

Meeting Minutes
PIRATE HARBOR WATERWAY UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 25, 2014 – Regular Meeting
10:00 A.M. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Charles Gertner, Dennis McCulloch, Van Stockwell, Catherine Taylor and LeRoi Yaffey

Absent: Kenneth Ice (excused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Matt Logan and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The draft minutes from May 21 were unanimously approved as written and the minutes from July 31 were unanimously approved as amended.

Citizen input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Update on Dredge Permit - Mr. Logan introduced Chris Thoemke from Coastal Engineering to give a status update on the dredging permit. He had a pre-application meeting on August 12th with DEP & ACOE to get input regarding the outer channel. A dredge of that area would impact the sea grass and the agencies would have an issue with that because we have no proof that the waterways were dredged in the past. The National Fisheries Service will have to review the permit also due to the small tooth saw fish this could take 6-9 months. The sea grass issues are the most costly to deal with. The .2 acres will require mitigation. Mr. Thoemke will have to meet with DEP to do an analysis to assess the health of the habitat; a formula is used on what type of mitigation would be required. ACOE will have separate requirements. The Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve has a list of items they would like to have done that may satisfy some of the public interest requirements. DEP requires the analysis be completed prior to submitting for the permit. The analysis will allow the Committee will know what will be expected before applying for permitting and enable them to decision to move forward or not. Whole process may take a couple years. The Committee must decide if they want Mr. Thoemke to proceed with the analysis. Cost of the analysis typically costs approximately \$4000 to \$5000 and it must be done during sea grass growing season which means it must be done in October. Mitigation options were discussed. Mr. Gertner made a motion to authorize Mr. Thoemke to move forward analysis study; the motion was seconded by Mr. Yaffey and after further discussion, passed unanimously. A cost estimate should be able to be achieved after the survey is complete. Mr. Thoemke will report back to Mr. Logan after he meets with DEP. Updates will be sent to Ms. Harrison to distribute to the members.

New Business:

- Financial reports – 9 Month Actual Report was distributed for review and discussion.

Open Discussion:

- None

Citizen input on MSBU Related Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None

The next regular meeting was previously scheduled for Thursday November 13, 2014 at 2:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Submitted by:

Sandy Wright

Sandy Wright - Public Works Department

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PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
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ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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