



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 9, 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 October 5, 2023
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from October 12, 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

Lt. Williams do not have too much this week. Just some updates on some of the derelicts we have been working. We currently have two boats, one in Bay Heights Park area that's sunk it's a 26-foot Trojan, another 40-foot cabin cruiser up in the area of Tamarin Condos that are going out for bid somewhere on

the 13th to be removed. We did turn one vessel at Al Pache Park over to FWC because that vessel met criteria for Hurricane removal from Idalia so at that point once it met the criteria, we turned it over to them and we helped them get the waiver to have it removed from the owner. We also have one other vessel this month, the owner removed from the area of O'Hara after he tried to give it away on Face Book and a couple of other things. Those are the main, we have one additional vessel at Harbour Heights Park that we just sent for authorization to remove and hopefully in the next month it will be going out for bid.

Mr. Hickey are you aware of the boat that's up at Alligator Creek kinda into the city of the Riviera Marina. It's a ground hard, laying on its side. I don't know what kind, it's a cabin cruiser of some sort. It is not on the list here.

Mr. Moran it's labeled Oblivious I believe, the name on the back it Oblivious.

Lt. Williams I do not have that on my list at the moment, I am not aware of it. I will check and see.

Mr. McIntosh about a week ago I emailed it to Roger, and I got a return email that some other lady said she would take care of it. The county is aware of it and talks of marker 30.

Lt. Williams I will check with Richard Nelson who handles most of this.

D. FY 23/24 Fiscal Reports/Grants – Mark Snow

Mark Snow says I have an update I work with the web manager so the FY25 application is out and posted on the MAC's home page as well as the new quarterly form. For the quarterly reporting for those organizations who have to report, that's out there as well. Everything is going good; folks are starting to use their FY24 grants as we speak. We will start going through the process for FY25.

Mr. Ireland do you anticipate you'll have more applications or fewer?

Mr. Snow probably fewer. We have a few that have applied for the last couple years that, one of which is derelict vessels and marine debris and new markers. I am working with them to not apply this year because they have a balance that they need to work through. It is picking up in marine markers and in marine debris. Post Ian they started to get back on doing some more clean ups as well.

E. MSBU Update – Matt Logan/Zach Patchell

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

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

Alligator Creek: This dredge design project is currently awaiting permitting by ACOE.

Buena Vista Area Waterways:

- Final plans and specifications are under review and include hurricane Ian impacts. Bid phase will commence once finalized.

Edgewater North: No active project at this time.

Gulf Cove Waterways:

- Draft deliverables for the interior dredge design project were just received and are under review.

Harbour Heights:

- No active project at this time.

Hayward Canals:

- No active project at this time.

Manchester Waterway: No active Project at this time.

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. Recently ATL freed up their schedule and is in discussion with county staff on starting this project sooner than the 12-4-23 notice to proceed date. Details are currently being worked out.

Peace River Shores: No active projects at this time.

Pirate Harbor:

- Coastal Engineering has completed the post Ian Bathymetric survey of Pirate Harbor channels and found that there were only insignificant impacts because of that storm.
- The dredge design project is in final design stages and construction bid document are expected in the coming month.

Southbridge Waterway: No active projects at this time.

South Gulf Cove: No active project at this time.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock:

- 30 percent Tender House plans were just received and reviewed and returned with comments. The consultant will be advancing towards 60 percent submittal and matching the level of completion with the parallel lock plans.
- The Geotech work for the tender house was just completed.

Suncoast Waterway: No active projects at this time.

Mr. Ireland asks what's your estimate on that, on the Locke?

Mr. Patchell having a lot of trouble getting it permitted. Their director has directed us to finalize the design either way whether or not we construct it right away while we're working on the permitting issues which have been going on as you know for years. Any rate I have been informed whether or not we construct the parallel Locke, we are going to construct the Tender House.

Mr. Snow talks about the Hayward channel with Zach Patchell. Mr. Patchell states this project is still open and it's been open for a year. I have not been able to get the contractor to invoice for that project, he basically walked away from it. We agreed to let him walk away because it was more than halfway done. Then the hurricane and went back and forth on it. There is no claim, or no invoicing and we all have

exhausted on it and expect them to show up and ask for their money, so we have to keep that money for when they do come knocking.

Mr. Bigness asks did you get them to sign the final release.

Mr. Patchell I am working towards either paying them or getting them to do that, I have purchasing working on it.

Mr. Bigness asks on Stump Pass it kinda changed a little bit, but any status on how that changed from the last storm.

Mr. Patchell all I've heard is it was impacted and there is a new shoal out there. I think that Matt's looking at it. I don't know if they have initiated a new project, probably in a FEMA process right now if I had to guess.

Mr. Hickey the permit that's out for the Alligator Creek dredge project is this something that's going to be a 2-year, 3-year, we don't even know how long it will take to get the permit?

Mr. Patchell we applied a year ago basically so I am hoping that were nearing receiving that permit and have expressed the troubles we've had. They were down a section chief and had an internal duty there that was in a rotation, in wasn't just one person. They had lost a lot of staff; they have since found a permanent section chief and I think they've kinda simmered down on the staff scenario. Right before we put out Alligator Creek, we put out Pirate Harbor and we received that permit a couple months ago. The last update was about three weeks ago, I had the consultant reach out and it's on the person's desk. So, I am hoping in the next couple months we'll have that there and then they can advance.

Mr. McIntosh any word on the Marker from outside edge of Alligator Creek, I know it was mentioned last meeting and they said they were working on it. I went thru there the last couple weeks and it's still not put back up.

Mr. Patchell I don't deal with that personally, I will talk to James after the meeting again.

Mr. Ireland calls Jamie Scudera, not present.

Mr. Patchell says Jamie is here usually in place of Tine Powell.

F. Derelict Vessel Report – Jamie Scudera

Ms. Scudera is absent.

Mr. Ireland calls Tina Powell, not present.

G. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Tina Powell is absent.

7. New Business –

Mr. Ireland we just want to make everybody aware, you probably already know that Susan Bareither our Vice-Chairperson is stepping aside, and she is going to do wonderful things with her life. She has one more meeting left. I have decided if you'll put up with me, I am going to do one more year, one more term. If you won't too bad. Gerry, I believe I'm not speaking for him, I believe he and I have talked, and he is going to stay with us another season or two. So, just so you know where changing up here, we are looking for a replacement for Susan. If anybody is interested, please come see us.

8. Old Business –

None offered.

9. Other Business –

We have some new members Bill Moran, Zach Gloer, and Bob Beiter. Each new member gives a history of themselves to the members and a discussion takes place with everyone.

10. Citizen Comments –

Commissioner Deutsch some of you folks may or may not know this and being that we have a short quick moving meeting. I want to throw it in, we have a lot of veterans in Charlotte County. Asks how many veterans in here, we got about a half dozen. So, my first comments are specifically directed to the veterans. We have a Veteran's Day Parade coming up this Saturday and it's not so much for the veterans. It's for the kids and the young people in the community. I think that is what the parade is all about. Bring your kids to the parade. Talks about the parade, the start time and route and where it will end. Talks about Gaines Park, the memorial park, first responders park and what the park has to offer people. Talks about William Gaines and his history. They will be starting construction on the tower in about a month. Which is going to be an educational experience for our young people of what happened in Beirut. The playground is amazing, all the pieces of equipment are for different branches of the service. The water park, which is scheduled to start in about two years, water is going to come out of a fire engine, and they will have a splash pad, deputy vehicle and maybe even a boat. The park is one of a kind in this country, it's forty acres and it honors and memorializes all our veterans and first responders. Talks about our honorable discharge for most of us and our job isn't over. Part of our job I really believe is educating our young people and we've come a long way. When I was a kid, when we saw someone in uniform, we would salute them. When I helped organize the Vietnam Era Veterans Association in the 70's, up in Rhode Island we marched down the street a dozen of us behind the American Flag and we got spit on. The tide comes in and the tide goes out, but I really believe in my heart. Part of our job just because we are not on active duty is to let our people know that the freedom and the liberty, that we particularly take so often for granted is only here because of the lives and the sacrificing of blood. Who all of those who have fought to defend this county. The parade is going to start at 9 am come and watch it, it's going to be neat. We alternate every year, next year it will be in Punta Gorda and we all work together and it will back here again. Talks about parades and how the kids enjoy it.

11. Good of the Order -

None offered.

Mr. Ireland talks about the requests and the grants coming up that Mark will be getting, and we have to deal with them.

Mr. McIntosh this is for Mark do we know how much money we are going to be getting this year?

Mr. Snow says no.

Commissioner Deutsch one of the things I've said about this group we got. This is a discussion about 10-12 years ago our members saying and we we're downstairs in the commission chambers. I said you guys acts like this is your money, well it is your money and you folks will be making decisions of some funding the county is going to do. The commission respects this board and it's way up in the 90's, I think it's 95-96 percent of the time we've gone with all of your recommendations. Almost all the time.

Mr. Ireland that's why we are an advisory committee.

Commissioner Deutsch well but we appreciate that, and we appreciate your time and effort.

12. Next Meetings

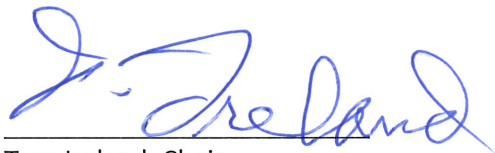
- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, December 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, December 14, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in **Room B-106 in Murdock Building B.**

13. Adjournment

Mr. Kumm made a motion to adjourn, without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair