

MEETING MINUTES
MID CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
October 21, 2015 – Regular Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Bob Logan, George Kearns, Ben Petrone, and Dianne Quilty

County: Mike Dallenbach, Dawn Harrison, Joann Vernon, Matt Logan, and Kelly Louttit

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M. A roll call was taken that determined a quorum was present. Membership terms were reviewed.

Changes to the Agenda: No changes to the agenda

The minutes from the July 22, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Item Only (3 Minute Limit)

- No citizens present

Old Business:

- Sunshine Waterway Update: Ms. Vernon stated the wells have been drilled and pumps need to be installed. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The weir has to be in place before water levels can be raised. Master pumps, bid specs were discussed. Chara removal has been put out to bid again. The County has researched other methods of removal hoping to solicit additional bids. Timeframes and mechanical removal of the Chara were discussed. Mr. Logan asked about the sinking issues along the Sunshine Waterway and Ms. Vernon stated the residents hired a private consultant and the findings indicate the soil had a high content of vegetation. The consultant will be conducting a monitoring program and reports will be provided to the County. Mr. Kearns questioned the timeframe on installation of the aeration system. Ms. Vernon stated Chara needs to be removed before the aeration system can be installed.
- EI Jobean Study: The study will be presented at the January advisory board meeting.
- Work performed on Sunshine Lake: Item was discussed under the Sunshine Waterway update.
- Update on Peachland Bridges: Ms. Vernon stated the contractor is working on the bypass road. Discussion continued regarding pedestrian safety during construction.
- **New Business:**
- Lake Niagara: Matt Logan stated the duck weed and water lettuce is scheduled for treatment next month.
- Development of a five year Master plan: Bob Logan asked if a five year master plan is in place for the MSBU. Ms. Vernon stated there is a CIP page available. Ms. Vernon will provide a report to the advisory board by the next meeting. Ms. Vernon discussed possible future projects such as canal maintenance and minor dredging projects in the area.
- Project Status: Discussion occurred regarding the Peachland bridges. Ms. Vernon stated Real Property Department is trying to obtain easements for access to clean Snapper Creek.
- Financial Reports – Ms. Harrison provided a draft of the twelfth month actual report and the final budget FY2015/2016 for the advisory board review and discussion. Discussion items included time delays of payments, rate assessments, and allowable fund balance versus desired fund balance.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)

- . No citizens present.

Open discussion for Committee members:

- Mr. Kearns asked about the Desoto Canal project. Ms. Vernon stated the project is complete. Mr. Kearns asked what contribution the Mid-Charlotte Stormwater will have to fund for the Spring Lake sewer project. Ms. Vernon stated none.
- Ms. Vernon advised the advisory board that the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program is trying to implement a voluntary water quality program within Charlotte County and inquired if any advisory board members would be interested in volunteering. Discussion continued regarding the details of the program. The advisory board asked for further information.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 2pm in the Public Works Conference Room.

Items for next agenda:

Election of Officers

El Jobean Study

Update on Sunrise/Sunshine

Peachland Bridges

Development of a 5 Year plan

Desoto Ditch

Voluntary Water Quality Program

Snapper Creek

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Submitted by:

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