to highlight some of the support that our volunteers give us and that is made possible from the equipment that we have gotten through the MAC and we just wanted to say thanks for that and kinda highlight that.

**Mr. McIntosh** how many serviceable boats do you have?

**Corporal Trufan** we have with the donated boat now we have three, and there is one more on the way. We also got lifts in the works now finally. One at Laishley that's the talk of where they are going to wind up. So that will make the boats last a lot longer, once we can keep them out of the water. There are gonna be two of them. That is the news from the city.

#### D. Fiscal Report/Grants – Mark Snow

**Mark Snow** gives updates of current status of all grants for current year and some of the carry overs and some do not have expenses yet. A lot of the things like debris removal and all are tied up with FEMA. Talked to the Public Works and they're going to start picking up a lot over the summer because they are able to start doing some things, get them on the water with those programs. So, we'll start seeing some expenses there, on the other expense like Waterfest evidentially their accountant who with their treasure has a new job so she's kinda. I talked to the CEO yesterday and they are going to get their reimbursement request in for the MAC provided dollars for that so we should see some expenses there. Pretty much everybody else, the Charlotte Harbour Youth I am reaching out to them just because all of their quarterly reports say that they've done all on the MAC supported items, but they haven't requested the

reimbursement. So, I am waiting for that so we can clear those and maybe it'll reflect the expenses there. Otherwise, the program is going ok, and that it's just slow. Ian obviously took up the whole first quarter, we are trying to get people out and you know. I am working with the grant managers on those to try and get there expenses up and just monitoring them. Separate to FY 24 I would I do need your recipient agreement for the Flotilla. I sent it out for signature, I don't have it back and I don't see anybody from 98 so, I sent them a request they were having a board meeting to get that signed. So those are the only two that I am missing for FY24. Talks about getting the expenses up and to get them in.

**Mr. Ireland** asks would it be possible in the next couple of months now that Jim is gone. Could you take a minute and update the entire committee. I have been here forever it's 17,18 years and I have just absorbed what WCIND and what BIF local, BIF state are. Could you give us a brief run down at sometime in the near future of how they play with our, because sometimes we don't know who demands 50% and all that, would you give us, just an actual, we would appreciate it.

**Mr. Snow** yes sir

**Mr. Ireland** I would appreciate it and many of the new people and the ones who just arrived are trying to absorb your arduous task we appreciate it and thank you Mark.

**Mr. Snow** asks Mrs. Sargent to add to the Agenda for June about updating the committee on WCIND.

E. MSBU Update – Zach Patchell

**Mr. Patchell** discussed the items on his MSBU project update list.

**Mr. McIntosh** speaks to Zach on delays, and they discuss dredging.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** plan on two years.

**Mr. Patchell** speaks on the dredging design, permits. Then goes over report, waiting on results and submission FEMA.

**Mr. Russell** asks when?

**Mr. Patchell** weeks.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** is coastal looking into the possibility for putting in some kind of drain system? The bottom line is Stump Pass has worked so well.

**Miss. Powell** I have a little bit of an update on that. CC will be doing a presentation to the board. I believe the first meeting in September if the August meeting is cancelled cause there is a tentative meeting currently on the schedule.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** speaks to Ms. Powell and Mr. Ireland on this. I was talking to Matt, and we had some discussions regarding the Manchester Waterway and the documentation that we got from the state when we were given permission so remove the locke. Are you aware of any updates and what's been replaced.

**Miss Powell** I had nothing to do with that.

**Mr. Patchell** will follow up with Matt.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** will share with this group if I may and with Tom's permission.

**Mr. Ireland** of course.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** ever since we started work on the Manchester having dealt with this kind of thing in the past. When they let you restore something to the way it was. The wording usually includes with your approval to the original condition put it back the way it way. With the Manchester what had happened is particularly the one area where the water flowing back and forth, and you probably know the name of the marker. There was one canal leading to the Manchester to the Myakka that was dredged twice by general development. I am forgetting the name of it; I think it begins with a "C" that one canal from the Manchester was filled in with materials from the Manchester which never should have been used. Basically, it was garbage that they took and put on land. I've been looking and looking and was told that we didn't have them here. I wanted to see the original documents because I am sure that was in there somewhere. When I finally got a hold of them after years, a few weeks ago and I just want to quote from two sections of the authorization because I've talked to both Matt and the county attorney about this. Because if this can be interpreted the way I like to interpret it or at least apply for a permit. Which can take time, but we'll save literally a couple of million dollars in this process. One section says that the canal should be restored to the original condition. That would mean, that should cover us, and it talks about the Manchester should filled too. That material that was taken out of the Manchester never should have been put on land. Because it's bad and it's bad for the environment, environmentally it's wrong. Maybe gone for landfill or something like that. Anyway, the wording is in there and it doesn't exactly say restore the canals to the original condition. But at one part it says that the depth's of the canal should be returned to the original condition. I think we got our foot in the door and I've been trying to get a hold of the state to get a definitive answer on this. Because that will save us a lot of money and let us move ahead with the project that some of us might actually live long enough to see it.

**Mr. Patchell** continues with the report.

**Ackerman Waterway:** No active project at this time. Refer to Manchester Waterway.

**Alligator Creek:** CEC started design phase receiving initiation docs from county. CEC has drafted and submitted permit application to State and Federal agencies. FDEP responded with a request for information to which CEC submitted the info and since that permit was issued. Still awaiting and ACOE permit.

#### **Buena Vista Area Waterways**

- FDEP and ACOE permits have been received
- Design deliverables have been received
- The MSBU Advisory Board and county staff is now waiting on the post-storm bathymetric survey results to dial in the exact limits of the upcoming dredge event. The Sunrise Channel is at the top of the list for dredging needs and will be included in this event.

**Edgewater North:** No active project at this time.

**Gulf Cove Waterways:**

- The county has submitted a purchase request to hire a firm to perform a post- storm bathymetric survey. Project design will be adjusted as need be based off that survey. Application for FEMA funding will be made for any storm impacts to waterways.

**Harbour Heights:**

- No active project at this time.

**Hayward Canals:**

- Sea and Shoreline had dredged close to half the project before hurricane Ian. The project has been on hold since. The county had to initiate the emergency debris removal contract and clear the waterway before the project could resume.
- Post-dredge bathymetric survey results were just received, and the county and contractor are working out details on resuming the project after a long delay due to hurricane Ian.

**Manchester Waterway:**

- Recently Atkins had a survey crew out to survey and collect data for the Manchester at Indianapolis WW, as part of the requested addition. There was no material above the target depth found within those limits
- Atkins submitted 90% deliverables to county staff, those documents were reviewed and sent back with comments.
- We just received a before dredge bathymetric survey to update quantities ahead of the dredge bid process.
- Atkins will now begin to finalize construction plans and bid specs ahead of the bid process.

**Northwest Port Charlotte:**

- County Staff and Arbor Tree & Land have agreed to yet another change order of time to move the project start date out to 12-4-23. This is due to Hurricane Ian delays and the need of canal debris removal.

**Peace River Shores:** No active projects at this time.

**Pirate Harbor:**

- Coastal Engineering has started the design phase of this project, submitting permit application to FDEP and USACE
- We recently received a permit from FDEP and still await USACE.
- A post-storm survey will be performed, and project data updated. FEMA aid may be applied for.

**Southbridge Waterway:** No active projects at this time.

**South Gulf Cove:** No active project at this time.

**South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock:**

- The design project is at 60 percent design and the Tender House design change order was just approved on the Sep. 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Tender House Design and Parallel Lock design components will be advanced together.
- DMK just submitted to the county the siting report for proposed Tender house and a new environmental report. Those reports will be submitted to permit agencies for review.
- 30 percent Tender House plans were just received and reviewed and returned with comments. The consultant will be advancing towards 60 percent submittal.

**Suncoast Waterway:** No active projects at this time.

F. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler

**Roger DeBruler** said like you've heard before we take a couple out and we receive a couple more. Right now, we have 6 authorizations to remove, working on the sailboat that's out at Stump Pass, working for the houseboat that's at Laishley and a houseboat that is at the Tom Adams Bridge. We have a couple more, one that is a pre-hurricane issue that took forever to get thru the litigation problems. Two which I found last week so it's still going forward were still finding boats, were still pulling boats. The Florida Department of Emergency Management is still got a contractor out there working away. He is actually up in Lemon Bay right now removing boats out of there. Eventually he will be coming back down to Punta Gorda area and start removing boats out of there. They're still piece mailing boats to him, three here, three there, and then they make him run back up to Lemon Bay and back down to Punta Gorda. It's ongoing and it's just what he has to do so if there is any questions, I'll be happy to.

**Mr. Russell** are there any boats still in the channels and if you're observing the channel makers and you stay in the channel. Is there anything you're gonna hit still out there or is it all been removed out of there.

**Mr. DeBruler** it's pretty much been removed out of the channels that kinda stuff we still have a couple of sailboats that are close to the 41 bridges there in Punta Gorda. The sailboat that was at Pompano Channel coming out that was removed. Actually, four weeks ago, so that's out of the way. Most of the canals are all done and that kinda stuff.

**Stephen R. Deutsch** you mean channels, not canals.

**Mr. DeBruler** channels and canals, the boats that were in canals and that kind of stuff has been removed. The debris stuff is still being worked. Talk to Daniels who's the overseer of all the guys on the water, he's got two crews. Is based out of Placida Boat ramp and he's got two crews that are stationed out of PCBC Port Charlotte Beach Complex. They are still running materials back and forth, back, and forth so it's not, doesn't look like it's going to be stopping any time soon. He even told me that he wouldn't be done until next month or so. He hasn't gotten all of the canals.

**Stephen R. Deutsch** you're looking at years.

**Mr. DeBruler** there are pieces that they don't see and as we start getting the rains, that kind of stuff that stuff is gonna uncover it's gonna come to light. They are gonna have to go back out to start working on that stuff. Either that or the county is gonna end up eating it so we will see what happens.

**Mr. Ireland** thank you, yes.

**Mr. Hickey** Alligator creek and it's touching the marina, I know the whole story. There is a sailboat that is slowly rolling closer and closer and now the standing rigging and mast are in the channel of the downward side. In other words, somebody coming up stream, the guy that's going downstream have to get in and stop. The higher the boat like the fly bridge boat your gonna get tangled up in the standing rigging. What can be done with that boat.

**Mr. DeBruler** nothing.

**Mr. Hickey** it's interfering with navigation.

**Mr. DeBruler** it is not.

**Mr. Hickey** well I beg to differ.

**Mr. DeBruler** I can't make that determination, you can't make that determination, only an officer can make that determination. I've been out there with CCSO, I've been out there with FWC, I've been out there with the Coast Guard, they say it's not and they say is not because there is a 20-foot shallow area just to the south of that boat. And what's happening is boaters are cutting that corner, that's how there getting close to that rigging. CCSO and myself went out there the other day, you're right the stays had broken loose from the boat and were hanging out into the water. We secured them to the mast.

**Mr. Hickey** I didn't know that.

**Mr. DeBruler** we still have a boom stay that is still an issue, we disconnected the boom hoping that we could swing the boom closer to the back of the boat and tie it to back of the boat. We did that but the stay, we couldn't get the stay to release. So that's, there is still a stay that's sitting there but it is not within the channel and that's what's going on.

**Mr. Hickey** last month there was some rumor that, that marina was finally gonna close.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** we have been hearing that for the last six months.

#### G. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

**Tina Powell** said I have a whole list for you, I have a lot going on.

- **Ainger Creek Park:**

- o Park Redevelopment project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: The design team is working on preliminary design plans and is drafting permit plans to prepare for submittal to FDEP and ACOE.

- **Allapatchee Park:**

- o The erosion assessment project has been completed. Community Services is reviewing the repair options; there is no funding available this FY for design.

- **Anger Fishing Pier:**

- o Community Services is managing repairs to the sidewalk undermining and rock revetment; the project is in permitting with the regulatory agencies.

- **Bayshore Live Oak Park:**

- o Fishing Pier replacement is being managed by Community Services; additional project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. The project is under review by the regulatory agencies; pier is currently closed due to unsafe conditions.



o Grass Parking project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; Facilities provided the following: Construction is underway.

- **Boca Grande Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.
- **Butterford Waterway Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center:**
  - o Seawall replacement design project is being managed by Community Services; the project is in purchasing to hire an engineering firm for design and permitting.
- **Cedar Point Environmental Park:**
  - o Pier replacement is being managed by Community Services; minor repairs were completed in July. The design team is in the data collection phase and will begin seagrass surveys in the next few weeks.
- **Centennial Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.
- **Darst Park:**
  - o Community Services is managing the boarding pier replacement and seawall replacement along with ramp scour protection; the design is at 60%.
  - o HURRICANE DAMAGE may affect the status of this project moving forward.
- **El Jobean Boat Ramp:**
  - o Community Services is managing a ramp scour protection project; design is at 60%.
- **El Jobean Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.
- **Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park Fishing Pier:**
  - o Community Services is managing a repair project that includes repairs to the fishing pier at Chadwick, as well as to the boardwalk pavilions on the Englewood Beach portion of the park; the project is in progress.
- **Harbour Heights Park:**
  - o Community Services is managing the seawall replacement project; permitting package is under review by the regulatory agencies.
- **Hathaway Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Live Oak Point:**
  - o The erosion assessment project has been completed. Community Services is preparing to go out to bid for design.
- **Placida Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.

- **Placida Park:**

- o 2014 Sales Tax project for the boat ramp expansion is being managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: The engineering consultants are working to address details for the response to additional comments from the FDEP.

- **Port Charlotte Beach Park:**

- o 2020 Sales Tax project for the Recreation Center is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: Sweet Sparkman is refining Schematic Design for presentation to Board members. Once approval of Schematic Design is completed by the Board, we will move into Design Development.
- o 2020 Sales Tax Tier 2 project for the Pool is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: There was a meeting held on 4/26/2023, to discuss pool size, amenities, location of the pool and to see if it was possible moving the pool away from the V-zone, to eliminate having to install ramps.
- o Community Services is managing the T-dock replacement project; project is in permitting with BCS for construction.

- **Riverside Park:**

- o Ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels due to safety issues cannot be address via repairs. The project is being managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. We will need to get a FDEP setback waiver signed by the neighbor in order for FDEP to issue permits for a new boat ramp and dock. The boat ramp is 20.2ft from the neighbor's property line so since we are less than 25ft, we will need a setback waiver. This will extend the project timeline.

- **South Gulf Cove Park:**

- o Staff will be clearing some vegetation adjacent to the boat ramp to create a natural canoe/kayak launch area.

- **Spring Lake Park:**

- o HURRICANE DAMAGE of the c/k launch boarding pier project; repairs waiting on determination from FEWA
- o Community Services is also managing a ramp scour protection project the design is at 60%.

- **William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park:**

- o The trails, boardwalk, fitness equipment and signage project is being managed by Community Services; additional project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Permits have been received from SWFWMD ACOE; staff is preparing bid docs for construction.
- o The ADA canoe/kayak launch project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance Department and have the following: no updated provided.

**Mr. Russell** Port Charlotte Beach Complex when is that gonna be, you got a new schedule for the design, construction, completion, opening I mean.

**Ms. Powell** no that was going to the board sometime in the next two to three meetings to get their approval before they enter the full design set phase. Both have a discussion on this.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** they talk that we might see that for our August meeting, I am not sure we make it before September.

**Ms. Powell** I know they won't be entering the design development phase until the board approves.

7. New Business – we have two new applicants, is there a Daniel Voorhees here? Yes, Mr. Ireland hang on a second. Is there a Zach Gloer here? Yes. These two gentlemen are looking to replace former MAC committee members. One is for the Harbor Heights Yacht Club, Daniel Voorhees and the other is for the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, Zach Gloer.

**Mr. Gloer** speaks to the members to give a history of himself.

**Ms. Campanella** where is he from in Ohio?

**Mr. Gloer** Sandusky, otherwise, the Cleveland area.

**Mr. Voorhees** speaks to the members to give a history of himself.

**Mr. Ireland** we welcome you as replacements and look forward seeing you in a week. The Thursday before the regular meeting like this we have a pre-agenda meeting. Which is very often useful and it's shorter and we have fewer people, it's a good meeting to attend. To help get up online with what's happening. So, you'll be on the list right Kim?

**Mrs. Sargent** yes.

**Mr. Ireland** you'll get notified and do you guys have any questions about what we do and why we do it. They both answer no, and Mr. Ireland said good, cause we don't know either. All laugh.

**Ms. Bareither** wants to remind them we are on vacation for two months, so they don't come next month until we come back.

**Mr. Ireland** is there a motion to accept both of these new applicants.

**Motion to accept approved by Robert Hickey and seconded by Betty Campanella. All in favor and no opposed.**

**Mr. Ireland** July and August, we are not here the next few months.

**Ms. Campanella** don't we have a meeting in June.

Mr. Ireland and the members state we are off in July and August, so we aren't here in the next few months.

8. Old Business –  
None.

9. Other Business –

**Mr. McIntosh** I have a friend contacted me in regards to the fish anglers in Port Charlotte. Talks about four pilings and he was telling me that he was told that they don't have any lights on them.

**Mr. Ireland** I don't think that they ever did. They have a small decision on this. Mr. Ireland says it's not in the channel.

**Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch** mentions the Coast Guard and the channels are not well lit, our channels are not set up with markers and are poor. They should be a lot better that they are.

**Mr. McIntosh** could we get lights on them. They have a discussion on this.

**Mr. Hickey** asks to be excused for next months meeting as I will be out of state.

**Mr. Russell** same for me I will be gone for the actual meeting, I will be at the pre but not at the actual meeting.

**Mr. Ireland** talks about Jim Darden, and he is about to retire and presents him with a plaque and tells him to enjoy his retirement.

10. Citizen Comments –  
None offered.

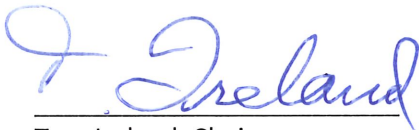
11. Good of the Order -  
None offered.

12. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, June 1, 2023 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, June 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in **Room B-106 in Murdock Building B.**

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.  
Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair