

**Minutes
of the
Regular Meeting of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District**

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924
October 11, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M.

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

Commissioners Absent (excused): Dave Jensen, Rich Stegmann

Staff Present: Kathleen Rooker, Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Administrative Assistant; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates; Jack Alexander, Stroemer and Company

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Mike Mullins chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Jensen. He called the meeting to order at 1:00 P. M.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of September 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Walter seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 7, 2017 Tentative Budget Hearing, the September 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, and the September 21, 2017 Final Budget Hearing and to approve them as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

5. Financial Report

a) Budget Performance Ending September 30, 2017

Treasurer Walter presented the financial report. He said parking lot revenue was 34% greater than the previous year - \$302,000 compared to \$225,000. There were questions about the condition of the lot after Hurricane Irma. Commissioner Mullins said Sanibel has increase the hourly rate at its lots to \$5 per hour. He asked Mr. Bralove to provide information on parking fees at Hagerup for the next meeting.

6. Old Business

a) Redfish Pass Update

Ms. Rooker reported Hurricane Irma had put the Technical Advisory Committee meetings behind schedule. She anticipates that one will be held on November 3, this is probably the last meeting of this group, and a report will be issued soon.

b) Post Storm Survey Schedule

Ms. Rooker said surveyors arrived yesterday and would begin work today. The completed survey will be compared to the one done in May to accurately determine the damage done

by Hurricane Irma. She also said she will be speaking at the TDC meeting tomorrow concerning CEPD's request for emergency funds for the survey which if approved, will cover 50% of the cost of the survey.

7. New Business

a) Post Hurricane Irma FEMA Project Damage Assessment (Draft)

Ms. Rooker reviewed the "FEMA PDA Summary for Captiva Island" that was contained in the agenda materials. The report was submitted to FEMA this past Friday by Marty Durkin of the US Army Corps of Engineers. She summarized the report saying there was overtopping of the dunes and loss of elevation. She said estimates are that 100,000 cubic yards of sand were lost and the cost to replace it would be \$9.7 million based what CEPD paid for sand in the last renourishment, of which \$6.7 million is for mobilization of equipment. She emphasized that this report was based on visual observation only. The survey report stemming from the work that started today will document the damage and aid the CEPD Board of Commissioners in determining next steps.

Commissioner Mullins mentioned CEPD has emergency plans in place which would allow CEPD to spend up to \$15 million for an emergency renourishment. Using funds for this purpose would require an assessment of Captiva property owners. Ms. Rooker said CEPD could wait until the next scheduled renourishment if it chose to without losing emergency funds that might be forthcoming from FEMA.

b) FEMA Beach Eligibility

Ms. Rooker called Commissioners' attention to Page 18 and 19 of the Agenda Materials containing "FEMA Public Assistance Program-Beach Eligibility Tips" as well as information from FEMA about the amount of sand eligible for replacement.

c) Approval of "Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding"

Ms. Rooker explained this \$26,280 TDC funding is for expenses at Hagerup Beach Park such as maintenance of the lot and porta-johns. Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Mullins seconded a motion to approve this agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Administrator Report

a) October 12, 2017 TDC Meeting Re: CEPD Emergency Funding Request

Ms. Rooker said she is on the agenda to request funding of up to 50% of the cost for the post hurricane Irma survey as discussed in Agenda Item 6b. The cost of the survey is \$50,000 and she is requesting \$25,000 from the TDC.

b) Economist Update

Ms. Rooker said CEPD has received 3 responses to the Request for Qualifications it sent out on August 11. All three organizations responding were qualified. Those responses were sent to the Commissioners on October 3 for their review. An RFP is being prepared and will be sent out November 6. Responses to the RFP are due December 1. They will be sent to Commissioners December 4, and Commissioners will recommend an economist at its December 13 Regular Board Meeting. She added this decision date is important since the survey work must be done in the winter.

c) Beach Status Photos

Ms. Rooker said visual examination and photos suggest there has been some recovery since Irma hit. The survey underway now will provide hard data about what has been lost and where.

d) Project Planning Timeline

Ms. Rooker pointed out the changes and emphasized the timeline will change again once the survey is completed and the economist is selected. It will continue to be updated as changes and additions occur.

9. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Walter said at the Panel meeting yesterday there was mention of excessive use of tents on the beach and music. Commissioner Mullins said there is nothing that can be done as long as equipment is removed at night and it does not interfere with turtle nesting. Ms. Rooker commented that CEPD does not have the authority to remove equipment. Commissioner Mullins said controlling noise on the beach is not within CEPD's purview; it is an issue for the police.

Commissioner Walter said during the dredging of Blind Pass, closing one side of the walkway on the bridge to fisherman was brilliant. He asked whether CEPD has authority over this or could request one side be closed to fisherman. Commissioner Mullins said the Community Panel could make this request but it is not a CEPD issue.

Commissioner Kaiser asked about whether there was discussion at the Panel meeting about unleashed dogs on the beach. Commissioner Mullins said the issue had been discussed at previous Panel meetings and it is against the law to have unleashed dogs on the beach. However, violations are an issue for the Sheriff. Ms. Rooker explained the regulations in Lee County for dogs that were recently discussed at the Lee County Parks and Recreations Advisory Committee.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Mullins adjourned the meeting at 1:52.