

MEETING MINUTES
BUENA VISTA AREA WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 13, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Eugene Extejt, Charles Witzke, Judith Barnosky, William Ryan
County - Tara Musselman, Chuck Mopps, Kim Raymond
Absent - Earl Rhoney, Donna Elliott

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the October 23, 2008, minutes as submitted.

Business:

- Ms. Musselman said the Buena Vista Waterway MSBU has become a formal committee approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), which will require terms and election of officers. The Committee members drew the following terms:

Judith Barnosky	Three Years
William Ryan	Three Years
Eugene Extejt	Two Years
Donna Elliott	Two Years
Earl Rhoney (Alternate)	Two Years
Charles Witzke	One Year

- Mr. Witzke was unanimously elected Chairman, and Mr. Ryan was elected Vice-Chairman.
- The Committee reviewed the Activity Report for 2007/08.
- The Committee reviewed the 2008/09 Final Budget.
- Mr. Ryan made a motion to decrease the assessment rate to \$100 per ERU for 2009/10. Mr. Extejt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Mr. Extejt inquired about possibly opening up the Alligator Bay Channel in the future. Mr. Mopps stated it will take years to get a permit.

Dredging Update:

- Mr. Chuck Mopps stated the dredging has been completed. He explained one section of the waterway had to be done twice. Only 1500 cubic yards of material still exist on the spoil site.

- Mr. Witzke inquired about dredging at the Gardner Waterway and the mouth of Elkcam. Mr. Mopps verified they were dredged.
- Mr. Mopps reported the contractor will not be dredging around private docks, as it is not cost-effective. The contractor has refunded the deposits to the residents.
- Mr. Witzke said the sand that Parks & Recreation placed at the beach prior to Tropical Storm Faye has been blown into the Sunrise Waterway. Mr. Mopps stated that, if the sand was moved into the waterway by the storm, application could be made for FEMA funding. The as-builts could be used to show the previous depths and width of the channel. Mr. Mopps requested justification from the members before his meeting with Parks & Recreation. Ms. Musselman recommended that members report the sand filling in the channel, due to continued beach maintenance, to the BCC. Mr. Ryan inquired if the width of the channel could be expanded to allow room for the beach. Mr. Mopps said it could not, since it would be considered new dredging, which will not be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Mr. Witzke noted a possible issue at Markers 4 and 2, as two boats cannot pass side by side. There was discussion about gate markers at Markers A and 2.
- There was discussion about “Minimum Wake” signs at the mouths of each waterway. The members will submit locations for all new markers, and Mr. Mopps will work on getting them and the appropriate permitting.

The next meeting was not scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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