

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY COMMITTEE**  
**April 16, 2007**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:** Mr. Brosmer, Mr. Redican, Mr. Jaxx, Mr. Bick, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Warner

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Review the Minutes from the January 22, 2007, MSBU Meeting:**

- Some corrections were noted and will be presented at the April 19 MSBU meeting.

**Review Agenda for the April 19, 2007 MSBU Meeting:**

- The agenda was unavailable. The Committee would like to review the agenda several days prior to the meeting date. Mr. Bick suggested that action items identified at previous MSBU meetings should be carried on subsequent agendas as "open" until resolved.

**Bring Committee Up-to-Date on Lock Project:**

- Mr. Brosmer reviewed all correspondence -- beginning with the letter dated March 20, 2007, from the sub-contractor to the general contractor -- and current emails. As stated in the March 20 letter, there is a proposal to install surveillance cameras at the Lock; however, the County has indicated it opposes that proposal. Mr. Warner made a motion to pursue this issue with the County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stinson and unanimously approved. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the April 19, 2007, MSBU meeting.

**DEP Permit for Cattail Removal in the Interceptor Lagoon:**

- After careful review, the area permitted does not address the main issue of cattails along the east side of the lagoon. The Committee believes these cattails impede drainage and, in one area, affect boating safety. The issue of cattails will be added to the agenda for the upcoming MSBU Meeting.

It was noted that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFMD) determined that cattails blocked water flow in another county and had them removed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Mr. Warner contact SWFMD.

**Water Level Management:**

- Mr. Stinson reported that the water level is at 34 inches below the top of the sea wall. Thirty-two inches is the trigger to open the lock. Favorable tides are late in the day, and sometimes after normal working hours, for the next ten days. The Committee recommends that overtime be allowed for County employees, as required, to take advantage of these tide periods.

The Committee expressed its concern about the quality of water in the South Gulf Cove waterways. It has been observed that ditches and swales have recently been, or are currently being constructed to drain surface water into the Butterford Waterway west of County Road 771. The need to move forward on an effective water quality testing program is evident. This will be another issue for discussion at the next MSBU meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

copy: SGCWW 4-16-07 - File 27020002 – 070411tm