

MEETING MINUTES
WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 11, 2015 – Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Henry Killion, Glynn Perkins, Scott Schermerhorn, and Lawrence Harrod

Absent: Stanley Plizga (excused) and Laren Armstrong (excused)

County: Karen Bliss, Tara Musselman, Judith Nothdurft, Mike Dallenbach, and Kelly Louttit

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call that determined a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes from January 20, 2015 were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit) None

Election of Chair and Vice:

- Mr. Schermerhorn nominated Mr. Perkins as interim Chair, seconded by Mr. Harrod. Mr. Perkins accepted the nomination.
- Mr. Schermerhorn nominated Mr. Killion as interim Vice-chair, seconded by Mr. Perkins. Mr. Killion accepted the nomination.
- Ms. Nothdurft reviewed the ordinance for election of officers and advised she has submitted Mr. Killion's term information to the attorney's office for review.
- Membership status reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

- Newgate Waterway Spoil Removal – Ms. Bliss said the turtles have been relocated; the project construction is 75% complete and 64% on time with an end date of April 22, 2015. The county received a refund from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for a portion of the turtle permit fees. The Earth Balance contract has been paid. The county has received the certification that the turtles were moved correctly. The final contract came in under budget at \$7990.00. The original contract was \$16,000.00. Mr. Killion asked if the county expects to meet the \$400,000 budget. Ms. Bliss stated it may go slightly over due to dredging. The survey was completed over a year ago and additional deposits have occurred. The as-built survey indicated 8000 cubic yards to be removed now it is estimated to be 8400 cubic yards of material.
- Oyster Creek – Ms. Bliss indicated the project is complete; stated Oyster Creek Homeowners are very pleased with the work. Mr. Killion asked about eradication of the Brazilian pepper trees. Ms. Bliss advised the trees would have to be sprayed and the application would kill the native trees. Mr. Perkins questioned pulling out the pepper trees. Ms. Bliss advised she will contact the consultant to get input on the issue.
- Grass Carp – Mr. Killion said Johnny Hunter called him when the Grass Carp were released. Mr. Killion stated he thought the Committee paid for 3000 fish but only received 1300. Mr. Killion stated 40% of the fish brought in were used in other areas of the county and were paid for out of the general revenues. Mr. Killion said he reviewed the purchasing website and it states the total cost was paid as one project. Ms. Nothdurft advised she spoke with Johnny Hunter and the county did not piggy back on another contract. Ms. Musselman clarified there was one purchase order and it will be charged to different account strings. Mr. Killion asked why the Grass Carp in West Charlotte were not paid for out of the general fund. Ms. Nothdurft advised she will review the matter. Jay Lyons questioned the amounts of Grass Carp and how the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) determined the amount of fish for each area. Ms. Nothdurft explained contract specifics and FWC determination of the rules. Jay Lyons expressed his concerns about fishing in the area and suggested signage be posted in the public areas on the canal system. Mr. Dallenbach contacted Mr. Ouimet in the sign shop for more details and conveyed that the Sign Shop does not have the signs. Mr. Dallenbach will contact Johnny Hunter regarding the signs. Jay Lyons will communicate with Mr. Dallenbach for placement locations. Mr. Schermerhorn motioned to purchase eight signs, seconded by Mr. Killion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Erosion Locations - Monitor/No Action at this time
 1. 899 & 902 Boundary Blvd. (Erosion around manhole)
 2. 193 West Pine Valley (Previous broken main)
 3. 790 Boundary Blvd. (Swale eroding)

- Mr. Killion said he would prefer to have Ray Slade attend every meeting and stated the information stream is being lost when Ray is not in attendance. Mr. Dallenbach will communicate with Mr. Elias on the matter.
- Coral Creek Restoration Project – Mr. Killion stated Ms. Bliss has provided the 60 percent drawings from Southwest Florida Water Management District. Mr. Perkins expressed his concern about water levels and wondered if the outflow is sufficient.
- Buck Creek (Monitor No Action at this time) – Jay Lyons advised Brazilian peppers have been cleared in Buck Creek and the mangroves have fallen into the water. He questioned if the West Charlotte Stormwater MSBU would pay for the trimming of the mangroves. Ms. Bliss said she had no answer on the matter. Mr. Lyons said if the mangroves are not trimmed, in the future the section of waterway from Boundary to Lemon Bay will not be navigable. Mr. Schermerhorn stated unless the canal becomes totally blocked or creates a drainage issue then nothing will happen. Mr. Lyons will provide the information to Ms. Bliss. Ms. Bliss will speak with Joanne Vernon for clarification.
- Future Projects for 2-Year Budgets FY 2016 & FY 2017 - Mr. Perkins will check with Joanne Vernon for future projects. Ms. Nothdurft reviewed MSBU assessment amounts. Mr. Perkins questioned if assessments should be raised. Mr. Dallenbach advised if there are no special projects, an increase would not occur. Discussion continued regarding drainage with new development.
- Partner with Rotonda West S&D for Future Projects - Mr. Schermerhorn will speak with Mr. Elias. Mr. Lyons said he is concerned over ownership of greenbelts. He recommends connecting the catch basins for proper drainage. Mr. Perkins stated the County maintained the greenbelts in 2005, but have since stopped. The homeowners associations is maintaining the areas, but are not taxed on the greenbelts. Jay Lyons questioned the functionality of the drain basins. Ms. Musselman advised once Public Works is given a legal opinion, then a determination can be made regarding ownership of greenbelts. Mr. Perkins stated he wants the greenbelt issue put on the Rotonda West Street and Drainage and West Charlotte Stormwater Utility agendas.

Advisory Committee members Open Discussion:

- Mr. Harrod expressed his concerns on the Butterford and SR771 project. He stated the silt fence needs to be repaired. Ms. Bliss will talk to the Project Manager, to bring the silt fence up to standards. Ms. Bliss also stated daily water quality testing has occurred and standards are being met. Mr. Dallenbach sent an email to the Project Manager. Mr. Harrod stated he wants periodic reports on project status on SR771.
- Lock and Basin in South Gulf Cove - Ms. Nothdurft advised still seeking permits. Mr. Perkins asked Ms. Nothdurft to keep committee informed.

New Business:

- Financial History / 3 Month Actual FY 2014/2015 – Ms. Nothdurft provided the year end financials for Committee review.
- Activity Report (1/16/15 – 2/28/15) – Ms. Nothdurft provided the Activity Report for Committee review. Mr. Killion stated all ditch works seems to be under ditch # 1289. He requested ditch numbers be included on Activity Reports for billing purposes to identify which ditch has had work. Mr. Dallenbach will look into this. Jay Lyons stated the labor costs seem inflated. Mr. Dallenbach clarified the costs have many factors involved. Ms. Nothdurft will get a breakdown of costs and supply it to the committee.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items Only (3 Minute Limit) None

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Building Construction Services Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Submitted by:

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