

GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 29, 2014 – Regular Meeting
3:00 p.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Steve Eckstrom, Arthur Jozwiak, Ron Kubala, Joel Trefry and Edward Speer

County: Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A roll call was taken that established a quorum was present.

Membership was reviewed with the members.

Election of New Chair – Mr. Jozwiak nominated Mr. Eckstrom as chair, there were no other nominations and Mr. Eckstrom accepted nomination.

The minutes from February 27, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Maintenance Dredge Project – Mr. Mopps stated the Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) was sent out. He negotiated with Coastal Engineering to bring the cost down to \$65,000 for the project design and permitting. The scope of work was reduced to 200 feet into the channel, which brought the price down. It has been approved by Engineering and was sent to the Public Works Director for approval. This complete project will include the design & permitting and construction. There will be surveys throughout the project. The project is moving forward. At this time, Mr. Mopps plans for the dredged spoil material to be taken to the landfill for top cover. Coastal Engineering is gathering the old data now and is scheduled to have the initial survey completed in June. After the permits are received the project can begin; this will likely be early 2015. The project status is available on the County website. All dredges that remove over 4000 cubic yards or dredge more than 3 feet must be sent to the National Marine Fisheries for review and approval due to the endangered small tooth sawfish.

New Business:

- Mr. Kubala stated that there is a lot on Conner Terrace that is on the Conner Waterway that doesn't have a seawall; the two adjoining properties have seawalls. The lot is washing out into the canal and silt is building up. Mr. Kubala asked if there was something the MSBU can do to prevent the silt from washing into the canal. Mr. Mopps recommended members contact the Code Enforcement section of the Community Development Department; they will contact the lot owner to try to rectify the problem.
- There was discussion regarding the installation of a marina in the lagoon at the community park property. Mr. Mopps suggested contacting Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Ft. Myers to find out what the requirements would be.
- Financial Reports – The 6 Month Actual and Activity Reports were distributed for review and discussion.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works

