



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Administration Center

18500 Murdock Circle Room B-106

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Chairman's Comments

A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A sign is sheet is provided on the table for your convenience.

B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes.

C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.

D. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE KEEP CONVERSATIONS TO A WHISPER DUE TO THE RECORDING SYSTEM PICKS UP ALL VOICES/NOISES WHICH THEN THE AUDIO IS NOT CLEAR FOR THE RECORD.

4. Changes to the Agenda – **Vice-Chair Killion** wants to add a comment about my Junior Sailing program that had severe hurricane damage. I think it would probably be better during when we talk during the funding. **Chair Darden** said what organization is it and **Vice-Chair Killion** said Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing.

5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items – None offered.

6. Regular Business

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from January 02, 2025
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

Betty Campanella moved to approve the minutes from Pre-Agenda and seconded by **Hank Killion**. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 9, 2025.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

Hank Killion moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Agenda and seconded by **Betty Campanella**. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

C. Derelict Vessel Report – Liz Eastes

Liz Eastes said we have thirteen open cases, we had seventeen cases removed, and thirteen that are ready for removal, we still have three that are on administrative hold. Informs that next week is boater safety week and she has goodies to pass out from Shores Vessel Turn in programs etc.

D. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and City of Punta Gorda Police Dept. – Marine Updates

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

Crpl. Williams said we just have a few updates this month and some derelict stuff. We have one derelict out in the Englewood area that's in Peterson cut and we are working on locating the owner. A new derelict on Spring Lake Waterway that is near the boat ramp, a seventeen-foot sailboat and had trouble locating the owner. We have another sailboat off Beanie's Street and Edgewater that vessel we started working the derelict process and the owner refloated it and secured it. Boating traffic has picked up and people are getting their boats back in the water after the hurricane, so it's increased a little bit. This is our heavy maintenance time of the year and have a lot of guys getting the boats back up into shape.

Commissioner Deutsch asks in recent times sometimes after the storm we had an uptake in thefts and stuff like that along some of the canals. Have you experienced any of that this time? **Crpl. Williams** said we did have a slight uptake on certain things, seen some reports of boats being stripped out and some storm related or insurance related, but not a whole lot after these last few storms.

City of Punta Gorda Police Department

Officer Russell said as you probably are aware Gilcrest Park all the boats that were on land have been removed and Gilcrest is back open. We are currently trying to wrap up Laishley Marina, there were four total boats, and we have approval of three to be removed. The last one is helped up due to the owner lives in Ohio. Talks about the people coming down from up north and noticing things are missing from the storm and the phone calls trickle in. Talked about the boat crash the other day, the guy hit the guard wire coming off the power line, FWC stated the guy is going to be ok.

Commissioner Deutsch said are you still noticing a lot of stuff in the water and they both discuss about the debris.

E. FY24/25/26 Fiscal Reports/Grants – Michael Cunningham

Michael Cunningham goes over his fiscal report on the projector screen and the handout with the members, staff and guests regarding all the grant applications for each organization.

F. MSBU Update – DeWayne Nodine

DeWayne Nodine said that on Alligator Creek the Army Core of Engineers approved the permit finally after about two years so that is good news. Then he discussed the rest of the items on his MSBU project update list.

Ackerman Waterway

- No active projects - refer to the Manchester Waterway

Alligator Creek

- Main Channel – Engineer of Record (EOR): Coastal Engineering Consultants
 - Date of last survey (field work): September 4 – 13, 2024 (pre-Helene and Milton)
 - Ready to proceed to the bidding stage for dredging, subject to USACE permit
 - Obtained a quote from the EOR to re-survey and re-evaluate conditions
 - Applied for FEMA funds due to Hurricane Ian
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Currently awaiting permitting by the USACE under the regular permitting program
 - Apply under the Emergency Permit Window for Hurricane Milton (deadline = April 14, 2025)

Buena Vista Area Waterways

- Exterior – EOR: Coastal Engineering Consultants
 - To be good stewards of County taxpayer money Charlotte County, temporarily, cancelled this dredging project to re-assess the impacts from Helene and Milton
 - Will re-bid as soon as possible
 - Obtaining a quote from the EOR to finish the Sunrise Waterway and the beach replenishment, only
 - Requested a quote from the EOR to survey the exterior sections of the Beeney, Elkcam and connecting waterways
 - Applied for FEMA funds due to Hurricane Ian
 - Applied for WCIND funds for the Sunrise Waterway – requesting an extension
 - USACE Permit Status (Gardner, George, and Sunrise Waterways) - Existing permit expires on March 14, 2026

Edgewater North:

- Interior
 - Date of last survey (field work): August 2021
 - No active projects
- Exterior
 - See the Buena Vista Area notes for the Elkcam, Beeney and Sunrise Waterways

Gulf Cove Waterways

- Interior – EOR: Coastal Engineering Consultants
 - Draft plans for the interior dredge project need to be finalized
 - Requires additional funds to complete the plans and bid package
 - Attempting to include this project with Pirate Harbor to achieve lower cost for each
- Exterior
 - Date of last survey (field work): After Milton – draft received on Jan. 24, 2024
 - 40 to 50% surveyed pre-Milton and remainder post-Milton
 - Request permission to resurvey pre-Milton area
 - Need for a RLI for a dredging project needs to be determined
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Existing permit expires in March 2027

Harbour Heights:

- Interior
 - Date of last survey (field work): Pre-Helene – draft copy on the way, soon
 - Dredging requested
 - Sending out a RLI to engineers for preparing plans and all other services for dredging
 - Line-of-Sight/Navigational Trimming completed in August 2024
 - Additional trimming requested by the Board needs to be re-evaluated after Hurricane Milton
- Exterior
 - Date of last survey (field work): Pre-Helene – draft copy on the way, soon
 - Applied for FEMA funds due to Hurricane Ian
 - Combine with the RLI for the interior dredging
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Apply under the Emergency Permit Window (deadline = April 14, 2025)

Hayward Canals:

- Date of last survey (field work): November 2019
- Dredging started in July 2022 but not finished – the contractor abandoned the project
- Have received a complaint of need to complete the project
- Determine the need for a RLI for a new dredging project

Manchester Waterway

- Interior
 - Date of last survey (field work): March 2023
 - Have requested Line-of-Sight trimming in front of navigational markers
- Exterior
 - Date of last survey (field work): September 16 – 18, 2024
 - Have requested dredging of the S-curve – also needed at the outer turn
 - Sending out a RLI to engineers for preparing plans and all other services for dredging
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Possibly apply under the Emergency Permit Window (deadline = April 14, 2025)

Northwest Port Charlotte Interior Waterways:

- Interior
 - Date of last survey (field work): December 5, 2019
 - Completed a partial dredging project in mid-June on six waterways (Apollo, Venus, Cheshire, Jupiter, Ingersol and Markham)
 - Received quote for more survey work inside of the entrances to Apollo, Venus, Cheshire and all of Juno Waterway due to complaints of severe shoaling
 - Sending out a RLI to engineers for preparing plans and all other services for dredging
 - Line of Sight/Navigational trimming needs being determined
- Exterior
 - Date of last survey (field work): October 25 – 31, 2024
 - All need dredging (Myakka River, Apollo, Cheshire, and Venus Waterways)
 - Combine with the RLI for the Interior dredging
 - Applied for FEMA funds due to Hurricane Ian
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Apply under the Emergency Permit Window (deadline = April 14, 2025)

Peace River Shores

- No active projects

Pirate Harbor

- Interior and Exterior – EOR: Coastal Engineering Consultants
 - Date of last survey (field work): August 28 - 30, 2024
 - The dredging scope will be re-assessed after a post-Milton bathymetric survey requested by the MSBU Advisory Committee
 - Quote has been received from the EOR
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Possibly apply under the Emergency Permit Window (deadline = April 14, 2025)

Southbridge Waterway

- No active projects

South Gulf Cove

- Interior
 - Date of last survey (field work): July 2023 – isolated shoaling
- Exterior
 - Date of last survey (field work): August 2019 – severe shoaling
 - Have requested dredging of the Exterior Waterway and the Turning Basin
 - Sending out a RLI to engineers for preparing plans and all other services for dredging
 - USACE Permit Status
 - Possibly apply under the Emergency Permit Window (deadline = April 14, 2025)

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock

- 30 percent Tender House plans were received and reviewed and returned with comments.
- The consultant will be advancing towards 60 percent submittal and matching the level of completion with the parallel lock plans
- The Geotech work for the tender house has been completed

Suncoast Waterway

- Interior
 - Date of last survey (field work): May 2023 – severe shoaling throughout
 - Board is evaluating due to high cost relative to being a small MSBU
 - Line-of-Sight/Navigational Trimming needs being determined
- Exterior
 - Date of last survey (field work): May 2023 - severe shoaling in north one-half

G. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Tina Powell goes over her report, quick run through.

- **Ainger Creek Park:**

- Park Redevelopment project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: Permits in hand. Community Services is preparing a grant application to the state.

- **Allapatachee Park:**
 - o Parking lot improvement project is being managed by Community Services; 90% plans have been completed; in permitting with regulatory agencies.
- **Anger Fishing Pier:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Bayshore Live Oak Park:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Boca Grande Fishing Pier:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Butterford Waterway Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Cedar Point Environmental Park:**
 - o Pier replacement is being managed by Community Services; minor repairs were completed in July 2023. Waiting on permitting with regulatory agencies.
 - o Pier sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Centennial Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.
- **Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center:**
 - o Seawall replacement design project is being managed by Community Services; the design team is working on 60% designs and permit applications were submitted.
- **Darst Park:**
 - o Community Services is managing the boarding pier, seawall replacement and ramp scour protection; design is at 90% and in permitting with the regulatory agencies.
- **El Jobean Fishing Pier:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park Fishing Pier:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Harbour Heights Park:**
 - o Community Services is managing the seawall replacement project; permits have been approved; construction is ongoing.
- **Hathaway Park:** No projects at this time.
- **Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Live Oak Point:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.

- **Placida Fishing Pier:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Placida Park:**
 - o 2014 Sales Tax project for the boat ramp expansion is being managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: Staff have received a revised site plan, that includes removal of the mangrove planting area and refinement of the retention areas. The engineers are looking to do a post storm "Milton" mangrove and site assessment. Staff is working with the engineers and CMP to reassess total project scope and cost.
- **Port Charlotte Beach Park:**
 - o 2020 Sales Tax project for the Recreation Center is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: The contractor has installed a new fence for the partial park opening. Demo of pool & pool house, restroom, and center are ongoing. A kickoff meeting was held on with the design team to discuss responsibilities, scheduling, and strategies on the best way to move forward with the design.
 - o 2020 Sales Tax Tier 2 project for the Pool is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: See above.
 - o Park Amenities Project is being managed by Community Services; staff is preparing purchasing documents for design and permitting.
- **Port Charlotte Beach Park:**
 - o Park sustained catastrophic damage from Helene/Milton; the park has been partially reopened.
- **Riverside Park:**
 - o Ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels due to safety issues cannot be address via repairs. The project is being managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following update: The design team is working on the construction drawings, revised construction cost estimate, and county permit requirements.
- **South Gulf Cove Park:**
 - o Boat ramp sustained damage from Helene/Milton; closed until further notice.
- **Spring Lake Park:**
 - o HURRICANE DAMAGE of the c/k launch boarding pier project; repairs waiting on determination from FEMA.
- **William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park:**
 - o The ADA canoe/kayak launch project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance Department and have the following update: Staff received a letter from the marine engineer stating that the floating dock and kayak launch at William R Gaines

Veterans Memorial Park has been installed per plans and permit and is performing as expected during normal tides, punch list items will be scheduled.

- o 2020 Sales Tax project for the Phase 3 is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: Site plan review occurred with Community Development on January 30th, 2025. Final concept plan approval forwarded to design team. ERP Pre-application meeting with Southwest Florida Water Management District and Kimley-Horn occurred on January 9, 2025. The meeting went well; no major modifications are foreseen.

7. New Business –

Members discuss the grants and will go over at the next meeting. Chair Darden and Vice-Chair Killion discuss his application which will go on under new business for next meeting.

8. Citizens Comments –

Linda Gaetz with South Gulf Cove HOA says we are concerned about our waterway in terms of Lennar and building a big development Harbor East and talks about going up the lagoon and there is a turn right where Lennar built this development, and we are very concerned. It is a dangerous curve to begin with, to get out to our Locke. We are concerned if they try to put in docks in this particular area there is going to be multiple accidents because it being narrow to begin with. It is called a blind curve, and we are concerned and wanted to state that and see if anything can be done. Asks what other action we can take regarding, so they don't get permits for docks there.

Mr. Russell said the Core of Engineers.

Ms. Gassett-Shoemaker said have you seen plans for docks, and they discuss.

Mr. McIntosh said this is in South Gulf Cove correct and **Ms. Gaetz** said correct. They talk about the blind spot, the area and have a discussion.

Ms. Ginsberg speaks on this and the number of concerns, permits with the county and the Army Core of Engineers and county code requirements along with Harbor Village, thousand new homes on that waterway.

Chair Darden said for Mrs. Sargent to put this down as new business and will discuss at next meeting

Ms. Ginsberg talks on ramps with Ms. Powell and inspections and asks do we have a report back from the engineers on the inspection yet.

Ms. Powell said I will find out. Talks about funding and the money with emergency dredging and they discuss money from FEMA along with the process.

Chair Darden joins in on the discussion regarding the money.

11. Next Meetings

Chair Darden said the next meeting it going to be pre-agenda and would like the only thing to be on that agenda is grant relief, we don't need the police department, sheriff's department, MSBU, and community

development. All we are going to be doing is crunching numbers, doing budgets and don't want you to have to stay here and take everybody's briefing.

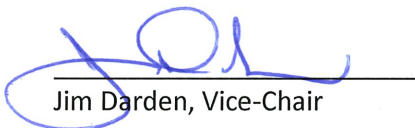
- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in **Room B-106 in Murdock Building B.**

12. Adjournment

Mr. Russell made a motion to adjourn and seconded by **Mr. Magliozi**.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes Approved



Jim Darden, Vice-Chair