

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 6, 2007
11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Hubert Daniely, Paul Pilch, Deborah Manna, Nancy Razvoza, Jack Fawsett
County – Matt Logan; Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering; Dawn Harrison; Kim Raymond
Absent – David Rubin

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the October 10, 2007, minutes as presented.

Old Business:

- Ms. Harrison stated an ordinance was created developing a formal committee. Residents can submit resumes to the Board of County Commissioners to apply for this Committee.
- Channel markers
 - Surveying was completed between November 2006 and May 2007.
 - The US Coast Guard application was submitted in July 2007.
 - The Coast Guard suggested that the application be amended and resubmitted to include markers that do not have permits. Mr. Michael Poff advised that the amended application was resubmitted last week.
 - This project will go out to bid once the permit is approved. The lowest bidder will be granted the contract. The purchasing bid process takes 90 days.
 - The anticipated completion date is May 1, 2008.
- Dredging
 - Exterior Channels - Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of material need to be removed. The Committee recommended having it done now. Coastal Engineering will verify the permit depths and expiration dates.
 - Interior Channels - The permits are approved for the depth of five feet mean low water. Coastal Engineering estimated the removal of 15,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of sediment to dredge all the channels. The canal priorities are Cheshire, Venus, and Apollo. Mr. Daniely stated that, in

order to stay within their budget, they only want to do high spots and dredge to a four-foot depth.

- Coastal Engineering will calculate an estimated cost, based on a four-foot depth. The Committee discussed combining the channel markers and dredging into one contract. Mr. Poff informed the Committee that this could push the schedule back 30 days. The Committee agreed to move forward with one contract. Mr. Fawsett stated that the channel markers are to be the first priority, followed by the mouth.
- The Committee discussed securing approval from Parks & Recreation to use its property as a spoil site. Mr. Logan will make contact to get written approval. Mr. Poff advised that the Committee can save money by establishing numerous temporary off-load sites. These sites allow the contractor to unload close to the dredging site. Once the material is dry, it is transported by truck to the main spoil site. Ms. Harrison will submit a copy of a letter sent to residents inquiring about possible spoil sites. This letter requires the resident's signature, and Real Estate Services will finalize the agreement.
- Mr. Poff stated that Lee County is having success at dredging new channels with sufficient mitigation to offset potential impacts. This is setting a precedent for other counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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