

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924
September 21, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Dave Jensen, Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Rich Stegmann, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: Bob Walter, Mike Mullins

Staff Present: Kathleen Rooker, CEPD Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Administrative Assistant; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates; Jack Alexander, Stroemer and Company

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

The Chair called the roll and the results are outlined above.

3. Approval of August 9 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Stegmann seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 9, 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 August 31, 2017

In the absence of Treasurer Walter, Mr. Alexander presented the report. He said CEPD has completed eleven months of the fiscal year and the vast majority of ad valorem taxes has been collected. In the General Fund, revenue was \$768 and expenses were \$34,900 including 2 payments to Hans Wilson and Associates, one for July and one for August. The net loss for the month was \$34,157. In the Capital Project Fund, parking revenue remained strong for August. Total revenue for the month was \$34,700, expenses were on par, and there was a net loss of \$3,367.

Ms. Rooker reported September revenue for the parking lot will be way down because of Hurricane Irma.

6. Old Business

a) Redfish Pass Update

Ms. Rooker reported the Technical Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. It will be rescheduled when the DEP representatives are available. She added the meeting is not likely to occur until October because of the DEP's heavy workload because of Hurricane Irma

b) Qualifications of Economist Responses

Ms. Rooker reported CEPD sent out five Requests for Qualifications and received three positive responses. Cover letters from the three responders are in the Agenda Materials. She will send Commissioners the full responses electronically. The next step is to send out Requests for Proposals in October to see how responders would go about doing the work and what they would charge.

7. New Business

a) Approval of Resolution 2017-06 Capital Project Fund Budget

Ms. Rooker reminded the Commissioners that this budget is not driven by ad valorem taxes. She read the Resolution. Commissioner Kaiser offered and Commissioner Stegmann seconded Resolution 2017-06 adopting the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Project Budget. The Resolution passed unanimously.

b) Post Hurricane Irma Engineer's Observations

Ms. Rooker said she and Michelle Pfeiffer of APTIM (formerly CB&I) toured the Captiva beach on Monday and Tuesday, September 18 and 19. Ms. Rooker referred Commissioners to pages 21 through 32 for Ms. Pfeiffer's initial assessment summary and photographs. Overtopping, dune scarping, elevation loss, and loss of vegetation were observed throughout the island. These observations are based on visual examination of the dry beach. The submerged portion of the beach profile could not be assessed visually. Ms. Rooker mentioned that Turner Beach and South Seas appeared to have coped better than the area from Hagerup to Turner.

Ms. Rooker said she and Ms. Pfeiffer accompanied Army Corps of Engineers representatives on September 19 on their tour of seven different locations on Captiva's beach and were met at CEPD's offices later in the day by representatives of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Ms. Rooker said she and Ms. Pfeiffer agreed that in order to tell how much was lost, a visual survey would not suffice and recommends CEPD employ engineers do a formal survey at each profile. Doing so is necessary prior to filing a claim with FEMA, to determine how bad the storm was and what needs to be done next, if anything, and to serve as planning for the next nourishment and whether it changes the cycle. She added a survey would also determine how much sand is laying just offshore. CEPD could submit a request to the Lee County Tourist Development Commission for an emergency grant to fund this survey, which she estimates will cost \$50,000, if the Board wants to move in this direction.

Chairman Jensen asked whether CEPD could wait a few months to see if there is settling. Mr. Wilson said a survey will key up whether to go for FEMA mitigation funds. The sooner this is done, he said, the sooner CEPD would be reimbursed from FEMA. Also, CEPD needs to know whether sand has been pushed so far offshore beyond the template that if cannot be recovered.

Ms. Rooker said FEMA's reimbursement is 75% and may be as much as 100%. She also said the Corps of Engineers has already asked whether CEPD will request emergency funding from it. She said Corps funding would be contingent on CEPD resolving the easements and lack of parking issues that the Corps has previously cited. She added the ACOE does not pay as much as FEMA and since CEPD did not use Corps money in the last renourishment, CEPD

might be eligible for FEMA funding. She said there is a time frame within which CEPD must act, but it, could file the beginning of a claim with FEMA and withdraw it later depending on which way the Board wants to go.

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Stegmann seconded a motion to authorize Ms. Rooker to make a claim with FEMA for damages caused by Hurricane Irma. After discussion, the maker of the motion and the seconder withdrew their motion.

c) Approval of Resolution 2017-07 Post Storm Survey

The Chair read the Resolution. Commissioner Kaiser offered and Commissioner Stegmann seconded Resolution 2017-07 approving an expenditure of \$50,000 for the Post Hurricane Irma beach survey. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stegmann moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to authorize Ms. Rooker to pursue TDC emergency grant money to fund the Post Storm Survey. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Stegmann seconded a motion to authorize Ms. Rooker to pursue a claim with FEMA for damages caused by Hurricane Irma. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Administrator Report

a) Beach Status Photos Post Hurricane Irma

Commissioners reviewed the photos as part of Agenda Item 7b.

b) Project Planning Timeline

Ms. Rooker distributed updated copies of the Timeline reflecting changes and additions made necessary because of Hurricane Irma and the Request for Proposals for economic analysis and economic survey services.

Ms. Rooker passed out copies of the Summer 2017 *Shore & Beach* magazine that contained the article "Long-term evolution and future approach of the Captiva and Sanibel Islands Beach Renourishment Program" written by Mr. Pierro, Ms. Pfeiffer, Mr. Keehn, and Ms. Rooker. She added Mr. Pierro will be presenting this paper at the ASPBA national conference in October.

9. Public to be Heard

Joel Caouette with the Sanibel Department of Natural Resources briefed Commissioners on the condition of the Sanibel Beaches after Irma. He said Sanibel experienced some of the same issues as Captiva. They have contacted APTIM about conducting a survey. He added the Sanibel beach management plan is still in process.

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kaiser said people are asking him when will the beach be cleaned and when will debris be cleared from Captiva's roadways.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 3:46 P.M.