

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District
Tween Waters Inn, Ding Darling Room
15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924
September 8, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mike Mullins (Chairman); Dave Jensen (Treasurer)

Via Teleconference: Doris Holzheimer (Vice Chair)

Commissioners Absent: Rene Miville (Commissioner), Harry Kaiser (Secretary)

Consultants Present: Dr. William Stronge (Economist); Chris Day, C.P. &E; Kathleen Rooker (CEPD Senior Administrative Consultant); John Bralove (CEPD Administrative Consultant).

I. Call to Order

Chair Mullins called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called and the results are detailed above. In view of a lack of a quorum due to the scheduled absence of Mr. Kaiser and the emergency absence of Mr. Miville, Chairman Mullins ruled that the meeting would continue but no votes would be taken.

III. Public to be Heard

Ms. Rooker read a letter from Jim Boyle, Captiva property owner, 14790 Captiva Drive, at his request both for the record and for discussion by the Commissioners at this meeting. Mr. Boyle was unable to attend today's meeting because of scheduled surgery. His letter raised objections to his current apportionment formula. Ms. Rooker also read additional comments sent in a second letter. Ms Rooker said that she had forwarded all this information to Dr. Stronge and he will address those concerns in his report.

Mr. Mullins said that he had talked to Dr. Stronge and that Dr. Stronge stated that adjustments could be made for a "disbenefited" property that abuts public access areas.

There were no other comments from the public. Mr. Mullins then proposed to reorder the agenda in order to accommodate Lee County Department of Transportation staff that is attending this meeting. There was no objection.

IV. Old Business

(a) Lee County DOT Plans for Retention Ponds at Blind Pass/Turner Beach

Ms. Rooker introduced Clay Simmons of the Lee County Department of Transportation, Operations Division, who discussed a maintenance operation requested by South Florida Water Management District on an existing retention area adjacent to the Turner Beach/Blind Pass parking area. Commissioners asked questions regarding structures, safety, whether the area would foster mosquito breeding, missing drains, and guard rails. Commissioners agreed that their concerns had been answered. Lee County DOT staff said that the project would start as soon as possible. Mr. Mullins thanked the DOT staff for coming.

(b) Blind Pass Monitoring and Survey Plans and Fee Schedules

Ms. Rooker reported that Robert Neal would not be making his report today. It will be rescheduled.

V. Financial Report

Financial data was presented in the Board of Commissioners packets. There was discussion of the Capital Budget. Mr. Mullins discussed possible negative cash flow if the November 2 referendum does not pass. He mentioned that CEPD is required to keep reserves sufficient enough to enable the District to initiate the next project pending the approval of a referendum according to CEPD's Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Mullins requested that grant revenue income and the expenses that offset them be listed as separate line items.

There were no questions from the Commissioners. Mr. Mullins said that there would be further discussion of the finances at the end of the meeting but wished to move to the next agenda item so that Dr. Stronge could begin his presentation.

VI. New Business

a) Benefit Analysis and Apportionment Plan

William Stronge presented his report with additional comments from Chris Day. A copy of the report was contained in the Board packets. Dr. Stronge and Mr. Day went through the various tables and answered questions. After discussion of the report, Board members listed 6 items that they would like Dr. Stronge to review and possibly adjust:

- phasing – eliminating it
- disproportional storm protection in the 'Tween Waters area
- disruption to properties adjacent to public areas
- apportionment related to shared or common elements
- single family houses that are being rented
- single family rates for homesteaded multi-family properties

Other discussion involved:

- Ms. Holzheimer emphasized that nourishment includes adding sand that is not visible, under water. It protects the visible beach.
- Agreement that data in the letters that go out to homeowners contain a high and low number for tentative assessments.
- Next steps in sending letters to homeowners
- Why CEPD pays for nourishment for South Seas Resort

- Meeting with Lee County to reach agreement on a formula for their cost share.

b) Lee County Parks and Recreation Dept. Request for Commissioner Comment

Part of the discussion of this item involved why CEPD is involved in the issue brought to CEPD regarding possibly illegal use by commercial businesses of public beaches. Mr. Mullins explained that Barbara Manzo of Parks and Recreation wants CEPD input and is recognizing the District's authority on Captiva. There are issues of safety, vendors illegally using public property, and licensing. Mr. Mullins agreed to talk with one of the offending vendors and Commissioners agreed to communicate continuing interest to Ms. Manzo in the possibility of licensing for concessions.

c) Boyle Property Proposal

Barbara Manzo, Lee County Parks and Recreation, has inquired as to whether CEPD is interested in a joint venture to acquire this property for the purposes of conservation, expanding the parking area, use of the existing house for office space, and use of the bathroom facilities for beach-goers at the Hagerup Beach. Ms. Rooker was asked to get more information from Mr. Boyle and the idea will be brought back to the commissioners.

d) Communication Activities Schedule Version 6-2 and Targets

The proposed communications activities schedule was discussed and staff will propose assignments for the commissioners.

VII. Report of the Senior Administrative Consultant

a) October Regular Board Meeting Date

Ms. Rooker reported that CEPD's attorney has said that the apportionment meeting held in October must be part of the regular Board meeting. The Regular Board meeting will be on October 20 and apportionment will be part of this meeting. The Town Hall meeting will be on October 19.

b) Partners in Progress SOP Status Report

Ms. Rooker mentioned that this report was in the Board's materials and offered a brief summary. Mr. Mullins asked that the total amount of money spent on this project be reported at the next meeting. There was some discussion of PIP's contract in general. Mr. Mullins stated that Bob Gray may come down after the referendum to talk to the Commissioners and answer their questions regarding the contract

c) County Manger Karen Hawes and Commissioner John Manning Meeting

Ms. Rooker reported that she has been assured that a meeting will be forthcoming although the date has not been set.

d) Vote Yard Sign Example

The topic of wording and location of signs urging voters to both register and vote on the referendum was discussed and wording for the signs was determined.

VIII. Commissioners Comments

Mr. Jensen commented that he did not have anything more to report about the finances. Mr. Mullins continued the discussion about the tentative apportionment and the some of the inconsistencies and lack of equity contained in Dr. Stronge's report.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.