

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2015 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Ron Kubala, Joel Trefry, and Edward Speer

Absent: Steve Eckstrom (excused)

County: Karly Greene, Francine Lisby, Matt Logan, Chuck Mopps, and Judith Nothdurft

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:29 p.m. A roll call was taken that established a quorum was present.

The minutes from November 12, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

- Mr. Kubala nominated Mr. Eckstrom for Chair and Mr. Trefry as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Speer and was passed unanimously. Mr. Eckstrom's acceptance of the Chair position will be affirmed at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Maintenance Dredge Project Update – Matt Logan introduced Mark Kincaid of Coastal Engineering Consultants. Mr. Kincaid provided a brief history of the dredging project, stated connector channels were suggested to accomplish the wish of the Committee and Association, and noted data had been received. Mr. Speer questioned the number of connector canals. Mr. Kincaid responded that five connector canals were no longer needed, detailed suggested plans, explained target depth levels, listed the amount of cubic yards required to be removed to achieve the -5 MLW, suggested cost estimates for dredging be \$50 per cubic yard, and explained an existing deep channel that could have a connector canal. Mr. Kubala questioned if the four foot could be achieved as to what was had in the past. Mr. Kincaid indicated the previously permitted would need to be extended. Discussion ensued to the dredge work that could be done to achieve a -4 MLW. Mr. Mopps questioned the effect of sand movement to the proposed parallel connector. Mr. Kincaid noted aerial photos depicting sand bar movement. Mr. Mopps stated the cost of the pylon placement is not funded through MSBU funds and explained WCIND funding through the MAC. Discussion ensued related to tax monies. Mr. Kincaid noted the existence of people with docks and questioned if those individuals paid into the MSBU assessment. Mr. Trefry stated those particular individuals did not pay into the MSBU. There was discussion regarding the distance from connector channels to the shore, inquiry as to why a suggestion would be made to do a connector if more materials were to be removed, plans portraying current existing conditions, and the affordability of the project. Mr. Mopps indicated WCIND reviewed the MSBUs waterway closely, noted WCIND believed too many watersheds existed, mentioned the past boat study conducted would be referred to, stated a percentage minimum is sought to be helped, commented on how funding could be received, suggested inviting Chuck Lastowski of the WCIND to the following meeting to discuss project plans, stated plans could be presented, advised of the critical smalltooth sawfish habitat concerns, and indicated he was attempting to find funding for the project. Mr. Kincaid stated the next step required would be permitting and requested Advisory Committee guidance. Mr. Trefry questioned the estimated costs are presented. Mr. Kincaid advised Plan B Cost Estimate totaled \$2 million. Discussion ensued related to what was originally requested would cost more. Mr. Trefry spoke to the amount of MSBU revenues in reference to total project costs. Mr. Mopps questioned if the original plan was calculated to -4MLW. Mr. Kincaid advised no. Mr. Trefry noted original plans and approved costs. Mr. Kincaid advised the estimate of \$50 a cubic foot was chosen to show comparisons between plans for a future project and commented that connector canals would make the project eligible for funding from the WCIND. Mr. Speer questioned expected funding from WCIND. Mr. Kincaid noted expected canals that could be funded by the WCIND through his past experience. Mr. Mopps recommended a hybrid plan be

reviewed. Mr. Kubala requested additional estimated numbers for Plan A, Plan B and a subsidized plan. Discussion ensued related to the likeliness of a budget being given by WCIND without a permit. Mr. Mopps affirmed he would request information, indicated a permit to -5 should be requested even if the dredge only goes to -4. Mr. Kubala suggested a permit to -5 MLW be applied for, recommended the permit template for connectivity be used to maximize funding opportunities, and questioned if the template could be changed in the future. Mr. Kincaid provided examples of WCIND funding in the past. Mr. Kubala motioned to use the permit template for Plan C for the link between F and H, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Speer. Discussion occurred related to expected timeframes. Mr. Mopps advised there were no major issues at this time. The motion passed with a 2 to 1 vote. Discussion ensued related to cost differences between -5 MLW and -4 MLW. Mr. Mopps indicated project plans would be posted to the Website for review.

- Vacant Lots without seawalls – Ms. Nothdurft provided a copy of a draft letter written by Mr. Kubala. Mr. Trefry noted the concern expressed by citizens for the vacant lots eroding into the canals. Mr. Mopps indicated 80% of materials coming into the canals come from the outside, noted past requirements for erosion surveys, mentioned the lack of enforcement in the past, and advised that Code Enforcement could be contacted regarding the matter. Mr. Kubala stated Code Enforcement has advised him that there is nothing that they can do to enforce the issue. Mr. Kincaid advised a simple calculation could be conducted to find out how much erosion each property contributed. Mr. Mopps indicated he was unsure of the County's ability to enforce the issue and stated the Engineering Department does not possess the authority. Mr. Kubala mentioned a suggestion of contacting the Board of County Commissioners regarding the issue. Mr. Mopps suggested sending the letter as written and recommended bringing the matter up at upcoming MAC and Beaches and Shores meetings. Mr. Kubala requested approval of the Advisory Committee to send the letter to the BOCC as written, seconded by Mr. Speer and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Year End Financials FY 2013/14 – Ms. Nothdurft provided the financials for Committee review. There was discussion related to the \$10,000.00 difference in budgeted versus actual numbers.
- Activity Report (10/1/14 – 12/31/14) – Ms. Nothdurft provided the Activity Report for Committee review.
- Draft FY 2016 & FY 2017 Budgets – The Draft Budgets were provided for Committee review and there were no comments. Ms. Nothdurft noted the possibility of slight adjustments and any changes would be forwarded to the Committee. Mr. Kubala commented on raising the MSBU assessment and the related required timeframe. Ms. Nothdurft indicated a specific project and cost would be required to propose an increased assessment. Discussion continued.

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- None.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 15, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Building Construction Services Planning and Zoning Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Submitted by:



Karly Greene
Public Works Department

