

MEETING MINUTES
CHARLOTTE RANCHETTES STREET AND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 4, 2007

Attendees: Nigel Morris, Michael Szuba, Ruth Cudzillo, William Faris,

Excused: Robert Schaffer

Absent: James Howarth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nigel Morris at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda: Mr. Morris requested that Items VI and VII of the agenda be switched with Items IV and V. Mr. Faris moved to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Szuba. The motion carried.

Approval of the September 13, 2007 Minutes:

Mr. Szuba requested a change to the record of what he had said regarding the work plan. Mr. Morris read changes that he requested to the work plan item. Mr. Szuba moved to approve the minutes with these changes. Mrs. Cudzillo seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Member Comments:

None

Selection of the Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Charlotte County Public Work Division 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950.

Report on Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2008:

Mr. Morris reported that the plan developed at the last meeting had been delivered to O&M. The expected cost for the work is \$69,000.

Discussion ensued among the advisory committee members:

Mr. Szuba wants work done as soon as possible

Mr. Faris wants to make sure the project remains in budget and that the committee should be kept appraised of progress and/or anticipated problems and changes

Mr. Szuba then suggested individualizing each area into specific work orders — 12 jobs.

Mr. Morris said this would be requested and he would send breakdown to each board member.

Communication problems with the county were discussed (*e.g.* difficulty getting information about money spent, and the fact that work is done without first being discussed with the board). Residents were again requested to contact the board before calling the county with problems. It was questioned, however, as to why the county goes out before checking with the MSBU board.

Public Comments:

One resident suggested that Ranchettes resident haulers could do some of the work. Mr. Morris will present that idea to the county representatives.

A question was asked about the work being done on the large culvert along Bermont Road. It was explained that Ranchettes residents are not paying for this work.

Fee Increase

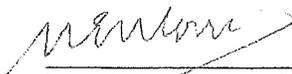
Mr. Morris mentioned that last year the Charlotte Ranchettes residents expressed a general willingness to increase fees paid from \$100 to \$200, and he wanted to know if that was a present option. General consensus from the 25 people in attendance was that until the residents have more control and knowledge about how, when, where and why the money gets spent, it would be foolish to throw more money into what still remains a mystery fund.

Adjournment:

Mr. Faris moved to adjourn and Mrs. Cudzillo seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne S. James
Alan Blvd.



Nigel Morris, Chairman