

Minutes of the Briefing Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

11513 Andy Rosse Lane, Unit 4, Captiva, Florida
February 9, 2012 @ 1PM

Commissioners Present: Jim Boyle, Chairman; Doris Holzheimer, Vice Chair; Dave Jensen, Treasurer

Consultant Present: Kathleen Rooker

1. Call To Order

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:04PM

2. Roll Call

The roll was called and the results are detailed above.

3. Blind Pass Update

Kathy Rooker provided an update to Commissioners on the status of Blind Pass from information she received at a Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting from Robert Neal of the Lee County Division of Natural Resources. Robert has requested a change order that would enable the dredge from the Fort Myers Beach project to provide dredging services at Blind Pass. This would reduce the mobilization costs. The Lee County Board of Commissioners will meet in early March to consider if the work needs to be done and if so the funding for the project. If the project does move forward, work could begin one week after Easter. The work would take 3-5 months and be complete no later than November.

4. Update on Interlocal Agreement Progress

Blind Pass

Chairman Boyle described his February 1st meeting with Steve Boutelle which was also attended by Kathy Rooker. During that meeting, Chairman Boyle commented to Steve Boutelle that he thought Lee County was concerned that placing sand on the north end of Sanibel would worsen the infilling of Blind Pass. Steve Boutelle agreed there was that concern.

During the February 1st meeting, Chairman Boyle provided Steve Boutelle a document of discussion points that may provide a solution to the concern. The document was for discussion purposes only and was shared with CEPD Commissioners as part of their briefing meeting packet. Included in the discussion points was a proposal for CEPD to contribute 33% of the cost of the next maintenance dredging of Blind Pass (after DEP contribution) if Lee County would take over the responsibility for the placement of mitigative sand on north Sanibel per the 2000 Interlocal Agreement. A new agreement between Sanibel, Lee County and CEPD would allow sand to be placed on Bowman's Beach, away from Blind Pass. In doing so, all obligations to north Sanibel should be considered complete.

Steve Boutelle reacted favorably to the discussion points. He commented that Lee County and the CEPD should not be obligated to Sanibel after the agreement expires in 2015. Steve agreed to follow up with Lee County and the City of Sanibel concerning the points proposed by the CEPD.

Chairman Boyle continued with a report on his recent meeting with Commission Manning. At that meeting, the Blind Pass discussion points were also shared. Commissioner Manning was attentive, took notes and was appreciative of the proposal. He will meet with his staff.

Captiva Interlocal Agreement

Commissioners discussed three terms of the proposed interlocal agreement between Lee County and CEPD for the nourishment of Captiva that CEPD could not accept. Since Steve Boutelle reported on Feb. 1 that these were policy issues he could not deal with, Chairman Boyle brought them to the attention of Commissioner Manning. The cancelation clause, the outdated cost sharing formula, and a reimbursement clause were unacceptable to CEPD. For cash flow purposes, CEPD would need the county share up front. CEPD would not wish to enter into a \$20 million contract with the possibility that the County could cancel their obligation. Finally, the outdated cost sharing formula did not take into account the bed tax revenues that Captiva provides to Lee County. Jim Boyle suggested a cost sharing formula with a 50/50 split or something similar that appreciates the contribution that Captiva makes to the Lee County revenue stream.

5. Draft of Winter Newsletter

A draft of the winter newsletter was distributed and explained. Commissioners liked the newsletter.

6. Legislative Update

Kathy Rooker updated Commissioners on the State Legislative Regular Session which was at the midway mark. The Senate Sub Committee on Appropriations included the Captiva Project in their funding. It was also included in the House Budget. Senator Richter and Representative Aubuchon were helpful in getting Captiva's project into the budget. Debbie Flack is increasingly confident the Captiva project will be funded.

7. Annual Audit of Financial Statements

The draft of the MDA and audited financial statements are available for Commissioners to review. Kathy Rooker will send an electronic copy to all Commissioners.

8. Accounting Fees

Commissioners read a letter from CEPD accountant JoAnn Paul-Young requesting an increase in hourly fees. There had been no increase in fees for two years. Commissioners were pleased with the work performed by Ms. Paul-Young. Commissioners asked Kathy Rooker to verify that the budget would not be negatively impacted by an increase and to report back at the next briefing meeting.

9. Commissioner Comments

Chairman Boyle shared a letter that had been prepared thanking Commissioner Judah and Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham for their work on behalf of water quality. Commissioners commented that the letter was well written and should be sent.

Commissioner Jensen discussed a water quality meeting he recently attended with Lee County officials and Paul McCarthy concerning erosion at the east end of Andy Rosse Lane.

Commissioner Holzheimer commented that her Google Docs is temporarily out of order.

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm

