

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**PIRATE HARBOR WATERWAY UNIT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**December 8, 2015 – Regular Meeting**  
**9:00 A.M. - Public Works Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Charles Gertner, Dennis McCulloch, and LeRoi Yaffey

**Absent:** Catherine Taylor and Kenneth Ice

**County:** Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps, and Kelly Louttit

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken that determined a quorum was present. Membership status was reviewed.

**Presentation of the Sunshine Law/Roberts Rules of Order:** The Advisory Board reviewed the Sunshine Law and Roberts Rules of Order requirements and signed the acknowledgement form.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

- None

The draft minutes from June 18, 2015 were unanimously approved as written.

**Citizen input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)**

- None

**Old Business:**

- Dredging- Mr. Mopps stated the Environmental Resource Permit for dredging the Pirate Harbor access channel has been submitted. Kris Thoemke, Coastal Engineering, stated the application has been submitted to The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Army Corp of Engineering and the DEP has requested additional information regarding the project. Mr. Thoemke provided the Advisory Board a copy of the letter. The Aquatic preserve staff is not in favor of this project. Mr. Thoemke advised the DEP performed a site visit on November 20, 2015 and noted justifying the dredge depth is a major factor. The letter indicated that the DEP feels the channel already has the depths needed for the existing vessel fleet. Mr. Thoemke suggested a new boat survey be performed of the MSBU territory. Mr. Mopps will perform the survey in the middle of January and the goal of the survey will be to justify the dredge depth to DEP however the depth of the dredge may need to be adjusted. Seagrass mitigation, manatees and Smalltooth Sawfish were discussed. Mr. Mopps reviewed the action plan with the Advisory Board. First, he will contact a board member to use a vessel for the required survey, then the gathered information is gathered will be submitted to Coastal Engineering. Third, Coastal Engineering will incorporate the data in the Request for Additional information letter to be submitted to the DEP. Lastly, Mr. Mopps will attend a Pirate Harbor community meeting to present information on the project to residents.

**New Business:**

- Financials: Ms. Harrison distributed reports for the advisory board review and discussion.

**Citizen Input:**

- Mr. Stewart is concerned about water quality in the area and stated DEP promised new dredging would not be performed in the area. Mr. Stewart stated he would like an independent contractor to perform the boat survey of the citizens. Mr. Stewart wanted it noted in the minutes that Dennis McCullough stated the main purpose of the dredging project is for larger boats to access the community waterway. Mr. Stewart stated he will not seek an administrative hearing on the matter due to limited time and funds.

**Advisory Committee members open discussion:**

- Sunshine Law and Roberts Rules of Order were discussed.

**Items for next agenda:**

- Dredging

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on March 8, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Public Works Conference Room.

Submitted by:

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