

Minutes

Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:00 am

E. Jay Carlson Building

Large Conference Room

18400 Murdock Circle

Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Dodd, Chairman

Nigel Morris, Vice-Chairman

Lindsay Harrington

Dan Ryals

Scott Schroeder

David Kemeny

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUEST SPEAKERS

STAFF

Commissioner Tiseo's Admin. Assistant Morgan Cook – Commission Liaison

Shaun Cullinan, Planning & Zoning Official

Ralph Mitchell

Marie Valeus, Administrative Assistant II

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

November 14, 2024, The Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee was called to order by Nigel Morris-Vice Chairman. It was noted that a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nigel Morris called for a motion on the minutes from the November 09, 2023 ANRAC Meeting. Lindsay Harrington made a motion to approve, seconded by Andy Dodd; the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership-

Chairman Andy Dodd is retiring and will not be renewing his term.

ANRAC currently has five members with four vacancies, for a total of nine members.

Subdivisions on Bermont Rd.-

Nigel Morris wanted to bring to the attention of the committee, concerns about two subdivisions on Bermont Road in eastern Charlotte County. Access is via easements on sectional breakdown lines resulting in unpermitted wetland impacts when property owners construct access roads and/or attempt to develop their properties. In some cases this has resulted in enforcement action by the South Florida Water Management District or the Department of Environmental Protection including fines being levied by SFWMD or DEP and then people pulling out of building and farming.

Shaun Cullinan addressed concerns about people living in campers and noted that the AG exemption process does not give you a pass to do whatever you want, but if Code Enforcement can't see it or get to it, they can't do anything about it. The area is not developed out there.

Lindsay Harrington asked if looking up a property to purchase on GIS, the county could add an areal parcel caution notice that the property is a wetland. Or an insert be added to the tax bill if they decided to build on it.

Old Business

FPL-

New solar farm coming. Mr. Harrington concerned FPL causing a loss of land for production purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

Ralph Mitchell-

PIO can handle AG info as an awareness.

New 4H assistant

Florida grow program happening.

MEMBER COMMENTS

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Mr. Harrington-
AG Day November 20, 2024
Water School got \$32 Million for 25 year study

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Brandon Moody-Water Quality Update

FPL- New Solar Update

NEXT MEETING

January 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the E. Jay Carlson Building large conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dodd asked for a motion to adjourn. Nigel Morris motioned to adjourn; seconded by Dan Ryals; the Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at a.m.



Chairman

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Approved this 9th day of Jan, 2025