

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924
February 10, 2016 @ 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Dave Jensen, Chairman; Mike Mullins, Vice Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Robert Walter, Treasurer; Richard Stegmann, Commissioner (Conference call 1:00-2:19)

Staff Present: Kathy Rooker, CEPD Administrator; Amanda Colon, CEPD Assistant to the Administrator; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates; Jack Alexander, Stroemer & Company PA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jensen 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 the December 2015 Meeting Minutes

Secretary Kaiser made a motion to dispense with the reading of the January 13, 2016 meeting minutes and accept them as received. Vice Chair Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Public to be Heard

Hans Wilson stated that he attended the FSBPA's technical conference and it was a very good presentation.

5. Financial Report

a) Budget Performance Ending January 31, 2016.

Treasurer Walter reviewed the financial report.

6. Old Business

a) Redfish Pass Study

Chairman Jensen reported that the field work has been wrapped up. Chairman Jensen asked Ms. Rooker if she knew the approximate date of completion. Ms. Rooker replied and said completion should be in October. Ms. Rooker stated that they are trying to coordinate the Redfish Pass Study with the Blind Pass Study. The gauges were out for over a month and they were able to retrieve them. Right now they are processing all of this data. All of the calibrations and modeling have been set up.

b) Blind Pass Study

Ms. Rooker stated the tide gauges were retrieved on January 13th. At the Coastal Advisory Council Meeting (CAC) Steve Boutelle gave an update on the study. All of the field work went well and the data they retrieved from the gauges is looking solid. The next event is a Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Following that will be one or two community stake holders meetings with

Sanibel and Captiva. Secretary Kaiser asked Ms. Rooker when they would be having these meetings. Ms. Rooker stated that the meetings should be before April.

Commissioner Mullins asked if there is a new interlocal agreement with Sanibel. Ms. Rooker stated that CEPD will need the results from the study before a new agreement is negotiated.

7. New Business

a) Response to Fish Kills

Ms. Rooker stated that Captiva has not had any fish killed by the red tide. She spoke to Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC), Lee county Natural Resources & Parks & Rec. about cleaning up a fish kill. FWC will give some direction on fish kills should one be reported. Secretary Kaiser asked what would be done about the cleanup. Ms. Rooker stated that there are no rules regarding clean up. Anyone can pick up a fish and throw it in the garbage. If it's a large fish kill, the fish can be buried as well. Vice Chair Mullins made a motion to establish a viable procedure for Lee County to help with a fish kill. Seconded by Secretary Kaiser. The motion carried unanimously.

8) Administrator Report

a) FEMA Update

Ms. Rooker referred the Board to a letter from the Atlanta office of FEMA. FEMA has looked at CEPD's project worksheet and it's been approved for their environmental review. FEMA has the Federal as well as the State biological opinion. At this time FEMA officials will review the project worksheet and make a determination.

Secretary Kaiser was curious as to how much money CEPD requested from FEMA. Ms. Rooker replied and said \$1.8 million was requested. If CEPD is not satisfied with FEMA's decision, CEPD has the right to appeal that decision.

b) Coastal Advisory Council Meeting of 2/8/16

Ms. Rooker stated that she went to the CAC meeting on Monday. Ms. Rooker gave the Commissioners the agenda and future meeting dates.

Ms. Rooker stated that Steve Boutelle had a lot to share. He spoke about the Blind Pass Study and said the maintenance is going to occur on Blind Pass by the end of 2016. Lee County has applied to the state for state money for Pass maintenance and the inlet management plan.

After seeing recent areal views of the beaches presented by Steve Boutelle, Ms. Rooker could see how well the beaches that have been nourished are holding up following several significant weather events in January. Ms. Rooker asked Steve Boutelle and Natural Recourses staff if they would present that information to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners (LCBOCC) to demonstrate to County Commissioners how the beaches protect infrastructure and homes.

Chairman Jensen asked Ms. Rooker to briefly remind the Board members of what CEPD is expecting from the Tourist Development Council (TDC). Ms. Rooker reported that CEPD's grant request is due on February 25, 2016. The grant is to help maintain the Hagerup beach access.

Vice Chair Mullins commented on the cost share with Lee County. He would like to see if CEPD is entitled to more funding from the County.

c) William Stronge, Ph.D. Presentation of 3/9/16

Ms. Rooker wanted to remind the Board of the presentation on 3-9-16 from Dr. William Stronge. He will explain the methodology for apportionment and assessments. Ms. Rooker stated this would be a good presentation for Captiva's new Commissioners.

d) Debbie Flack – FSBPA Report

Ms. Rooker referred the Board to Debbie Flack's report. The State is currently working on the budget. Ms. Rooker stated the problem with the state budget is that there is no dedicated funding source for beaches in the State of Florida. In the past, doc stamps from real estate sales were dedicated to beach funding. Upon the implementation of Amendment 1 this was no longer the case. We are now in the second year of Amendment 1 and without reoccurring funding for beaches. Every environmental group in the State of Florida is competing for Amendment 1 trust funds. It has become very competitive.

Ms. Rooker is hoping the FSBPA lobbyist in Tallahassee can make the State understand that our beaches do need more funding and it needs to be dedicated reoccurring funding. In addition to the reoccurring money, beaches will require non-reoccurring general revenue funds, which means the State will take from its own general revenue to supplement beaches.

e) Army Corps

Ms. Rooker has been in touch with Jackie Kaiser with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). Ms. Rooker has asked if she or another representative from the Corps could come to one of CEPD's meetings to talk about Federal participation. Ms. Rooker asked Ms. Kaiser to present an example of a proper easement and also the calculations of the cost share the Federal Government will provide if CEPD can show these easements.

Ms. Rooker has given Jackie Kaiser CEPD's Board meeting dates. Ms. Kaiser stated they are pleased to come and will let Ms. Rooker know which meeting date they can attend.

f) Welcome to Captiva Sign

Ms. Rooker reported that CEPD's maintenance man will clean the sign once every month. Commissioners reported that the sign looked clean.

9) Public to be Heard

Nick Brooks asked a question about the Caloosahatchee releases.

10) Commissioner Comments

No comments

Adjourn

There being no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 P.M.