



## Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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

<b><u>BOARD MEMEBERS</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>
Wendy Lang, Chair	District 5
Robert Wibbeler, Vice Chair	Member-at-Large
Vacant	District 1
Robert Hancik	District 2
Ralph Lombardo	District 3
Vacant	District 4
Hank Killion	Member-at-Large

### **MINUTES**

**October 2, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Wendy Lang, Chair** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Wendy Lang, Chair** led those in attendance for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **3. ROLL CALL / DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Per **Melissa Mason** calling roll, it was determined that a quorum was present.

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Wendy Lang  
Robert Wibbeler  
Robert Hancik  
Ralph Lombardo  
Hank Killion

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

#### **County Staff Present:**

Brandon Moody - Water Quality, Manager  
Jamie Scudera - Parks and Natural Resources, Project Manager  
Alexandria Grant – Parks and Natural Resources, Community Services Environmental Specialist  
Zachary Zampella – Parks and Natural Resources, Community Services Environmental Specialist

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official

Melissa Mason, Recording Secretary

**Guests:**

Angela McPhillips, Boca Beacon

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes from [June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#) approved.

Motion moved by **Member, Lombardo**: Seconded by **Member, Killion**: Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval of Minutes from [September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025](#) approved.

Motion moved by **Vice-Chair, Wibbeler**: Seconded by **Member, Lombardo**: Motion carried unanimously.

**There was a discussion on the new format of minutes:**

- **Vice Chair, Wibbeler's** example of revision suggestions was presented.
- **Chair, Lang** approved of the details that September's minutes provided and that will be the standard going forward; emphasized if a report is included with the minutes, specifics of that subject are not needed.
- **Member, Lombardo** suggested cross-referencing the written report in the minutes

**5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

- a. None.

**6. CITIZEN INPUT AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Quorum Provision Update

**There was a discussion on:**

- The number of total seats needed for a quorum
- Determination of quorum – meetings will be called to order if a cancellation has not been sent to the county attorney in reasonable time (1 week prior). When this occurs, the meeting is held, it is cited that a quorum has not been met, and the meeting ends immediately.
- **Chair, Lang** stated when there's a determination that a quorum has not been met, there will be no meeting
- Vacant district seats - the process of filling them and reaching out to the commissioners to recruit

- b. Roles and Responsibilities

**There was a discussion on:**

- The intended accomplishments of the committee
- Understanding the County Commissioners expectations of the committee

c. Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee Mission Statement

**There was a discussion on:**

- **Chair, Lang** reviewed the importance of a mission statement and presented a mission statement to the members for review; the statement incorporates the committee's roles and responsibilities.
- **Members** agreed for the mission statement to be sent to all members to examine and for possible revisions.
- A member to hold a seat at Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHCNP) Florida to attend the quarterly meetings.
- How the committee can be effective in the communities.
- County staff expressed the value of the BSAC – additional voice to address community concerns for the beaches and shorelines, provides clarity to matters, rids misinformation, avenue to communicate the complete and factual narrative to provide to the commissioners.
- The County Commissioners role of enforcement on addressing community concerns, liaison restriction and the option to request them to attend the meeting.
- The County Commissioners to provide the BSAC with a specific plan of action to display the committee's effectiveness.
- The criteria to be an agenda item to speak at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting.
- The matters that the BSAC will present at the BOCC Meeting: presenting mission statement, citizen participation advocacy to increase attendance and sustainability related to projects.
- Reaching out to other organizations to collaborate with and to attend BSAC meetings.
- Restoration project awareness with details to be presented to the citizens whether it is state, county or private.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. **WATER QUALITY**

**Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager** shared the purpose of his role and involvement of the BSAC which is to address water quality monitoring and issues.

**There was a discussion on:**

- Developing a committee of a variety of water experts to provide guidance on water quality resiliency.
- Seeking specific focus that he should address for each BSAC meeting
- Advised to provide a simplified report to provide to citizens
- Specifics will be presented as blog posts on the website
- Beach erosion measures and reporting processes
- Coastal Engineering post storm assessments and data availability

**Mr. Moody** provided updates on:

- i. Water level tide gauges
  - o Acquired three more with a current total of (8) eight
  - o Deployed to Boca Grande Causeway, Tom Adams Bridge, Myakka River, South Gulf Cove neighborhood, Fisherman's Village (East side), Private Harbor and northern Charlotte Harbor Edgewater – the 8<sup>th</sup> one to be placed on South Pass
  - o Conversations with NOAA re: gap issue assistance for tidal influxes
  - o State-funded water quality study conducted on the rivers coming into the Harbor from Polk County to Charlotte. Pollution sources identified – nitrogen related issues in urban areas, septic systems, agricultural lands with no active BMPs in place, dairy pastures and inactive phosphate mining.
  - o Future studies to be conducted behind this specific study
- ii. Current Projects
  - o Sediment work in canals
  - o Aloe blooms in Harbor
  - o Ecosphere – replant 5 acres of seagrass restoration near Punta Gorda

**b. Public Works - None**

**c. PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

- a. **Alexandria Grant, Specialist Community Services** provided updates on shorebird and seabird numbers, (report provided).
- b. **Jamie Scudera, Environmental Projects Manager** provided Park and Natural Resources Update:
  - i. Sea turtle charts will be provided at the next meeting
- c. **Jamie Scudera, Environmental Projects Manager** presented the Derelict Vessel Report Update:
  - i. 2 open cases (Hurricane Milton)
    - There was a question on:**
      - o a specific vessel – answered to be followed up by Elizabeth Eastes

**9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION**

- a. **Melissa Mason, Recording Secretary**, provided an update on:
  - i. Damian Ochab's attendance
  - ii. Introduction of Angela McPhillips - Boca Beacon Reporter
  - iii. Mary McMurray, DEP

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. **Angela McPhillips, Boca Beacon Reporter** formally introduced herself and her purpose of involvement of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee.

**11. COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OR CONSULTANTS**

- a. None.

**12. MEMBER COMMENTS**

- a. None.

**13. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

The Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee Regular Meeting will be held at:

Murdock Administration Center, Room B-106

18500 Murdock Circle

Port Charlotte, FL, 33948

\*\*\*unless otherwise announced.

**14. ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

Motion moved by **Vice Chair, Wibbeler**: Seconded by **Member Lombardo**: Motion carried unanimously.

