

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GULF COVE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**October 20, 2008**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:** Joel Trefry, Steve Eckstrom, Arthur Jozwiak, Bruce Scullary, Ron Kubala  
County - Tara Musselman, Chuck Mopps, Kim Raymond  
Absent - Les Weyant

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 16, 2008, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Business:**

- The dredging project has been awarded to Marine Contracting for \$714,000. They previously dredged South Gulf Cove and Manchester Waterway. The dredging contract is for 180 days from the date of the construction meeting. The contractor will be using the hydraulic method.
- Mr. Mopps dove the waterway and found loose rock that could do boat damage. He stated the contractor will not have any trouble removing these rocks. The Parks & Recreation spoil site has been approved. The dredging project will not be combined with Northwest Port Charlotte.
- Per Mr. Mopps, a post bathymetric survey will be completed after the dredging, which is accurate up to one-tenth of a foot. Mr. Mopps will monitor the job and have any areas of concern re-dredged. The contractor will not receive final payment until the County approves the job, based on contract specifications. The waterway will be dredged to 4 feet mean low water at a width of 40 feet, but the contractor can only dredge within 10 feet of culverts and seawalls and within 15 feet of manmade equipment.
- Mr. Trefry stated that residents are concerned with repeating the mistakes of the previous dredging.
- The average waterway is dredged about every five years. Mr. Mopps said the mouths and end of canals will probably need to be dredged in five years.
- The residents inquired how far they can dredge in from the mouths. They were informed they can only dredge what was previously dredged.
- Mr. Mopps said the contractor will not dredge around private docks until the project is completed.

- Mr. Kubala requested a copy of the previous dredging bid specifications and the County policy stating the contractor can only dredge within 15 feet of structures. He said pilings are installed deep, and dredging four feet will not affect them.
- Mr. Trefry asked if material removed from around private docks will be placed on the same spoil site. Mr. Mopps stated they have allowed the contractor to use the approved spoil sites in other projects, which helps in the cost for the resident having the work done.
- The Committee received the final 2008/09 budget. The Year-End Actuals Report will be submitted in the middle of November.
- Mr. Trefry discussed having the assessment rate decreased. There was discussion from the residents that they will have to dredge again in five years, so keep the rate the same to prevent borrowing the money. Mr. Kubala stated they need to review the numbers when establishing the budget, based on dredging the mouth in five years and the interior canals in seven years.
- The Committee received the Fiscal Year 2008 Activity Report.
- Mr. Mopps informed the Committee they might want to think about future permits for the mouths of waterways that have never been dredged.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church in Gulf Cove.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman  
Municipal Services District Representative

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