

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**EDGEWATER NORTH WATERWAY UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**May 9, 2012**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**Attendees:** Herb Eldredge, Rae Konjoian, Keith Waltz, Philip Graham

**Absent:** Lucius Anthony (excused)

**County:** Dawn Harrison, Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the February 22, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

**Old Business:**

- Bathymetric Survey - There was discussion regarding a survey. There are no funds available until next year. Mr. Waltz stated that the survey is necessary for any future dredge projects and wanted to bring it up for discussion only at this meeting; there will not be a vote on the project today. Ms. Harrison submitted a draft budget which included the funds for the survey. The survey funding will need to be approved today if it is to be included in the 2012/2013 budget. The funding will be available after October 1, 2012. The assessment of \$20.12 that ends in October 2012 can be continued without a Community outreach due to the assessment not being increased. The assessment will continue until the Committee changes it. The Committee and citizens discussed the \$20.12 currently being assessed, is specifically for paying for a previous dredging project, not a survey. There was question as to the legality of continuing the assessment for something other than what it was originally intended. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the survey funding for the budget year 2012/2013. Ms. Konjoian seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. There were several citizens questioning if they get to vote on the subject. It was explained that this vote was only to include the funding for the survey in the budget, not a vote to approve the survey project. Some citizens are requesting that a mail out be done to all property owners to vote on the survey project. It was stated that a survey would provide information required to address future dredging as well as vegetation. The numbers for an estimate can't be achieved without a survey. The information would be required in order for the Community to be able to make an informed decision on future projects.
- The Committee questioned the validity of forming a sub unit. Ms. Konjoian stated that there is probably a lot of validity to exploring a sub unit and feels the survey would provide the information needed to address the subject. Ms. Harrison will research and report her findings back to the Committee.
- Mr. Graham made a motion to have Ms. Harrison follow up with the legal department to verify that it is legal to continue the \$20.12 assessment originally intended to pay for a dredge project, to fund a future survey project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eldredge. The motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote. Ms. Konjoian stated she is opposed because Ms. Harrison already answered that question and feels there is no need to address it with the Attorney's office.

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- A citizen inquired about where the \$20.12 assessment came from. It was explained that it started during the 2006/2007 budget year to pay back a loan that was given to the Committee to cover a dredge project. The loan is being paid off this fiscal year.

**New Business:**

- Citizens were advised to call 575-3600 to report problems with debris floating in canals. It was explained that it is not necessary to wait for a Committee meeting to report concerns.
- Mr. Waltz stated that he would like to include two items on the agenda for at the next meeting:
  1. Discussion to fund a public mailing to get the Community's input for the survey.
  2. The continuation of the \$20.12 assessment.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.