

MEETING MINUTES
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 31, 2012
10:00 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Howard Brooks, Ken Fahrbach, and Ed Minzer

County: Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps, and Sandy Wright

Absent: George McNeill (excused) and Claire Phelen (excused)

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: Mr. Fahrbach made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from August 9, 2012 as written. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

There is currently one vacancy for a regular member. Mr. Brooks is interested in becoming a regular member instead of being an alternate. An application was provided.

Unfinished Business:

- Survey Work – Copies of the survey were distributed for review and discussion. The Committee would like to use this survey for a maintenance dredge next year instead of having another one done so soon. There are no funds available for a maintenance dredge during the 2012/2013 fiscal year; it will have to wait until 2013/2014. Mr. Fahrbach made a motion to pursue the engineering necessary for a maintenance dredge during the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was discussion regarding a full dredge to a depth of 6 feet. Mr. Fahrbach made a motion to pursue the engineering necessary for a dredge to the depth of 6 foot including mitigation, during fiscal year 2014/2015. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Mopps recommended another survey be done just before the maintenance dredge at the end of fiscal year 2012/2013. An estimate provided by Coastal Engineering based on the information obtained from the survey, a full dredge to a depth of 5 foot would cost approximately \$100,000 and to the depth of 6 foot would cost approximately \$500,000. No rate increase would be necessary since the Unit has the funds available for a 6 foot dredge if they can obtain a permit for that depth.
- Sea Edge – Sea Edge is contributing into the MSBU. The maximum rate for this area is \$150. A territory review is underway and Ms. Harrison will provide an update when the information is available.

New Business:

- Mangrove Trimming – There is \$10,000 available in the budget for mangrove trimming. Mr. Mopps suggested budgeting \$20,000-\$30,000 in future budget years. There was discussion regarding the mangroves growing into the creek from the old lock going up into Burnt Store Isles that is becoming restrictive. Mr. Howard made a motion to use the \$10,000 available to do mangrove trimming from station 124-154. Mr. Fahrbach seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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- Budget - Next year starts the beginning of a 2 year budget cycle. All projects must be planned for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 and will need to be shown in the budget. Changes will not be allowed unless there is an emergency. A draft budget is due to Financial Services by the end of January. Mr. Mopps suggested the Committee will need approximately \$250,000 in future budgets for maintenance dredging. The budgets will be discussed in detail during the next meeting in December.
- An Activity Report will be sent to the Committee to review. This report will show the cost of the survey performed last year so the Committee can plan accordingly for the future.
- There was discussion regarding continuing with annual surveys and starting a spot dredging program.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by:



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Public Works Department