



## Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>District:</u>
Robert Hancik .....	District 2
Ralph Lombardo .....	District 3
Robert Wibbeler.....	District 1
Wendy Lang Vice, Chair.....	District 5
Stas Matias, Chair .....	District 4
Vacant.....	Member-at-Large
Hank Killion.....	Member-at-Large

### MINUTES

January 2, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order:

**Wendy Lang** called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

**Ms. Lang** asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

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

### Present

Stas Matias  
Robert Wibbeler  
Robert Hancik  
Ralph Lombardo  
Hank Killion  
Wendy Lang  
Stephen R. Deutsch

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Mr. Lombardo** made a motion to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes, seconded by **Mr. Wibbeler** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

Moved the DV report as the first item under New Business because Elizabeth Eastes has a meeting at 10am.

## 6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

**Carol McCoy, citizen**, was interested in the scope of work and timing of the beach renourishment. Also mentioned there was a reporting of a dead Male Loggerhead turtle.

**Damian Ochab, SMSKA**, reported that Red-Tide is on the Key. He announced that the sand has started to be dispersed along the key and it's about half done. There's a lot of people questioning how is this being funded? Today's the last day for debris pickup and the Key is concerned since there's still quite a lot left on the Key. He's looking for a unified plan regarding recommendations, by whoever can assist, on the armory concern regarding the rocks on the Island that's been skewed all over the Key due to the storms. People are going in the water along the shoreline on Manasota Key and they would like a water quality report to check the safety of the water.

Ms. Lang mentioned for Public Works to attend the next meeting regarding the following:

- How far along are we with the sand
- Water quality

**Shaun Cullinan, Zoning official**, commented that he will get with John Elias to have his team come the next meeting.

## 7. New Business

None offered.

## 8. Old Business

- Derelict Vessel Update Report

**Elizabeth Eastes** commented that the DV report is still from last month, with the holidays there hasn't been many changes.

- 2 of the CCSO cases have been removed
- 2 new CCSO cases, one is at Spring Lake – a sailboat; the other is an "At-Risk" vessel

**Commissioner Deutsch**, asked whose responsible for the vessels that are on land by the Sunseeker?

**Ms. Estates** commented that she is. She has a meeting today with the owners to discuss the removal. Where it will be going through the DEP process. For the vessels on land, she is getting the owners consent for using our county code 11157 to have them removed. She then gets authorization through FDEP for the removal.

- **Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager**
  - Water Quality

**Mr. Moody** commented they are discussing February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be the date for the public meeting for the One Charlotte, One water plan located at the Charlotte Event Center. This was introduced to the Board of County Commissioners during their November workshop for anyone wishing to view what was discussed via the website. He mentions that the health beaches program with DOH is what handles the bacteria monitoring on the beaches and coast.

Stas Matias arrived at 9:26am.

- Parks and Natural Resources Update

Alexandria Grant, Natural Resources, informed the board that they are preparing for Shorebird season, that's coming February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The final count for turtles:

- Total – 1530
- Leatherback – 1
- Kemps Ridley -1
- Green – 55
- Loggerheads – 1473

This was a projected lower year, so the numbers line up with our projection. A beach cleanup was done on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for Don Pedro, Knight Island and Palm Island. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, they also cleaned up Boca Grande from Hurricane debris. They have finally received a contract for LGI.

9. Correspondence and Communication

None offered.

10. Public Comments

**Damian Ochab, SMSKA**, spoke about the sand out on Manasota Key Beach; what's the plan with the removal and putting back of the sand. Is there a way for half of the public beach to be opened on Manasota Key? People are here now and it doesn't seem that there's a plan to open it.

**Mr. Matias** responded that the opening up half the beach is with Parks and Recreation.

There was a discussion about the sand dunes on the beaches.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

**Secretary Bennett** announced this is her last meeting.

12. Member Comments

**Mr. Lombardo** mentioned that he noticed in the Marine Advisory Committee there is a Boat Ramp and Fishing Pier Projects update report given and he requested for Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee to also receive that report. **Secretary Bennett** responded that she would get ahold of Tina Powell for the report.

13. Election of Officer

- Chair

**Mr. Matias** entertained motions for a Chairman, A motion was made by **Ms. Lang** nominating **Mr. Matias**, seconded by **Mr. Lombardo**, hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

- Vice-Chair

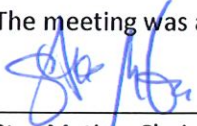
**Mr. Matias** asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair; A motion was made by **Mr. Killion** nominating **Ms. Lang**, seconded by **Mr. Wibbeler**, hearing no objections the motion passed unanimously.

14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.



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Stas Matias, Chair