

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924

November 13, 2013 @1:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Jim Boyle, Chairman; Doris Holzheimer, Vice Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Mike Mullins, Commissioner. **Absent (excused):** Dave Jensen, Treasurer

Staff Present: Kathleen Rooker, CEPD Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Assistant to the Administrator; Robin Mixon, Hans Wilson and Associates

Stroemer & Co. Staff Present: Jack Alexander

CP&E Staff Present: Nicole Sharp, Steve Keehn

1. Call to Order

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M

2. Roll Call

The roll was called and the results are outlined above.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Holzheimer seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as written from the October 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

4. Public to be Heard

None

5. Financial Report

In Treasurer's Jensen's absence, Ms. Rooker presented the Financial Report. She introduced Jack Alexander of Stroemer and Company. Stroemer is now doing CEPD's bookkeeping and generating the financials. Ms. Rooker said that the first round of check-writing had gone well.

Regarding the General Budget, Ms. Rooker said no ad valorem taxes had been collected since tax bills had just gone out and she did not foresee income appearing on the books until December. She pointed out in the detail report under Cost of Collections that CEPD had received a refund from the tax collector's commissions for 2012. Commissioner Mullins asked about the roles of the tax collector and the property appraiser offices and whether they operated in the same "revenue neutral" manner. Ms. Rooker explained when CEPD paid these two departments and responded that they both were revenue neutral.

Commissioner Mullins asked about the cost of lobbying and whether CEPD was still budgeting for a \$1,500 per month retainer and for FSBPA. Ms. Rooker said they were both in this year's Capital Budget under Professional Fees and the amount for FSBPA was \$5,500 for this year.

6. Old Business

a) Renourishment Project Update

Chairman Boyle called upon Nicole Sharp of Coastal Planning & Engineering for an update on the project. Ms. Sharp reported the sand looks great and the project was going along smoothly. She said today Great Lakes was at R-101 + 400 feet south, 560,000 cubic yards had been pumped so far, 68% of Captiva had already received sand, and the estimated completion date for Captiva was November 23 plus or minus 2 days. She further explained that this meant that by November 23, all the sand will have been placed on Captiva. Pipe removal might be another 7 days at the south end, perhaps less. 99% of the pipe running from the curve to Redfish Pass will have been removed by Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Mullins asked whether CEPD can specify from what direction the pipe is removed. Ms. Rooker responded that when the breaking down of the pipe begins, Great Lakes will start from the elbow. Commissioner Mullins said he might be bringing in a Bobcat to spruce up the beach around the pipeline in front of one of his properties. Chairman Boyle asked that CP&E assist in coordinating this with Great Lakes. Commissioners Mullins added his guests might paint the pipe as part of a fun activity and Ms. Sharp said she would need to clear this with Great Lakes. Commissioner Mullins suggested a sand walkover as wide as the property could be built. Chairman Boyle asked Commissioner Mullins which he would prefer and Commissioner Mullins said the sand ramp. Chairman Boyle said CEPD could take care of this and asked CP&E to contact GLDD to make the necessary arrangements.

Ms. Sharp passed out aerial photographs of the project's progress. Ms. Rooker thanked Justin McBride and Steve Boutelle of the Lee County Division of Natural Resources for providing the photos.

b) Dune Vegetation and Rope Fence Proposals

Ms. Sharp passed out a summary spreadsheet of the 3 bids CEPD received. She said one bid, Earth Balance, was judged to be non-responsive because they failed to attach required materials. Aquatic Plants' bid was \$77,745 plus \$26,250 for extra plants. Environmental Consultants' bid was \$406,518 plus \$150,000 for extra plants. Ms. Sharp said Aquatic Plants would use gel packs, did the CEPD project in 2005-06, and CP&E had worked with them in 2009-10 in doing 18 miles of shoreline in Panama City. Ms. Sharp said 3 newly restored dunes will be planted right away to protect them this winter. The contractor will come back and do 2 other areas and at that time replace any dead plants. Commissioner Kaiser asked how much of the dunes will be planted and Mr. Keehn said that where planting is designated, the dune width of 10 feet will be planted. In areas of new dunes, it will perhaps be 20 to 30 feet.

Mr. Keehn said the Aquatic Plants bid was \$50,000 to \$60,000 less than what was expected. At this price, CEPD might decide to do more planting. Mr. Keehn said Aquatic Plants had many of the plants already in stock. Commissioner Mullins asked about a vegetation buffer that a survey of one of his properties shows. Mr. Keehn responded there is no formal or official buffer although surveyors will show vegetation when it is present.

Chairman Boyle asked for a motion. Commissioner Kaiser moved and Chairman Boyle second a motion to approve Aquatic Plants' proposal for \$104,000. There was discussion as to whether CEPD should increase the number of plants by 25%. Both the mover and the seconder of the motion withdrew their motion. Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Mullins seconded a motion to approve Aquatic Plants' proposal for \$131,250. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Resolution 2013-18

Chairman Boyle asked Ms. Rooker to read aloud Resolution 2013-18 authorizing the expenditure of \$131,250 for Dune Vegetation and Rope Fence for the 2013 Shore Protection Project. Commissioner Mullins offered the Resolution and Commissioner Kaiser seconded it. Resolution 2013-18 was approved unanimously.

d) Approval of 2014 CEPD Board Calendar

Ms. Rooker explained the calendar reflects Board discussion from the October meeting at which time it was decided to move the February meeting to February 11. Chairman Boyle said it could be moved back to the regular date, the 2nd Wednesday (February 12), if the Board desires. He added that the proposed meeting dates included Briefing Meetings on all Thursdays, except where noted, but not on Thursdays following a Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to approve the calendar as presented with the one change back to February 12. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

a) Acceptance of Tourist Development Council Grant for Hagerup Beach Park Maintenance

Ms. Rooker explained the Tourist Development Council had sent the Agreement/Grant for Board approval. Upon approval, it will go back the Lee County Board of Commissioners for final authorization. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commission Kaiser seconded a motion to approve the Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Administrator Report

a) FEMA Update

Ms. Rooker reported CEPD had applied for emergency funding a year ago but the funding still has not been obligated. She added the application had been at the Federal level since June. Various contacts had been made both by CEPD and CEPD's lobbyist, Greg Burns, and through Congressman Radel's office. CEPD had just recently learned that the application is now under active review and the District should hear something in two weeks.

Ms. Rooker reported CEPD had just received notice from the Florida Department of Revenue that all documents submitted related to TRIM had been accepted.

9. Public to be Heard

Nathalie Pyle complimented the Commissioners and Staff on the speed and the efficiency of the project. There was discussion on why it was going so well. When asked about the borrow site, Mr. Keehn said after the project is completed, there will still be about 3.6 million cubic feet of sand remaining. Commissioner Mullins talked about the noise from the last project when it was out in front of his home. CP&E will talk to Great Lakes to see what can be done to reduce the noise this time. Nathalie Pyle mentioned pipe being moved in front of the Mucky Duck on an afternoon around sunset and suggested that it might not be a good idea to move pipe during crowded times.

Chairman Boyle said CEPD will talk to Great Lakes and mentioned that the intent from the beginning was to keep open as much beach as possible for the beachgoers.

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mullins wondered whether it was necessary to continue to pay Van Scoyoc when CEPD still paid FSBPA and did not have another project coming up. Commission Boyle said there was still activity within the ACOE regarding an Action After Review Committee and Mr. Burns was still involved in that. He said CEPD has not reached the point to terminate Mr. Burns' services. He added that Debbie Flack of FSBPA is not licensed to lobby in Washington. Commissioner Mullins asked about Congressman Radel's assistance and Chairman Boyle said Congressman Radel had been very responsive. Commissioner Kaiser expressed great pleasure with how the project was going.

Adjourn

There being no other business, Chairman Boyle adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M.