

MEETING MINUTES
ALLIGATOR CREEK WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Howard Brooks, Ken Fahrbach, Ed Minzer, Michael Shaughness and Mark Vaivoda

Absent: Robert Robinson (unexcused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 10:05. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from September 19, 2014 were approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- Dredging Update – An emailed update from Mr. Mopps was distributed to the members for review. There was discussion and questions relating to the status update. Maintenance dredging permits normally expire in 5 years. Coastal Engineering is securing the information required to extend the current permit that will expire in March. The maintenance dredge permit is being processed due to a setback in processing the new permit to dredge to a 6 foot depth. The maintenance permit application will be submitted in mid-January. The state agencies must respond within 90 days. There are no hurdles anticipated at this time. If the 6ft permit is issued, a separate permit would be required for maintenance and it would be good for 5 years. Annual surveys should trigger the need to renew the maintenance permit as its expiration date nears. Mr. Mopps stated that he met with DEP and was told that the easement that used to dictate the areas where dredgers were allowed is no longer required because the channels are public and the dredgers can shift as needed to allow the public access. There is no need for a spring 2014 survey to be done because there is one in the permit package that has been submitted. This survey could be used if there is a hurricane event this summer. Preconstruction drawings can also be used to satisfy FEMA requirements. The as built survey at the end of the project can be used for the 6ft permit. Contractors work year round, however some are busy on other jobs. This project is the only major dredging project that is on the forefront in Charlotte County. There was discussion regarding spoil sites and the requirements. Contractors can negotiate a benefit to a land owner of a prospective spoil site; typically the properties are left in better condition than before the project started. The cost to maintain the channels at a 6ft depth should remain near the same as for a 5ft dredge.
- Election of Officers – Mr. Vaivoda nominated Mr. Minzer to remain as Chair; Mr. Minzer accepted the nomination. Mr. Fahrbach volunteered to remain the Vice Chair; there were no other nominations. The Committee unanimously approved the nominations.
- Financial Reports – Budget and Actual Reports were distributed for review and discussion.

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Citizen Input:

- There is a dead tree in the water in the San Sabastian Waterway on Snook Lagoon near Windmill Village. Ms. Harrison will report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Brooks will be unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sandy Wright
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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

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ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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