



## Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,  
Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

### Board Members

Robert Wibbeler  
Vacant  
Ralph Lombardo  
Stas Matias, Chair  
Wendy Lang, Vice-Chair  
Hank Killion  
Vacant

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### MINUTES

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

**Wendy Lang** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

**Ms. Wendy Lang** leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Heather Bennett calling the roll call, it was noted that a quorum was **present**.

### Present

Robert Wibbeler  
Robert Hancik  
Wendy Lang  
Hank Killion  
Stas Matias  
Stephen R. Deutsch  
Brandon Moody  
Jamie Scudera

Approval of Minutes

- Approve the Minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

**Mr. Wibbeler** made a motion to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, minutes, seconded by **Ms. Lang**. The motion

passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None offered.

7. New Business

- Ben Bailey, Community Development Director, to discuss after Hurricane processes.

**Ben Bailey, Community Development Director**, gave a brief overview of what the Community Development department does after the hurricane. They perform Damage assessments, once numbers are acquired, they send the information to the Emergency Management who then sends the information to the Federal Government. To see weather or not we receive a declaration based on the level of damage the structures have had. That ranges from Destroyed, Major, Minor and Effected. We had close to 240 structures that were destroyed. For the Major category we had 5,000 structures that received Major damage. As for minor we had close to 5,000 as well.

**Ms. Lang** asked what's the difference between Major and Minor?

**Shawn McNulty, Building Official**, explains there's FEMA and state guidelines that break down all the categories; Effected, Major, Minor, and Destroyed. The Minor is 3 inches or less for flooding event, 3 inches or less inside the living area of the structure. Major would be up to the Eaves and anything grater would be marked as Destroyed.

**Mr. Matias** asked if there is a checklist of required permits for the reconstruction of the homes that were effected? **Mr. McNulty** replied yes. It's online and recently updated. We also have the 50% rule packet online. That breaks down the rules and the list.

**Ms. Lang** asks if your bringing the property up to code, what dollar amount are you allowed spend? **Mr. McNulty** if the existing structure already meets elevation requirements or your going to elevate or rebuild the structure there is no 50% rule: because your already compliant.

**Mr. Bailey** mentioned that they are currently discussing putting together a community meeting on the information discussed. Where the community can come in and ask questions the date hasn't been decided yet.

**Mr. Matias** asked for a report from the building department in the near future of what were looking at as far as setbacks and buildable lot information. **Mr. Bailey** replied yes, he can provide that.

8. Old Business

- Matt Logan, Public Works
  - South Beach (Knight-Don Pedro Island) Renourishment
  - Stump Pass Navigation Channel Project
  - Mitigation Reef
  - Terminal Groin Placement on Stump Pass
  - Engineering Projects Update Report

**Mr. Logan** updated the board that they just received approval to go out and pick up the Hurricane debris still on the beach for the placing of the screened sand.

**Mr. Logan** informed the board that they were already in motion to get the beach recovery projects underway from Hurricane Ian, Nicole, and Idalia impacts. For Palm Island, south of the resort, they were planning to use Stump Pass as the sand source for the repairs. With the Hurricane impacts from Debby, Helene, and Milton they had to put together two new projects to go offshore to put the sand lost by the storms for Manasota Key and South Beach. Stump Pass they were still planning on continuing with the navigational dredging however now we see the shoreline has eroded back more that's caused a major opening, called the Milton's Pass. It is now 400 feet wide and 16 feet deep. It has moved a lot of sand and we're not sure the long-term repercussions of having the pass migrate to that location. The State came back commenting they want to fund closing Milton's Pass for the State Park. He explained that it was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) our options for the beach; to put the lost sand back or to fulfill the permitted allowance to bring the beach back. The board decided to go ahead and bring the beaches back to the permitted allowance. The projected timeline is; bids will be early January; approval from BCC at the second meeting in January; contractors mobilizing mid-February or early March for the Manasota Key portion. They have to be off the beach by May 1<sup>st</sup>, when nesting season starts.

There was a discussion about Milton Pass. A pass that was created in the state park from Hurricane Milton.

- Parks and Natural Resources
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**Jamie Scudera** commented they are working on the final data for sea turtles. The current data shows:

We have a total of 1,853 sea turtle nest. We had the first Leather back on our coast this year, that was a successful hatch. We are going to be meeting with one of the contractors for the Shorebird area of Palm Island to reset all the post wiped out from the storms. The shorebird area on the end of Stump Pass, we are working with the state on what they would like us to do with that.

- Derelict Vessel Update Report

**Elizabeth Eastes, Marine Environmental Specialist**, gave an update on the Derelict Vessels. This is strictly boats located in the water.

- 13 open cases
- 7 removed
- 29 relocated
- 25 ready for removal

**Mr. Matias** asked what happens to the boats once pulled out of the water? **Ms. Eastes** commented that they get destroyed because the state statute requires it through the Derelict Vessel process.

9. Correspondence and Communication

Secretary Bennett announced that the agenda mentions the next date being December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, it will actually be January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

10. Public Comments

**Mary McMurray, FDEP**, informed the board that the Governor has deployed the department of emergency management. Staff from DEP south district office and the aquatic preserve office are providing training for local contractors to educate them to not cut mangroves and seagrass. You will be seeing contractors out there picking up debris in the water. There is a data base where you can pin a location of debris out there and if you see anything that's not getting attention, please call them and let them know.

**Ms. Eastes** informed the board that WCIND did get approved for a NOAA removal debris for the leftover debris that's entangled in the mangroves and sensitive areas that still are there after Hurricane Ian.

**Robert Wibbeler** asked if the map of the pinning the debris, is it available to the public? **Ms. McMurray** replied she doesn't think so but will get back with him about it.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None offered.

12. Member Comments

**Mr. Matias** asked if **Mr. Moody** could provide an update about the seagrass. How has these storms effected the seagrass? **Ms. McMurray** informed that the DEP just completed their seagrass assessments a couple weeks ago. She can get that data together and give it to us sometime early next year. **Mr. Matias** replied even sending a report will be fine as well.

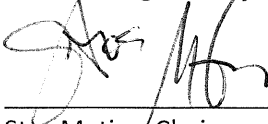
**Mr. Matias** welcomed our newest member, **Robert Hancik**. Robert gave little background information.

13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

  
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Stas Matias, Chair