

**SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 9, 2013 - Regular Meeting**  
**2:00 p.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Ron Bick, Joe Giraldi, Tom Ireland, and Richard Redican

**Absent:** Clarence Brosmer (excused) and Ralph Young (excused)

**County:** Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, Marty Simone, Ray Slade, and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

A roll call of members was taken to establish a quorum was present.

The membership was reviewed. Mr. Ireland and Mr. Redican were re-appointed. This is a full committee.

**Minutes:** The minutes from January 16, 2013 were unanimously approved as amended.

**Old Business:**

- Lock Status – Mr. Slade reported that the three lock openings scheduled to increase the water levels have unsuccessful due to the tides and winds. The locks must be opened when the wind is out of the south. The tide charts and winds will be monitored and another lock opening will be scheduled as soon as conditions are favorable. There was discussion regarding the regulation for two people to be present during the lock opening. There are committee members who would volunteer to be the second person but the second person must be a county employee.
- Lock Repairs – There was extensive discussion regarding the inconsistency of the locks working properly. A motion at the January 16, 2013 meeting authorized EHM to troubleshoot and fix the lock problems at a cost not to exceed \$5000. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up to see if the contactor was contacted in January. Mr. Bick made a motion to allocate an additional \$5000 to get a written recommendation from EHM on a solution to the problems. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ireland and passed with a vote of 3 in favor and 1 opposed. Mr. Redican or Mr. Brosmer would like to be present when EHN is onsite to inspect the system. If the EHN's recommendation is to replace the system or upgrade it, the committee will take it under advisement due to the long-standing and on-going difficulties with the system. Mr. Mopps suggested looking into a voice system that would instruct boaters verbally over a loud speaker, since most the problems appear to be caused by improper use of the system. It was also suggested that the boat storage facility distribute operating instructions.
- Mangrove and Vegetation Removal – This is complete.
- Depth Survey of the Channel –The RLI was submitted to the Purchasing Department. If the turn basin is included in the RLI, it could be done at the same time as the survey and will save money. The selected company will see that it is a man-made basin and will estimate accordingly. The selected firm should be known by the next meeting date.

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**New Business:**

- Activity Report – Distributed for review and questions.
- Budget – The draft budget for fiscal years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 was distributed for review and questions. Mr. Simone from the Finance Department was available to answer several questions presented by the members. Mr. Redican made a motion to raise the amount for Equipment Replacement Charges to \$1800, raise the amount for Sign and Marking Materials to \$150 and add the amount of \$1000 for Boat Dock Rehab/Replacement; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bick and passed unanimously.
- Actual Report – The committee questioned why the actual amount went down from the 5 Month Actual Report to the 6 Month Actual Report; Mr. Simone will research and report back to Ms. Nothdurft.
- There was discussion regarding Mr. Green from Weiler Engineering and who he is actually representing at the meetings he has been attending. His company was hired by Stock Development not Charlotte County. Weiler Engineering has met twice with DEP regarding a change to the Consent Order. The Committee agreed that if the Consent Order is changed, it would not be beneficial to the South Gulf Cove residents.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Submitted by:



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