

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

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

June 15, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Dave Jensen, Chair; Mike Mullins, Vice Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary. By telephone: Rich Stegmann, Commissioner.

Absent (excused): Bob Walter, Treasurer.

Staff Present: Kathy Rooker, CEPD Administrator; John Bralove, Assistant to the Administrator; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates; Jack Alexander, Stroemer & Company.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jensen 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 May 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Mullins seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting and approve them as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public to be Heard

James Evans, Director of Natural Resources for the City of Sanibel, distributed a white paper entitled *Caloosahatchee Watershed Regional Water Management Issues: Short- and Long-term Solutions for Storage and Treatment* dated June 1, 2016. Mr. Evans said the Army Corps has increased flows from Lake Okeechobee and this will be an ongoing issue. Commissioner Mullins urged CEPD to support the report by writing a letter of endorsement after the Commissioners had a chance to read it. The Chair asked if there is a time issue since CEPD probably will not meet in July. Mr. Evans replied that there was not. The consensus was to wait until the August meeting. Commissioners commended Mr. Evans for his work on this report.

5. Financial Report

a) Budget Performance Ending May 31 2016

In the absence of Treasurer Walter, CEPD accountant, Jack Alexander of Stroemer & Company, presented the financial report. Regarding the General Fund, Mr. Alexander reported that tax receipts are starting to dribble down. Total revenue for the month was \$5,100 and expenses were \$21,000 for a net loss of \$15,900. Regarding the Capital Project Fund, revenues were \$49,000 and expenses were \$54,000 for a net loss of \$5,000. Everything else, he said, is in pretty good standing.

6. Old Business

a) Blind Pass Update

Ms. Rooker reported that the Technical Advisory Committee met online on May 26 to receive an update from the engineers on progress and viewed a PowerPoint presentation, parts of which are contained in the Agenda Materials. She said models will be run on the various alternatives identified. The next stakeholder meeting will be in the late summer but no specific date has been set. At this meeting, the alternatives will be presented for discussion. In response to a question as to whether the next meeting could be later in the year so that more residents would be able to attend, Ms. Rooker said this might delay matters since public input would be later. Ms. Rooker mentioned this meeting might take the form of a webinar so that more people could participate. The best distribution alternatives, she said, are being discussed. James Evans added that the area inside Sunset Bay and the flushing of it is also being reviewed as a result of the input received at the first meeting.

b) Redfish Pass Update

Ms. Rooker reported Michelle Pfeiffer of CB&I prepared the report on Page 15 and 16. Ms. Rooker said the report only deals with Phase I of the study – collecting data, analyzing it, running models, and preparing a report. After the completion of Phase I, the Commissioners will receive a report that Ms. Rooker estimates will be delivered at the end of the summer. Phase II involves seismic surveys, core drilling, and borrow area design. She estimates Commissioners will receive a report for this Phase around January 1, 2017. Phase III involves approaching the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers about a possible permit modification. Due to the involvement of these entities, it could be as late as October 1, 2017 before a modification is granted if CEPD chooses to go this route.

7. New Business

a) Hans Wilson & Associates Contract Renewal

The Chair called upon Hans Wilson to discuss this agenda item. Mr. Wilson said CEPD is at the end of the 3rd year of a 3-year contract with Hans Wilson and Associates. The contract allows for an automatic one year renewal and he is proposing to exercise this option with no change in the contract terms or amount. After discussion, Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to agree to extend the Renewal Term for one year with no changes. The motion passed unanimously.

b) FY 16/17 Proposed Budget and Millage Rate

Ms. Rooker referred Commissioners to the Lee County Tax Appraiser's letter of June 1, 2016 that estimated the taxable value of non-exempt property on Captiva at \$1,310,694,000. She said this is an increase of less than ½% over the previous year. She discussed in detail the spreadsheet comparing the 2015/16 current budget to a proposed 2016/17 budget. When CEPD receives the actual value of Captiva property on July 1, the numbers can be reviewed and a millage rate established.

Chairman Jensen asked when CEPD's lease for office space expires. Ms. Rooker replied that it is December 1 of this year and she has already asked for terms from the landlord, Sandy Stilwell. She said in the last lease that covered 4 years, Ms. Stilwell had agreed to no increase. In preliminary discussions, Ms. Stilwell is proposing a 3-4 year lease with an increase each year based on the Consumer Price Index. The Chair asked whether the 2016/17 proposed budget was adequate to handle this increase and Ms. Rooker replied that it was.

Ms. Rooker said if the Board wants to keep the budget flat as she has presented it, she recommends the rolled-back rate as the proposed millage rate. This will allow her to establish the millage rate

immediately when she receives the July 1 true value of the property. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to use the rolled-back rate as CEPD's proposed millage rate.

Regarding the new lease, Commissioner Mullins suggested that since there is more than one Consumer Price Index, the lease identify which one is to be used. He also suggested that CEPD consider a 10-year lease. After discussion, the Board agreed to have Ms. Rooker discuss this with Ms. Stilwell. Ms. Rooker will bring back to the Board in September the terms of a new lease.

Commissioner Mullins called for the vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Summer Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to cancel the July 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. There were no concerns expressed and Commissioner Mullins called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. The next Regular Board Meeting will be August 10. Ms. Rooker reminded Commissioners of the September meeting dates.

d) Sea Level Rise/Sustainability Discussion

Ms. Rooker reported she talked to CB&I about this issue but they had not been actively involved in any project or seminar. However, there has been activity in Lee County and a summary of that work is on Page 22 of the Agenda Materials. The County has transferred the Sustainability Plan to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to facilitate an approach that would focus on regional and public-private partnerships. Ms. Rooker also reported that *Shore & Beach* recently had an article by James Houston on "Beach Nourishment as an Adaptation Strategy for Sea Level Rise."

Commissioner Mullins mentioned the discussion the Captiva Community Panel had about sponsoring a symposium on sea level rise. He asked Mr. Evans what Sanibel is doing on this issue. Mr. Evans said Sanibel was updating their beach management plan. Commissioner Mullins said the panel is targeting a Friday in January for a meeting to get the ball rolling. Mr. Evans mentioned it would be good to have Punta Gorda represented. Chairman Jensen asked that Ms. Rooker report back to the Commissioners what she learns when she attends the FSBPA meeting in September.

8. Administrator Report

As part of this report, Ms. Rooker distributed an updated project timeline. She said the Army Corps of Engineers would be at the November 9 Board Meeting and will be prepared to talk about: 1) what would CEPD's cost share be in an ideal situation if the District were to get all the easements the Corps desired; and 2) what should the easements look like and to bring an example. She said she scheduled a workshop the following week, if the Board wanted, to discuss what the Corps presented and what direction the Board should take.

Commissioner Mullins asked whether CEPD should look at webinars to get people involved in matters like this as well as others. Chairman Jensen suggested that the staff look at how to conduct webinars and the best use for them.

a) FEMA Update

Ms. Rooker showed the Board a snapshot of the actual FEMA website screen showing dates of the appeal submission and status.

b) Post Construction Monitoring

Ms. Rooker reported that the 2nd year of the post-construction monitoring will begin the week of June 20 weather permitting.

c) Beach Status (Pre and Post TS Colin)

Ms. Rooker referenced the pictures in the Agenda Materials taken the week before Tropical Storm Colin when she toured the beach with Fire Chief Dickerson and the photos of the “hot spots” taken just after it. She pointed out the escarpments that had formed on Sunset Beach. Commissioner Kaiser said he had walked the beach after the storm and Sunset Beach was the only spot that really got hit. He suggested CEPD ask its engineers why. Ms. Rooker said she sent a number of pictures to the engineers and suggested a good time to ask them about this is when they present the monitoring report. Chairman Jensen thanked Chief Dickerson for helping Ms. Rooker with the beach condition monitoring.

d) FSBPA Annual Conference

The Chair said that if Commissioners want to attend the FSBPA meeting in Naples September 14 through 16, they should contact Ms. Rooker.

9. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mullins expressed concern over the lack of in-depth knowledge about easements and suggested placing it on a future agenda. Ms. Rooker replied that easements will be the topic of the Army Corps presentation in November. Additionally, an easement follow-up meeting is scheduled at the Briefing Meeting in November following the Corps presentation. Commissioner Mullins said he was interested in heading off any problems before the next project. He added that CEPD should find out what other easements it should have or needs.

Commissioner Kaiser thought that after the last project and the problems with the ACOE, he did not know whether CEPD needed them. Perhaps CEPD should conduct the project without the Corps. He also said that because of issues like fires on the beach, dogs on the beach, and people walking on the dunes, CEPD should continue with educational programs like what has been done in the past.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:25 P.M.