

**BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 20, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. in the Boca Grande Board Room**

**Attendees:** Tony Ackerman, Bill Kunklar, Richard Morrison, Neal Rietz,

**County:** Judith Nothdurft, Sandy Wright, Charles Koons, James Layport,

**Guests:** Conny Spurfield (USDA), Patrick Bell, Harold Wells

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** Meeting notes from March 30, 2012 were approved as written.

- The status of committee members was reviewed. Mr. Harold Wells has applied to fill an alternate vacancy, and Mr. Patrick Bell has applied to fill a regular vacancy. Both vacancy appointments were rescheduled at the April 10, 2012 BCC meeting for approval at the April 24, 2012. This allowed the BCC time to verify the omission of the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant wasn't a clerical error.
- The Committee agreed to wait until the next meeting to elect officers. The new appointments will be members of the Committee at that meeting. Mr. Rietz made a motion to nominate Mr. Morrison as acting chair until the vote is taken at the next meeting. Mr. Ackerman seconded the motion with all members in favor.

**Unfinished Business:**

- USDA Iguana Contract – The Fiscal Services Department recommended that the Committee approve the nine month option for fiscal year 2013, since there are not enough funds available to approve the 12 month contract at this time. Fiscal took funds from the reserves to cover the 2012 contract. If the Committee is interested in approving the 12 month contract for fiscal year 2014 budget a community outreach is recommended to advise the community of a rate increase to cover the cost of the 12 month iguana contract. Mr. Morrison suggested the approval of the nine month contract with the intention of a rate increase to cover the cost of the 12 month contract in 2014. Mr. Ackerman made the motion to approve the nine month contract noting that the Committee intends a future increase in assessments to cover the cost of the 12 month contract for 2014. Mr. Morrison seconded the motion. Mr. Reitz opposed the motion noting that he agreed on the nine month iguana contract, however, felt it is too soon to suggest a future assessment increase. The vote carried with three in favor and one opposed.
- Proposed Options for Iguana Movement Study – There was discussion about the data received from the study. Regardless of the outcome of the study, current efforts will continue to eradicate the iguana population. Mr. Morrison made a motion opposing the study noting that since there are not enough funds available for the 12 month contract, there are no funds available for this study. Mr. Ackerman seconded the motion with all members in favor.
- Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget – The budgets were distributed for review and discussion regarding a rate increase to enable funding for the 12 month iguana contract for the 2013/2014 budget year. Ms. Nothdurft explained the Public Outreach process to the Committee. Mr. Reitz made a motion to approve the 2012/2013 budget. Mr. Ackerman seconded the motion with all members in favor.

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**New Business:**

- Messieurs Koons and Layport from the Engineering Department reviewed the paving program. They answered questions regarding the cracks in newly paved roadways and explained the rejuvenation process. Maintenance rejuvenation extends the life of a road for an additional 2-5 years. The normal life cycle of a road is approximately 20 years. With maintenance rejuvenation they have seen roads last up to 25 years maintenance rejuvenation. Rejuvenation was done earlier this year and will be done again in 5 years. Mr. Koons will provide the cost of that rejuvenation. He stated that vegetation will eventually start to come through the cracks. A vegetation contract can be discussed. Trucks are breaking up the road on Peekins Cove Road. Mr. Layport will forward his recommendations to the Maintenance & Operations Division for repairs. Root abatement at the circle on Peekins Road was discussed to keep the tree routes from coming up through the pavement. The Committee agreed that nothing should be done if there is a possibility of causing harm to the tree. The Committee should call Mr. Layport or Customer Service to report any concerns. It is not necessary to wait until a meeting to report problems because they can be reported to Customer Assistance for action. She distributed the contact information.
  
- The Committee expressed an interest in discussing a \$35.00 increase to the current assessment rate of \$135.00 to fund the 12 month contract for iguana control at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boca Grande Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.