

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 29, 2009**  
**2:30 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** The Committee unanimously approved the minutes, as amended to remove the word until.

**Business:**

- The West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) awarded \$50,000 to the MSBU for marine markers. Payment will be made when the markers are in place, via a check issued through the Finance Department to the contractor. Signing & Marking will install the markers.
- The Committee members unanimously approved the budget for 2009/10.
- There was discussion about the cost of connecting the channels together, and the Committee approved moving forward on the RLI to seek an engineering firm for the study and the depth to 4-foot.
- The Committee discussed that the canals were never connected and the mitigation for doing so could be a million dollars or more.
- In the past, waterway maintenance was financed primarily with GDC settlement funding. The Committee is seeking additional funding sources for future projects. It was noted that the County will always research alternative funding sources.
- WCIND will perform some of the preliminary work required for the regional study. The Committee should proceed with the maximum depth, knowing that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will probably reject the permit application initially.
- Mr. Mopps distributed maps showing some humps remaining in the Cheshire Waterway and additional work identified in the Markham Waterway. He will discuss the waterway depths with the contractor.
- The transit was used for the benchmarks. With tides, pole surveys would not always be accurate. Once the marine markers are in place, additional surveying will be performed and high spots will be identified and promptly removed. Simultaneously, the contractor will be working at the mouths of the waterways. will be working at the mouths of the waterways. Committee members will be notified when the canals are to meet the specifications as designed.
- Dredged silt material is temporarily being stored at 14265 Rita.

**Open Floor:**

- Mr. Pilikian asked if the Apollo Waterway could be dredged deeper, without all of the other waterways having work done. The MSBU's ordinances are written to show equal benefit to all property owners within the unit. The Committee members would not support dredging in only one waterway.

Members will be contacted regarding the next scheduled meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison  
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