

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 8, 2008
2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jack Fawsett, Richard Cochran, Richard Hopkins, Renee Larson, Stanley Bliss
County - Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps, Kim Raymond
Absent - William Mango

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes:

- Mr. Fawsett requested the May 13, 2008, minutes be revised at the second bullet to state, "Mr. Fawsett stated they would like to dredge to four feet at the mouth".
- The May 13, 2008, minutes were approved unanimously with the noted change.

Business:

- Mr. Mopps informed the members they will never need to have their channels re-permitted since they are outside aquatic preserves and they are not changing the scope of work.
- Mr. Mopps stated no permits will be issued to allow four feet of dredging at the mouths of the channels since this is a shell fishing harbor area.
- Mr. Mopps stated the Apollo, Venus and the exterior of the Cheshire Waterway held up quite well since the last dredge; only filling in about 100 cubic yards.
- The estimated cost of the project is \$360,000. Ms. Harrison explained that the MSBU cannot borrow the money without the Board of County Commissioners approving the initial assessment. Ms. Harrison stated the MSBU will only have \$224,000, which includes the assessment being approved by the BCC. They discussed a possible \$50,000 grant from the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) but this is not included in the \$360,000. Ms. Harrison explained 5% of the total revenue collected is not budgeted based on State Statute to cover taxes not paid. Another 5% is placed in contingency reserve. Mr. Fawsett referred to Mr. Marty Simone's calculations that he received at a previous meeting. He said the MSBU only needed \$134,000 for the project but they came up with \$163,000. Mr. Fawsett asked to meet with Mr. Simone to discuss this matter. He said this project cannot be held up because of funding since they were told they had the money.
- The Committee discussed the priority of the dredging to be: mouths of the channels, markers, the outside channels (Cheshire, Venus, Apollo and Ingersoll Waterway) and then the interior canals.
- Mr. Mopps stated the project will not be awarded to a contractor until October 2008.
- Mr. Fawsett stated the budget shows they have the money. Ms. Harrison explained that the worst case scenario is they would not be able to do the entire project.
- Mr. Hopkins stated he agreed to have his lot used as a spoil site but wants a three foot elevation.

- Ms. Larson made a motion to replace Markham Waterway with Ingersoll Waterway as part of the base bid. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Markham Waterway will be placed as a line item in the project.
- Mr. Mopps stated the Cheshire Waterway dredging will cost approximately \$120,000 based on the amount of material that will need to be removed. He suggested the Committee put this waterway as a line item and not as part of the base of the project. Mr. Mopps suggested that determining the most important canals should be based on the number of residents receiving the benefit.
- Mr. Cochran discussed the amount of material removed versus the amount trucked to the spoil site are two different amounts. Mr. Mopps agreed.
- Mr. Mopps stated that once the assessment is approved by the BCC then Purchasing will move forward with the bid.
- Ms. Larson made a motion for Mr. Fawsett to meet with Mr. Marty Simone regarding the funding. The motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Murdock Administration Building, Room B106.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative