

**MEETING NOTES**  
**MANCHESTER WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 16, 2013 – Regular Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. Public Works Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Gerald Connelly, Mark Davison, Cliff McMahon, and Patrick Randall

**Absent:** Donald Fredrick (unexcused) and James Goulette (excused)

**County:** Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps, and Sandy Wright

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October 3, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Old Business:**

- Dredge Project - Mr. Mopps gave a status update on the dredging project. Permitting is moving along with no issues. The draft review of the bid specs is back, the cost estimate for the project is \$425,000 which he feels is a reasonable rate for this project. Finance was asked if the project could move forward. Mr. Mopps explained that Ms. Harrison will have to review the funding in the proposed budget to see if there is enough available including an internal loan for the funding of 17 percent of Ackerman Waterway MSBU portion. The technical specs that Mr. Mopps received have been sent back with his request for the shared part of the document to include the split between Manchester and Ackerman Waterway MSBUs. He wants the percentages to be in the document. Mr. Mopps asked the members about a complaint that was emailed to the County on vegetation cutting along the waterway. The Property Association and two of the Committee members requested trimming at the end of Midway Blvd. that is causing unsafe boating conditions. This can be included in the project if the Committee agrees. The members do not want it included in the dredging project.
- There was discussion regarding the trimming of the vegetation at the end of Midway Blvd. Ms. Harrison received an update that the trimming at of the right-of-way was completed by the Public Works M&O staff. Trimming of the mangroves in the water cannot be done by Public Works as it requires special licenses and permits. It would have to be given to the Engineering Department to hire a contractor for the job, if the Committee agrees. There was extensive discussion regarding the property ownership and who is responsible for the work and if it should be done or not. Mr. Randall made a motion for the MSBU to approve funding for the project to be initiated to clear the clumps of vegetation at the end of Midway Blvd. that obscures the view of boaters at survey station 56; the motion was seconded by Mr. Connelly. The motion died with the vote of two for and two opposed.

**New Business:**

- Election of Officers – The Committee chair was Mr. Peck and his term has expired with the maximum number of terms being reached. He is required to take one year off. Mr. McMahon made a motion to nominate himself as Chair and Mr. Randall as Vice Chair; the motion was seconded by Mr. Randall and passed unanimously.
- Draft Budget and Financial Reports – The reports were distributed for review and questions. Ms. Harrison will request a budget transfer to help fund the dredge project. Mr. McMahon made a motion to accept the draft budget for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015; the motion was seconded by Mr. Randall and passed unanimously. There was a question regarding a discrepancy in the lock removal loan amount. Ms. Harrison will report back.
- The two new members, Mr. Connelly and Mr. Davison introduced themselves to the members.

**MANCHESTER WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 16, 2013 – Regular Meeting**

**Page 2**

- Mr. McMahon requested that an appreciation letter be sent to Grace Amodeo's husband on her behalf to thank her for the many years of service that she contributed to this Committee.
- There was discussion regarding the Ackerman Waterway MSBU. The Ackerman Waterway MSBU currently does not have an active committee.

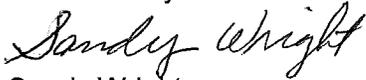
**Citizen Input:**

- Most people don't know maritime law. The vegetation at the end of Midway Blvd. presents a safety hazard to boaters approaching from opposite directions.

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright

Public Works Department

