

Minutes

**Regular Meeting
of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District**
Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive,
Captiva, Florida 33924
May 10, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M.

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

Commissioners Absent (excused): Bob Walter

Staff Present: Kathleen Rooker, Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Administrative Assistant; Jon Waters, 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 April 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Stegmann seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and to approve them as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

5. Financial Report

a) Budget Performance Ending April 30, 2017

In the absence of Treasurer Walter, Jack Alexander made the financial report. Regarding the General Fund, Mr. Alexander reported that the \$10,000 net loss shown for the month was a result of the audit bill being paid. He added that \$356,000 of the \$360,000 budgeted for the year in ad valorem tax revenue has been collected. Regarding the Capital Projects Fund, Mr. Alexander said the loan payment was made at the end of April although due May 1, parking lot revenue remained strong, and expenses were on par. He asked for questions; there were none.

6. Old Business

a) Ballot Referenda Options

Ms. Rooker reported on the answers the Elections Office provided on questions the Commissioners raised at the last meeting. Regarding why a mail ballot is an option in 2017 but not 2018, the answer was that due to the magnitude of the holding of two countywide major elections. Regarding a primary election on August 26, 2018, at which time a special

district could hold a referendum, will this be a Republican, Democratic or both primary, the answer is the election will include Republicans, Democrats, and non-partisan candidates.

Ms. Rooker also asked the Elections Office about dates in 2019. The response was that a mail ballot is an option in 2019 but must not be scheduled so that it overlaps with regularly scheduled elections in 2019. The Office provided 3 dates in 2019 for regularly scheduled elections conducted at the polls that CEPD could share with jurisdictions conducting elections on the same date.

Commissioner Mullins said the Supervisor of Elections policy severely hurts Captiva voters' response rate if the District is not allowed to be on the ballot on a regularly scheduled election. He thought CEPD should lodge an objection and get CEPD's attorney involved. Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to write a letter to the Supervisor of Elections explaining CEPD's concern about the effect on Captiva voter turnout and ask for reconsideration in order to allow a referendum during the general election. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners elected not to look at this time the cost data provided of a mail ballot or holding a special election.

b) Blind Pass Inlet Management Study Update

Ms. Rooker said the PowerPoint presentation made at the Public Meeting is on the County's website. Following the Public Meeting, Ms. Rooker reported, Steve Boutelle sent out a list of alternatives that were reported at the meeting. James Evans of the City of Sanibel, suggested another alternative be added to the list: shortening the Captiva groin by 50 feet along with adding a structure on northern Sanibel. Ms. Rooker added that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting has not been set.

Commissioner Mullins suggested CEPD support Mr. Evans suggestion. Ms. Rooker commented it would be up to the County to decide whether to run this model since it is Lee County that is paying for the study. Commissioner Mullins thought it would be useful to communicate CEPD's support of this suggestion. Ms. Rooker said she would mention this at the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Chairman Jensen inquired about the dredging of Blind Pass. Since there was no County representative present. Ms. Rooker said she had knowledge of the status since CEPD had started the 3rd Year Monitoring work. She reported weather had put the dredger behind schedule and the expected completion date is now the end of this month. When asked whether the delay would impact CEPD's 3rd Year Monitoring, Ms. Rooker said the dredging would not interfere with the monitoring. The monitoring is being coordinated with Steve Boutelle of Lee County.

c) Redfish Pass Inlet Management Study Update

Ms. Rooker reported the Technical Advisory Committee for this study had its first meeting on April 18. Attending were representatives from Lee County Natural Resources, Florida DEP, Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve, North Captiva (South Banks area), and CEPD. She said the morphology calibration has been completed and production runs to develop management strategies to balance the sediment budget continue. The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee has not been scheduled. Ms. Rooker added if the shoal is a good contributor to the coastline, then Phase II will begin, which involves drilling down to

see if the sand is beach compatible. No further work will be done if there is not a plan to keep the sediment balanced and if there is the possibility of harm to any of the coast.

d) FEMA Update

Ms. Rooker said that a new, revised project Work Plan had been signed off on. She has requested a Project Completion Inspection, invoices and copies of payments have been submitted, and she has asked FEMA if there is anything else that is needed. She added a new Grant Manager has been assigned.

7. New Business

a) Recreational Use and Economic Impact Study of Captiva Beaches for 21/22 Renourishment Project

Ms. Rooker commented on the enabling legislation as it relates to this matter. She said the last study was completed in October 2010 and if a referendum were scheduled for 8/28/18, a survey would need to be done in February 2018. Discussion ensued about when to do the survey, finding others who can do the economic portion of the survey, the need to review in detail the Stronge methodology, how to assess rental homes, putting out a RFI, and putting out a RFP.

Commissioner Mullins said he will reach out to the Gooderham's to see if they have names of experts who can do the economic portion of the survey. Chairman Jensen said he would work with Ms. Rooker on the issues discussed and come up with a plan. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

8. Administrator Report

a) 3 Year Post Construction Physical Monitoring

Ms. Rooker reported that CB&I arrived on site this past Monday to begin the work. Once the on-site work is completed, there are lot of calculations that must be made. She expects the report in September.

b) Beach Status May 2017

The Beach status photos now show the six locations for the last 3 months. Chairman Jensen urged Commissioners to do personal inspections at their own locations.

Ms. Rooker mentioned that she had been invited to North Captiva on June 12 to make a presentation to citizens there about beach renourishment,

c) Project Timeline (Attachment)

Ms. Rooker distributed the most recent timeline and said it is based on a 8/28/18 Referendum

9. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mullins he will be out of the country and unable to attend the July meeting. He said in his walks across the bridge, he encounters people who still blame the groin and CEPD's renourishment for the problems in Dinkins Bayou and the Back Bay area. In the future, he

thought it would be a good idea to have a Town Hall Meeting, perhaps related to the Blind Pass dredging, to correct the misinformation.

Chairman Jensen said a decision as to whether to have a meeting in July can be made in June. Ms. Rooker commented that it makes a difference in her planning for the budget and TRIM work whether a July meeting is held and she will make sure the June meeting agenda takes this into consideration.

Commissioner Mullins asked whether the change in signage at the Hagerup Lot (Open Dawn to Dusk) has had any observable impact on revenue. Mr. Bralove said he has not seen any negative impact.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:22 P, M.