

**Meeting Minutes**  
**WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 11, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m. – San Casa Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Stanley Plizga, and Scott Schermerhorn

**County:** Judith Nothdurft and Joanne Vernon

**Absent:** Granville Pennypacker (unexcused), and Laren Armstrong (excused)

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. with a roll call of members.

Minutes – Mr. Killion made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Plizga and passed unanimously.

Mr. Killion attended the South Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Advisory Committee meeting and invited the members to the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility meeting to participate in the discussion.

Unfinished Business

- Newgate Waterway Spoil Removal/Vegetative Removal – Jennings to David is a very bad section. Ms. Vernon will report back with the estimated cost when received and stated that she believes it will be expensive due to the complex access to the site. The Landfill will probably accept the spoil however testing may be required. This is a drainage problem but not a flooding problem. When Ms. Vernon gets the cost, the Committee can limit funding to \$500,000 at this point. She estimated the cost to be \$32,000 for design, permitting and bid specifications. Ms. Vernon will forward the schedule when received and forward the design to the Committee before October. There was discussion regarding when the project will start. Ms. Vernon doesn't want to do the project during the rainy season. The Committee agreed to get the cost and then decide how to proceed.
- Buck Creek Stormwater Structure Repair/Vegetation Removal – Mr. DeMello previously reported the repair work was completed. Ms. Vernon will follow-up with Mr. DeMello on the current status of the project. Vegetation removal has not been done. There was discussion regarding who is responsible for removing stop blocks as needed for storms. Ms. Vernon prefers M&O do it, however there needs to be a procedure put in place. This is one of the barrier sites for the Carp Project.
- Grass Carp – Mr. Plizga received a copy of a letter dated December 26, 2012 from Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The letter stated that the SWFWMD does not oppose to the stocking of triploid grass carp in the canals of Rotonda in accordance with the plans and information received. Ms. Nothdurft will check with Mr. Hunter regarding two additional documents that need signatures. There was discussion regarding aquatic maintenance and the best time to introduce the grass carp.
- There is a serious problem from five sewer pipes causing erosion. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Mr. DeMello and report back. She will also discuss Charlotte County Utility (CCU) involvement with Mr. Holbach regarding one of the drainage problems located on West Pine Valley due to a broken water main.
- Mr. Peszko reported a drainage problem with the ditch behind Long Meadow Road adjacent to the gulf course.

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- Dredging areas of main Rotonda River due to erosion was discussed.
- There was discussion regarding the ownership of the canal system. The Drainage system was quick claimed from the developer to the County.
- Greenbelt / Backyard Swale Discussion – the swales are deteriorating. Ms. Vernon conveyed she would have West Charlotte Stormwater Utility fund the needed work as long as there is funding available. The Advisory Committee thinks that the issue needs to be settled as to who is responsible; West Charlotte Stormwater Unit or the Street & Drainage MSBUs. The Committee would like a report from the legal department telling why the County stopped doing the maintenance on backyard swales, when this happened, and under whose authority. Ms. Vernon will research and review the original ordinance.
- Special Joint Meeting of West Charlotte Stormwater Unit Advisory Committee – based on the above, the topic of the meeting will be *Responsibilities & Ownership of the Stormwater Drainage System Within the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit*. The meeting is tentatively set for March 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Murdock. Mr. Killion will chair the meeting. The Committee would like to invite the entire West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee, the Chair/Vice Chair from each MSBU within the West County Stormwater Unit area, Public Works Director, Ms. Vernon, Commissioners Deutsch and Truex and a representative from the Legal Department. Documentation regarding the stoppage of the backyard swale maintenance should be brought along with maps of the area and the history of the drainage system. Ms. Vernon will prepare presentation materials.

### New Business

- Activity Report – Ms. Nothdurft distributed the report for review and questions.
- Grass Carp Project – There was a motion to budget \$60,000 for FY2013/14, the motion was seconded by Mr. Killion and it passed unanimously.
- Newgate System Fiscal year 2013/2014 – Ms. Vernon will work with Ms. Nothdurft to create a CIP for Newgate and Rotonda Dredging.
- Dredging portions of main Rotonda River and removal of spoil from past erosion was discussed.
- The apexes in Rotonda West at the intersection of the canals of each section and the main Rotonda River were discussed. There are 47 of these apex areas, which had erosion problems. The issue is being corrected by M & O installing riprap. Ms. Nothdurft will obtain the status of this project.
- Ms. Vernon suggested budgeting all funding so it is accessible.
- There was discussion regarding charges pertaining to the NPDES permit. Ms. Bliss does report and Ms. Vernon will have the report sent to Committee.
- There was discussion regarding the amount of time spent doing paperwork versus the amount of time in the field. Ms. Vernon stated 90% of SFWMD funds are spent in the field.

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- Election of Officers – Mr. Perkins nominated Mr. Killion to serve as the chair for the next year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Plizga and passed unanimously. Mr. Killion accepted the nomination. Mr. Killion nominated Mr. Perkins to serve as vice chair for the next year. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Schermerhorn and passed unanimously. Mr. Perkins accepted the nomination.

**Citizen Input:**

- Weiler Engineering will be attending the meetings.
- Ms. Slater asked that South Gulf Cove Waterway be included in the Special Joint meeting. Ms. Slater will attend as a member of the public.
- There was discussion regarding private owners being responsible for 25 feet out into a canal. Ms. Vernon stated the County is responsible for the channel. Staying away 25 feet protects docks.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Submitted by:



Judith Nothdurft  
Public Works Department

