

Minutes

Special Meeting
of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District
March 6, 2018 @ 10:00 am
11513 Andy Rosse Lane, Unit 4
Captiva, Florida

Commissioners Present: Dave Jensen, Chair; Mike Mullins, Vice-Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Bob Walter, Treasurer

Staff Present: Kathy Rooker, CEPD Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Administrative Assistant; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates, Robin Mixon, Hans Wilson and Associates

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

2. Roll Call

The Chair called the roll and the results are outlined above.

3. Public Comments

Ms. Rooker said she is not recommending any one person as her replacement. She shared with the Commissioners a note from Steve Boutelle of Lee County Natural Resources in which he said "I hope they can find someone to come in that will be able to continue the positive direction you have fostered and nurtured so diligently. We have come a long way from where you started. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you." Ms. Rooker said when she first arrived at CEPD, good relationships and respect from neighbors, municipalities, and our own County government did not exist. Hostility existed. That has changed dramatically, she said, and today CEPD has the respect and support of others. The CEPD Board needs to support in all ways possible the administrator so the Board can carry out the mission of the District and all compliance issues for projects and for government. She called upon each Commissioners to look within himself and cast aside personal agendas and mean spiritedness. These will only threaten funding, Captiva beaches and the District's credibility and very existence.

Commissioner Kaiser commented that CEPD had come a long way since when the first referendum failed. Since then there have been 4 successful projects; renourishment has worked. The Board, he said, has done a great job and citizens have complimented the Board. He hopes the progress made will continue

4. Board Approval of Administrator Candidate

Chairman Jensen recapped the circumstances that have led to this meeting. He concluded by saying the Board had not followed the rules in the vote on February 14 regarding approval of Brian Rooker as administrator. The vote required a majority of the board to approve the motion, not a majority of those present at the meeting. Mr. Wilson explained that after the meeting he consulted with CEPD's attorney to make sure the vote was passed properly and was told that it had been. Later in the week. Commissioner Mullins raised the issue of three commissioners needing to vote "yes" on a motion, and CEPD's attorney had to walk back her

decision. Commissioner Kaiser moved and Chairman Jensen seconded a motion to hire Brian Rooker as CEPD administrator. After discussion, the vote was called. Commissioners Kaiser and Jensen voted “yes;” Commissioners Mullins and Walter voted “no.” The motion was not approved.

Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Walter seconded a motion to bring in three additional candidates for in person or telephone interviews. After discussion, the vote was called. Commissioners Mullins, Walter, and Kaiser voted “yes;” Commissioner Jensen voted “no.” The motion passed.

Mr. Wilson asked for direction from the Commissioners on how they wanted him to proceed. He asked when did the Board want to conduct the interviews and is Mr. Rooker one of those to be interviewed? The Board decided to conduct the interviews at the March 14 Board Meeting. Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Jensen seconded a motion to include Mr. Rooker in these interviews. The vote was called. Commissioners Kaiser and Jensen voted “yes;” Commissioners Mullins and Walter voted “no.” The motion was not approved.

Ms. Rooker was asked to put the interviews on the March 14 agenda. Commissioners decided to make them the first item on the agenda after procedural matters. It was also decided that a telephone interview would be conducted for the one person who was not local, but the other two would be in person interviews if possible. Each interview would be limited to 20 minutes with 10 minutes for Board discussion.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.