



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 12, 2026

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 – **Chair Darden** called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. Roll Call – was conducted, and a quorum was present.
Sign in sheets attached.

Members Present

Jim Darden
Henry Killion
Betty Campanella
Jenna Ginsberg
Robert Eckert
Gene Pawlowski
Dave Vigne
Ralph Lombardo
Robert Magliozzi
Michael Walsh
Laura Gassett-Shoemaker
Richard Sluzewski
Bob Mayes
Mike McIntosh
Jim Pase
Zach Gloer
Noel Hyde
Richard Russell

Members Absent

Angus McKinnon

3. Chairman's Comments

- a. Reminders to all members, staff, and visitors: Please sign in on the sheets provided. State your name and organization when addressing the committee to assist with the preparation of the minutes. Silence cell phones and keep the conversations to a whisper, as the recording system captures all sounds.

4. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items –

Jeff Lustig stated this is an advisory board and that Commissioner Deutsch should not be here. He wants him removed and explained the reasons.

5. Regular Business
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the Agenda Meeting from February 12, 2026
Not completed yet.
 - b. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from March 5, 2026
Not yet completed.
 - c. FY26/27 Fiscal Reports/Grants – Debbie Thibideau / Jacob Jenkins – Grant Applications

Chair Darden discussed the grants and the four funding sources.

s392731 Charlotte County Public Works – North Manasota Key Beach Nourishment (\$200,000)

Chair Darden stated that a discussion was needed with the members regarding this grant. It was agreed upon after a discussion ensued that this item is not recommended to the Board of County Commissioners.

s392701 Heal Our Harbor – Ambassador Program (\$12,000)

Hank Killion made a motion to approve, seconded by **Betty Campanella**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay, motion passed unanimously

s392702 Civil Air Patrol - Sundown Flights (\$26,250)

Robert Eckert made a motion to approve, seconded by **Bob Mayes**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay, motion passed unanimously

s392706 Parks and Natural Resources – Artificial Reef Monitoring (\$25,000)

Richard Sluzewski made a motion to approve, seconded by **Richard Russell**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay, motion passed unanimously

s392707 Charlotte County Public Works – New Marine Markers (\$5,000)

Noel Hyde made a motion to approve, seconded by **Richard Russell**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392708 Parks and Natural Resources – DV – Blueways Trail – Seabuoys (\$50,000)

Hank Killion made a motion to approve, seconded by **Robert Magliozzi**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392709 Punta Gorda Police Department – Boats, DV Removal, Event OT (\$392,006)

Hank Killion made a motion to approve, seconded by **Jenna Ginsberg**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392711 Peace River Sail & Power Squadron – Boater Safety Materials (\$4,000)

Robert Eckert made a motion to approve, seconded by **Bob Mayes**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392712 Public Safety – Boat Lift – Dive Equipment (\$55,022)

Hank Killion made a motion to approve, seconded by **Mike McIntosh**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392713 Charlotte County Sheriff – Motors, LE Equip, OT, Training (\$182,368)

Robert Eckert made a motion to approve, seconded by **Betty Campanella**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392714 Charlotte County Public Works – Marine Debris Removal (\$82,000)

Noel Hyde made a motion to approve, seconded by **Robert Magliozzi**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392715 Charlotte Harbor Environmental Ctr – 4th Grade Environmental Education (\$50,000)

Jenna Ginsberg made a motion to approve, seconded by **Laura Gassett-Shoemaker**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392716 US Coast Guard Auxiliary 87 – Boat Trailer (\$8,064)

Hank Killion made a motion to approve, seconded by **Mike McIntosh**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392717 US Coast Guard Auxiliary 99 – Boater Education (\$12,785)

Ralph Lombardo made a motion to approve, seconded by **Noel Hyde**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392718 City of Punta Gorda – Dredging (\$245,000)

Richard Russell made a motion to approve, seconded by **Richard Sluzewski**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392719 City of Punta Gorda – Pump Out Boat (\$5,000)

Noel Hyde made a motion to approve, seconded by **Mike McIntosh**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392720 Learn to Sail – Replacement Equipment (\$12,410)

Mike McIntosh made a motion to approve, seconded by **Bob Mayes**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392721 US Coast Guard Auxiliary 98 – BS Educational Materials (\$10,346)

Hank Killion made a motion to approve, seconded by **Laura Gassett-Shoemaker**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392723 Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing – Class Materials and Equipment (\$47,016)

Mike McIntosh made a motion to approve, seconded by **Betty Campanella**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392727 Charlotte County Parks – Living Shorelines (\$5,000)

Betty Campanella made a motion to approve, seconded by **Bob Mayes**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392730 Charlotte County Public Works – Stump Pass Monitoring (\$50,000)

Dave Vigne made a motion to approve, seconded by **Mike McIntosh**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392752 Charlotte County Public Works – Maintenance to Navigation Aids (\$92,000)

Laura Gassett-Shoemaker made a motion to approve, seconded by **Jenna Ginsberg**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

s392753 Englewood Fire Department – Boat Lift (25% Charco 25% Sarasota WCIND) (\$5,250)

Mike McIntosh made a motion to approve, seconded by **Bob Mayes**.

18 Aye / 0 Nay

- d. Letter of Support for Punta Gorda Florida Boating Improvement Program (FBIP)
Grant

Chair Darden a discussion ensued regarding the letter of support for the 2026 Florida Boating Improvement Program with the members of the Marine Advisory Committee and asked for a motion to sign the letter.

Noel Hyde made a motion to approve of signing the letter, seconded by **Bob Mayes**. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

6. New Business – Not discussed.

7. Old Business – Not discussed.

- a. Dredging Process and Challenges – Matt Logan

8. Citizens Comments –

Jeff Lustig spoke regarding his earlier comments and a discussion ensued.

9. Member Discussion –

A discussion ensued with **Mr. Russell**, **Mr. Pawlowski**, **Mr. Gloer**, **Mr. Sluzewski** regarding the mooring field.

A discussion ensued with **Ms. Ginsberg**, **Mr. Lombardo**, **Chair Darden**, and **Mrs. Powell** regarding the letter of support.

10. Next Meetings

- The next pre-agenda meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of the E. Jay Carlson Community Development Building (18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte).
- The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in Room B-106 in Building B of 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte.

12. Adjournment

Bob Mayes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Richard Russell**.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Submitted by Kimberly Sargent, recording secretary
Community Development Department



Jim Darden, Chair

5/14/26

Date

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Members – Agenda - Sign-In Sheet
March 12, 2026

PLEASE SIGN NEXT TO NAME ON SHEET

Jim Darden, Chair
Member-at-Large

Hank Killion, Vice-Chair
Member-at-Large

Betty Campanella, Secretary
America's Boating Club - Peace River

Robert Eckert
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood

Jenna Ginsberg
South Gulf Cove Yacht Club

Robert Magliozzi
Member-at-Large

Richard Russell
Member-at-Large

Gene Pawlowski
Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance

Dave Vigne
Pirate Harbor Yacht Club

Richard Sluzewski
Punta Gorda Boat Club

Bob Mayes
Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club

PLEASE SIGN NEXT TO NAME ON SHEET

Mike McIntosh
Punta Gorda Sailing Club



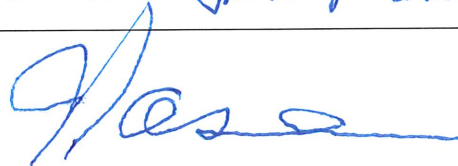
Michael Walsh
Harbor Heights Yacht Club



Laura Gassett-Shoemaker
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Cape Haze



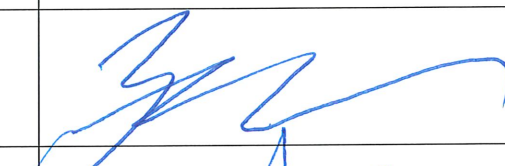
Jim Pase
Isles Yacht Club



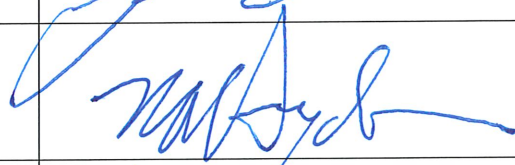
Vacant
Burnt Store Isles Boat Club

Angus McKinnon
U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor

Zach Gloer
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club



Noel Hyde
City of Punta Gorda



Ralph Lombardo
Member-at-Large



Vacant
Port Charlotte Yacht Club

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Staff – Agenda – Sign-In Sheet
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PLEASE SIGN NEXT TO NAME ON SHEET

Michael Benjamin, Dredging Project
Manager

Debbie Thibideau, Grants Analyst
Budget & Administrative Services

Jacob Jenkins, Finance
Boater Revolving Fund

Jacob Jenkins

Liz Eastes, Marine Environmental
Specialist

Matthew Logan, Projects Manager
Engineering

Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources
Manager Liaison

Robert Campbell (Eric), Signing and
Marking Coordinator, Public Works

Sgt. Kris McRae, Marine Patrol Supervisor
/ CCSO

Michael Marsh, Lieutenant / CCSO

William Prummell, Marine Unit / CCSO

Jon Bautista, Aviation / CCSO

Richard Nelson,
DV Detective/CCSO

Jonathan C. Smith, Marine Unit / CCSO

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Corporal A.J. Russell, Marine Patrol
Punta Gorda Police Dept.

Officer Eric Lee, Marine Patrol
Punta Gorda Police Dept.

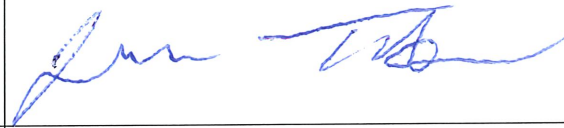
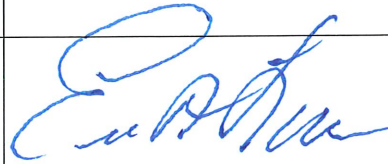
Matthew McElroy, Interim Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Chris Mott, Battalion Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Jeremy Tuttle, Battalion Chief
Charlotte County Fire and EMS

Michael Kerns, Marine OPS Lieutenant
Charlotte County Fire

Thomas M. David, County Attorney
Office of the County Attorney



Please PRINT Your Name and Affiliation

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