



## 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

**February 6, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order:

Stas Matias called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Robert Hanick asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Stas Matias calling roll, it was noted a quorum was present.

### Present

Stas Matias

Robert Wibbeler

Robert Hancik

Ralph Lombardo

Hank Killion

4. Approval of Minutes

- o Approve the Minutes from January 5, 2025

Ralph Lombardo made a motion to approve the January 5, 2025, minutes, seconded by Hank Killion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

Damian Ochab- Mt. Milton gone; all the sand has been dispersed. Looking forward to the next steps. Still a lot of sand and debris. Charlotte County extended debris pick up to February 10<sup>th</sup>. Two restaurants opened up, a third hopefully next week. No red tide, yet.

7. New Business

None offered.

8. Old Business

- Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager

Mr. Moody gave reminder for 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. Going over proposed action plan to get public feedback and what they would be able to support for additional funding. Red tide pushing south in Charlotte Harbor. New technology strategy proposed to solve red tide using chemicals and mechanical things. Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> to see what onsite testing could look like for Charlotte County. Brandon would like to connect with Community Services to identify a community of water that would be good to test on. Also, in February a survey started to test for algae blooms in Charlotte Harbor; almost nothing found. Stas Matias asks if the cold weather has affected the results for algae. Brandon says the weather did delay testing by a couple weeks. Testing has been happening every year for the last several years.

- Public Works Update

Matt Logan-Lots of sand on Manasota Key. Started sifting to place the sand back. 98,000 cubic yards of sand, probably up to 115,000-120,000 cubic yards now. Coastal is doing another survey to see what the best use of that sand is. The goal is to adjust the slop back to 5 to 1 Palm Island still has sand in their ROW, they will be mobilizing sand from Manasota to Palm Island. Both shorelines were affected differently during storms. Two projects, Manasota Key/South Beach restoration bid came in higher than expected, which will be discussed at the board meeting next week. The Stump Pass bid came in under bid, its moving forward for approval next week. Trying to get a lot done before nesting season; which starts May 1<sup>st</sup>. A question about Milton Pass came up; the state would like it to be filled. The bid to fill was approximately 7 million dollars. A request with the state has gone in for biological opinion. Everything depends on timing because of the turtles. The state is working on a recovery plan, Charlotte County has upped their request for more funding. The State has a package in order, we are looking to request 200 million dollars for the areas impacted.

- Parks and Natural Resources Update

Alexandria Grant, Natural Resources, we are holding off posting on the south end of stump pass to deter birds from nesting so they can get the project done. Southern portion of the county is losing eagles to bird flu. Mr. Matias asked if there is a way to counter act that; Alexandria said don't touch anything, there is no way to counter act it.

Elizabeth Eastes gives report for derelict vessels. There are 13 open cases, 17 removed in the last month and 13 more ready for removal. Having issues with FWC because back-to-back storms. The location of a vessel from one storm got moved from having another storm some cases were closed or given an unknown status because there

is no dive team to go down and verify that, that was the original vessel from the original case. There are not too many boats that are blank or unknown. It's been difficult to keep track of the boats. Stas Matias makes a comment about making leaps and bounds on getting the boats out as soon as possible. What is the response from homeowners in the area. "Are they only worried about their properties?" Jamie Scudera answers him saying everyone has been pretty helpful. He also asks if there will be restriction on rebuilding their homes. Jamie says hopefully the DEP will address the issues and state the conditions. As far as awareness and enforcement, we'll have to see how it goes.

9. Correspondence and Communication

None offered.

10. Public Comments

Damian Ochab, SMSKA, spoke about still being in demolition mode on Manasota Key. There have been no dates given by The County on when buildings have to be torn down. There has been some concern about safety. Mr. Ochab would like recommendation for replanting vegetation, is there any involvement from the state, local, or federal regarding beach nourishment. Matt Logan says its complicated; however, we have made claims for all the storms, and we have FEMA, federal, local and state all involved.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

Damian Ochab, March 22<sup>nd</sup> putting together a mangrove clean up on Beach Road. Update- no work is being done on the Sarasota County side for the evacuation route on and off the island.

12. Member Comments

None

13. Sunshine Law Video

It was agreed to watch the Sunshine Video at the next meeting, March 6, 2025

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 9:49am

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Stas Matias, Chair

*Wesley Kary for Stas Matias*