

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 22, 2007**  
**9:30 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

**Attendance:** Richard Redican, Ray Warner, Rich Rhodes, Joe Jaax, Richard Stinson, Clarence Brosmer  
County – Tara Musselman, Kim Raymond, Brian Barnes, Ed McDonald

**Minutes:** No minutes to approve.

**New Business:**

- Committee members were assigned the following terms:

Richard Stinson	One year
Joe Jaax	Two years
Clarence Brosmer	Two years
Rich Rhodes	Three years
Richard Redican	Three years
Ray Warner (alternate)	Two years
  
- Committee members voted on the election of officers. Mr. Brosmer was nominated for Chairman, and the Committee unanimously voted in favor of the nomination. Mr. Brosmer nominated Mr. Redican for Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
  
- **Lock Status:** Mr. Brian Barnes, Project Engineer, stated that the lock worked all weekend, with 116 passages set at automatic. Early Saturday morning, a button on the approach box was broken due to vandalism. Mr. Barnes reiterated to the Committee that the Lock will need constant maintenance, due to impatient boaters and vandalism. He informed the Committee that instructions were created to help operate the Lock. The instructions were handed out this past weekend to each boater who passed through the Lock. Mr. Brosmer suggested posting the instructions on the County website, publicizing them through the media, posting them at the docks, and including them in the County Emergency Operations. He stated that South Gulf Cove residents are not the only boaters utilizing the Lock. Mr. Brosmer suggested labeling the buttons on the Lock. Mr. Rhodes suggested installing an audio system to help communicate with the boaters. Mr. Barnes stated that the contractor was given a list of all the problems, and they have been resolved.
  
- Mr. Brosmer discussed installing an extra cabinet to hold 256 receivers.
  
- Mr. Brosmer requested that Public Works take a Committee member on a walk through the Lock system in order to become familiar with the detailed operations.
  
- Mr. Brosmer mentioned Public Works' long response time during holidays and weekends. Ms. Musselman said this will be resolved.

- In response to the Committee's request for another emergency telephone number, Ms. Musselman submitted her cell number.
- The Committee inquired whether the Sheriff's Department has a key to the Lock. Ms. Musselman will check into it.
- The Committee requested that the delay be set at one minute for the cracking and two minutes for opening the gate. Mr. Brosmer stated that large boats only require 30 to 40 seconds to get through the Lock.
- Boats that get stuck in the middle of the Lock need access to the box to switch it to manual. The Committee requested that the box remain unlocked for these situations.
- Mr. Rhodes suggested placing the speakers behind a panel to prevent vandalism. Mr. Barnes said this is a possibility.
- Ms. Musselman informed the Committee that the permit for cattail removal is awaiting approval from the Department of Environmental Protection. The ordinance will be updated by the County Attorney's Office once the permit is granted.
- The Committee was informed that all tax sale money that has been received was included in the budget.

**2007/08 Budget:**

- The budget was reviewed and reflects no increase to the assessment rate.
- The Committee inquired if the dry lots of Section 97 pay into this MSBU. Each condominium unit will pay one ERU.
- Marine markers are funded by the Marine Advisory Committee.
- Ms. Musselman will check into the cost of Santa Cruz.
- Mr. Brosmer stated that, once the cattails are removed, aquatic weed spraying needs to be added to the budget.
- The cost for opening the Lock for water infusion falls under Lock maintenance.
- Responsibility into the interceptor lagoon was discussed.
- The Committee received the Activity Reports for October, November, and December 2006.

**New Business:**

- County Administration has advised that there will be no assessment increases unless the Committee submits a request to the Board of County Commissioners.
- The Committee briefly discussed a location, permits, and money for the second Lock installation.
- Mr. Brosmer discussed replacing the boat traffic counter. He stated that the wires were cut and the keys taken away. Mr. Brosmer also mentioned having the capability to monitor water levels. Ms. Musselman will check into this.
- Mr. Brosmer submitted a request to have more markers in the channel.
- Mr. Brosmer made a motion to add "Minimum Wake" signs along the Zephyr and Butterfield Waterways. Mr. Jaax seconded the motion. The Committee voted three for and two against the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Brosmer submitted a map (attached) with the locations of the "Minimum Wake" signs.
- Mr. Redican met with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding clear cutting Section 94. He stated they are not going to widen the south access channel and discussed the possibility of installing a second Lock, parallel to the first. DEP stated that no seawalls are to be installed, which could be in violation of the consent order. Mr. Redican stated that the County has approved the permit to allow boat docks along the green belts, which is in violation of the consent order. The plans were to expand the intersector lagoon. Mr. Brosmer stated that DEP needs to be notified of the water level dropping 6" to 7".
- The Committee requested that Ms. Musselman advertise another meeting to allow them to discuss the budget prior to making a motion to approve.
- Per Mr. Rhodes, the County stopped communicating with the Committee when Lock construction began. He requested that the Committee be informed and involved.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Administration Building (Room B106) in Murdock,

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Service District Representative

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