

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn

15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 @ 12:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Mike Mullins (Chairman), Doris Holzheimer (Vice Chairman), Dave Jensen (Treasurer), Harry Kaiser (Secretary), Rene Miville (Commissioner)

Administrative Consultants Present: Kathy Rooker (Consultant), Ruth Wilburn (Consultant)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Mullins called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Mullins performed the roll call, the results which are detailed above.

III. Approval of CEPD Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jensen made a motion that the February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 16, 2009 Emergency Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Special Reports

- a) Mr. Robert Neal of Lee County Division of Natural Resources gave a detailed report on the status of the Blind Pass project and made the following points.
 - Within the next month they will remove the bottom three layers of the channel. The deepest layer is unsuitable material. This material will be moved to cover the ground at the Sanibel Waste Water Plant.
 - The community can anticipate foul odors in the area very soon from the removal of the bottom channel layers.
 - An additional 160,000 cubic yards of sand will be removed from the channel and this will increase the cost of the project.
 - The Gulf dredge has moved off shore and the channel dredge will move out next Friday.
 - The anticipated completion date is July 15, 2009.

Following the Blind Pass update the following questions were asked.

Commissioner Miville asked how often they were depositing sand.

- o Neal responded at this time sand is being deposited two to three times per day.

Commissioner Kaiser asked how wide and how deep the completed channel will be.

- o Neal responded the completed channel will be 100 - 160 feet wide and 11 feet deep at the deepest level.

The public asked what the motor size restriction would be and would there be boat size restrictions.

- o Neal responded the Blind Pass area has no new restrictions and the Pole/troll zone off Wulfert channel will be a no wake no motor zone area for manatees in the 475 acre area and only trolling motors will be acceptable. This is out of the scope of Blind Pass.

Commissioner Holzheimer asked for a critical path with updated dates.

- o Neal responded at this time the quarterly report is late but weekly updates are being made, yet the new critical path has not been released.

Chairman Mullins invited Mr. Neal to come to the next meeting and do a slide show.

Chairman Mullins then asked Jane Brickley from the Captiva Current to do a story on the containment area at Blind Pass Beach to reassure the public it is not permanent.

- b) Mr. Tim Gardner of the Bayou Preservation Association gave a report on how the 2008 CEPD grant was spent and requested an additional grant of \$5,000 for 2009 water monitoring. Chairman Mullins asked the Bayou Preservation Association to get the Sanibel residents to help communicate with the City Of Sanibel to help the CEPD and Lee County on maintenance going forward, "We will all need help going forward".

V. Public to Be Heard

Jack Cunningham identified himself as a concerned citizen and a member of the Captiva Civic Association board. He stated he was at the meeting representing his own interests and the interest of the Captiva Civic Association. He had two questions.

-Were the meetings being recorded?

-When will he be able to get a copy of the contract with Partners in Progress?

In response, Chairman Mullins stated that the meeting was being recorded. Further he stated that the contract was not finished at this time and would not be available until the contract is finalized. Chairman Mullins asked Secretary Kaiser to help with the contract negotiation and Secretary Kaiser accepted. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the contract. Chairman Mullins formally ruled an end to this discussion.

Chairman Mullins called for any other public to be heard and no one responded.

VI. Financial Report

Treasurer Jensen presented the financial report. The Chairman stated at the next meeting the interest and principle of the assessments would be complete and presented. Treasurer Jensen stated that the Ad Valorem taxes collected to date were just under \$200,000. Consultant Rooker stated the audit would be completed soon. She further explained that the audit is being done early this year to get a clear picture of the financial status of the CEPD.

VII. Report of the Administrative Consultant

- a) Fred Johnson of Lee County Parks notified the CEPD that the Self Composting Restroom project is not likely to be constructed. The restrooms area is located too close to the Gulf. The environmental permitting would cost over \$100,000. The CEPD will request a change in scope for the \$60,000 grant and use it for a different project if approved. Commissioner Miville asked that documentation on the denial be retained and asked that consultants try to get a written explanation for the decision.
- b) The CEPD is conducting a loan analysis gathering information concerning re-financing the Fifth Third loan with Wachovia. After discussion it was recommended by Commissioner Miville that an RFP go out to local banks to see what percentage interest rates are available on re-financing this loan. He suggested calling the bank presidents and dealing directly with them to see which bank can offer the most attractive loan package. He offered to help with this project.
- c) Chairman Mullins and Consultants Gray and Rooker attended the FSBPA Conference on February 18, 2009. Ms. Rooker recommended everyone see the Beaches 101 presentation. A

meeting was also held with Debbie Flack and discussed Beach Watch. Ms. Flack reported that funding last year was \$30 million from doc stamps and this year it will be radically less. It was recommended to get funding now while it is available and to not wait to do a project because the funding is unlikely to be available in the future. The recommendations are that CEPD needs to be more savvy about getting money and more savvy about how they use it. Commissioner Holzheimer stated that these conferences are a very important part of our public relations and should be attended. She asked to have the date confirmed of the next conference.

- d) The beach tilling is complete and cost \$5,397
- e) The Open House is on Thursday March 12, 2009 at 5:00pm.
- f) The updated mid to long-term strategic plan done by Bob Gray is in the packet. Chairman Mullins and Commissioner Holzheimer would like to call a meeting with Bob Gray to work on these plans. Mr. Bob Gray can meet with the board on April 5 or April 6. Commissioner Holzheimer is not available these dates and requested an alternate date for the meeting. Consultant Rooker will set an alternate date with Mr. Gray.

VIII. Old Business

- a) Treasurer Jensen made a motion to approve the \$5,000 grant to the Bayou Preservation Association for continued water monitoring. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- b) Consultant Rooker presented the logo ideas Secretary Kaiser had produced. The logo will proceed with only minor changes. Chairman Mullins thanked Secretary Kaiser and his colleagues for the "pro bono" work on the Logo.
- c) The Emergency Plan and Comprehensive Plan will be worked on with Bob Gray during an arranged meeting.

IX. New Business

- a) Consultant Rooker presented the questions for the meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers. No additional questions added.
- b) The TDC grant is due on March 18th and discussion was opened to get ideas on projects.

X. Commissioner Comments

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm