

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**EDGEWATER NORTH WATERWAY UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**October 16, 2012**  
**5:30 P.M. at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex**

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

**County:** Bob Halfhill, Dawn Harrison, and Sandy Wright

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. with the roll call of members.

Membership status was reviewed. Mr. Anthony's application for re-appointment will go before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval at the October 23, 2012 meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May 9, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**New Business:**

- Budget – The two year budget cycle process for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 was explained. Fiscal year 2013/2014 will be the first year of the new two year cycle. Plans for new projects over the next two years should be in the budget. Only emergency changes will be allowed once the budget is approved by the BCC. A draft budget is due to the Finance Services Department in January 2013.
- Bathymetric Survey - The funding for a survey was approved during the last Committee meeting and became available as of October 1, 2012. The survey is necessary for any future dredge projects and will provide the data necessary to formulate an estimate on a future dredge project. A question was raised about the assessment of \$20.12 that ends this month and if it can be continued to fund a survey that was not included in the scope of work for which it was originally intended. This is to be verified with the County Attorney's Office to make certain the current assessment can be used for a survey that was not part of the original project. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve a bathymetric survey with the option to amend the motion if the Attorney's Office finds it is not a proper use of MSBU funds.. Mr. Graham then made a motion to table the motion to open the floor for citizen input. Mr. Anthony seconded the motion. The motion to table passed unanimously. Citizens were asked to limit their questions and comments to three minutes.
  1. Mr. Garvais asked if state permits would be required for dredging since other areas are having problems acquiring dredging permits from the state. This vote is for a survey only and not for a dredge project. The survey will identify the areas, if any, that are in need of a dredge. That data will then be used to create a cost estimate. A community outreach campaign would be initiated to ask each property owner's opinion about a dredge project.
  2. There was discussion about doing two mail-outs, one to seek approval to perform the bathymetric survey and one for approval for dredging. Several citizens had questions about the cost and procedure of performing outreach mailings.
  3. The engineering firm chosen to do the bathymetric survey will go through the usual Purchasing Department process.

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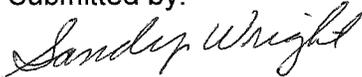
The floor was closed to citizen input to allow the Committee to vote on Mr. Graham's motion to move forward with a survey with the option to amend pending the answer from the Attorney's Office. The motion to move forward with the survey was seconded by Mr. Anthony and passed unanimously.

- There was discussion regarding the validity of forming a sub unit. Mr. Waltz asked that the discussion be tabled until the Committee receives the information from the survey. The Committee agreed to table this discussion and to include it on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 5, 2013 or Tuesday February 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex. Committee members will be notified of the room's availability for scheduling.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



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