



Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

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

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

MINUTES

November 6, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Lang, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 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
Gregory Garvey
Robert Hancik
Ralph Lombardo
Hank Killion

Committee Members Absent:

County Staff Present:

Brandon Moody - Water Quality, Manager
Matt Logan – Coastal Projects, Manager
Jamie Scudera - Parks and Natural Resources, Project Manager

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official

Melissa Mason, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Mary McMurray, FDEP

Rod and Marty Eddington, Manasota Key Condo Owners

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes from [October 2nd, 2025](#) approved.

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

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. None.

6. CITIZEN INPUT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of Gregory Garvey – new District 1 Board Member

- b. Mission Statement review and insights with the members

There was a discussion on:

- The committee's capacity for outreach efforts with the restrictions that present themselves.
- The committee's historical accomplishments.
- Seeking Commissioner's recommendations and their presence as a liaison to attend the meetings.
- How the absence of the Commissioners presence set back the committee's communication efforts.
- PCB shoreline protection and the coastal engineering preliminary design with the permit process.
- To draft a formal request within the next (15) fifteen days to the BOCC for a Commissioner to be a liaison for future meetings per the Charlotte County Community Services recording secretary, with a vote to proceed.

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

- The wording of the mission statement to be shortened to agreed sentencing, with a vote to proceed.

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

c. Citizen Participation and Advocacy to increase meeting attendance

There was a discussion of:

- Requesting a blurb about upcoming meetings to be put on the county website with Shaun Cullinan's approval.
- Creating a Facebook announcement of upcoming meetings.
- Inviting speakers to present specific topic discussions re: beaches and shores issues and updates.
- Whom to invite to the meetings with guest Mary McMurray expressing her interest and the dates in which her and staff can present a presentation.
- **Members** agreed that Ms. McMurray and staff will provide a general overview of sea grass projects in Charlotte Harbor, Charlotte County and Peace River.

d. Committee Vacancy

There was a request to:

- Have the BSAC committee member vacancy listed on the county website.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. WATER QUALITY

Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager highlighted (3) three important updates:

i. Draft for One Charlotte, One Water Plan available on county website that is open for public comments through end of November.

- Initial drafts were presented to the Commissioners
- Will present a second draft to Commissioners with summarized public feedback to be considered for final approval of the plan
- Bulk of feedback from the public is concerned with funding
- Monies have been received from external sources to complete the plan
- Allocated monies from the county have been allotted for these "restoration strategies"
- Request for specific capital projects has been requested from the public

There was a discussion on:

- Time vs. quick solution
- Water shed testing in Charlotte county
- Limited data preventing requested specifiers from the public

ii. Steering Committee Recommendation

- Group of representatives from natural sciences, economy tourism, and local citizens to direct measures of the One Charlotte, One Water Plan that should be prioritized
- Will not be an advisory committee

There was a discussion on:

- The structure of the committee
- Interaction plan objectives

- Sales tax suggestion
- iii. Permitting Process with Projects
 - Hurdles involved that has been recognized by the legislature and state
 - Discrepancies with federal and state requirements, time frames, logistics and outdated organizational structures that review processes
 - State has proposed a “general permit” - a streamline process for shoreline and reef restoration for habitat restoration
 - Conversations presented at a meeting with legislature of water management districts highlighting the permitting issue
 - Representatives have filed statutory language for upcoming legislative session for an efficient, streamlined permit process

There was a discussion on:

- Qualified reviewers
- District offices consistency with the review process
- Advocacy submitting recommendations for an efficient process
- Process in Charlotte Harbor
- DEP role in the recommendation process and to be involved in the preempt phase to streamline the process
- General permitting on oyster restoration

b. PUBLIC WORKS

Matt Logan, Coastal Projects Manager provides update on MSBU Update (see report given at meeting)

- i. Port Charlotte Beach Project
 - Dredging issue at the Sunrise Channel due to hurricanes
 - Emergency permit received to replenish sands pre-storms to the high-water lines
 - Sands, including mine sands are actively being distributed along the east and west shoreline
 - Bay Shore and Chester Roberts will be the next sand restoration projects

There was a discussion on:

- Prestorm waterline surveys allowing for expedited permits for sand restoration
- Living Shoreline Projects
- ii. Alligator Creek and Pirate Harbor
 - Projects will be put out simultaneously
 - Cost reduction for dredging
 - Finalizing design
- iii. Spot Dredge Project
 - Engineering work to occur on Manchester Waterway
- iv. South Gulf Cove Project
 - Ongoing since pre-Ian and has been interrupted with storms thereafter

- New Project Dredging Manager will reestablish the project
- v. Northwest Port Charlotte
 - Significant damages and in the process of receiving an engineering contract for dredging of the main access channel and (3) three access channels to Apollo, Venus and Chesshire.
- vi. Suncoast Waterway
 - Reestablishing dredging program from (9) nine years ago
 - FL Marine Construction to assist
- vii. FEMA Claims
 - Beach and river side
 - Fighting for MSBU Projects to receive needed funding

Mr. Logan, provides update on Beaches and Shores (see report given at meeting)

- i. South Beach (Don Pedro - Knight Island) Renourishment – sand reclaimed by residents for their homes: less sand than other projects.
- ii. Stump Pass Navigation Channel Project – completed the dredging, but there is an open bridge.
- iii. Mitigation Reef – continued monitoring.
- iv. Terminal Groin Placement on Stump Pass – functioning.
- v. Manasota Key – Sand Recovery Project completed with 100,000 cubic yards.
- vi. Coastal Engineering has been a strong partnership in the sand placement and screen operations efforts.

There was a discussion on:

- How the hurricanes over the past (5) five years have damaged the shorelines set back the projects to the 2020 timeline.
- Bids were placed last year for beach projects with unaffordable offers
- Board was approached for immediate assistance for the renourishment efforts with issues of monies
- New bids for the Beach Project will begin early summer of '26, with an anticipated start date of November 2026
- Water rising in channels and the negative effects
- Tide markers to be placed
- Bacilla Lagoon Breach Project to come

c. PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Jamie Scudera, Environmental Projects Manager provides update:

- i. Sea turtle season has ended as of 10.31.25 with ended monitoring
- ii. 1,551 Loggerheads
- iii. 314 Green
- iv. Will provide charts for next meeting
- v. No update on Shorebird season, but was a satisfactory season

Jamie Scudera, Environmental Projects Manager presented the Derelict Vessel Report

- i. Refer to handout

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

- a. **Melissa Mason, Recording Secretary**, discussed:
 - i. Future presentation with Mary McMurray and Arielle Tylor-Manges for January or February 2025

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. **The Eddingtons, owners at Manasota Keys** expressed the importance of the committee for tourism and quality of life for the citizens.

There was a discussion on:

- Beach erosion and its effects
- Business declines due to scenery
- Rock revetment
- Required permits
- Nourishment and dune systems
- Beach Projects
- Englewood Public Beach Boardwalk
- Black burlap fencing
- Resiliency alternatives
- FEMA process of the "Hazard Mitigation Plan and Proposal"

11. COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OR CONSULTANTS

- a. None.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. None.

13. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, December 4, 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 10:26 A.M.

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

