

**Minutes
of the
Regular Meeting of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District**

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924
November 8, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Dave Jensen, Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Mike Mullins, Vice-Chair;

Commissioners Absent (excused): Bob Walter, Rich Stegmann;

Staff Present: Kathleen Rooker, 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 1:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of October 2017 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Mullins requested the October minutes be amended to reflect in New Business 7(a) that the cost for 100,000 cubic yards of sand is estimated to be \$9.7 million which includes \$6.7 million for equipment mobilization. Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Mullins seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, as amended, and to approve them. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public to be Heard

Joel Caouette, Sanibel Department of Natural Resources, reported the City of Sanibel has hired Humiston and Moore to assist the City in obtaining a permit for a renourishment project in the Gulf Pines neighborhood which was hit very hard by Irma. No date has been set for any work but they want to have the permit in hand. He also said the update to the City's Beach Management Plan is in draft stage and the final version is expected in January or March of 2018. Commissioner Mullins asked whether Sanibel would pursue TDC grant money for this renourishment. Mr. Caouette said he did not know. Commissioner Mullins said he thought CEPD should think about getting more money from the TDC and from Lee County for beach maintenance and renourishment.

Commissioner Mullins observed that Sanibel receives a lot of money from the TDC for its beaches that he has no doubt they are entitled to. He asked what this money supports. Mr. Caouette listed some of the areas where Sanibel receives money from the TDC. Ms. Rooker, because she is a member of the Coastal Advisory Council, listed some others.

5. Financial Report

a) Budget Performance Ending October 31, 2017

In the absence of Treasurer Walter, Mr. Alexander presented this report. He said CEPD has just completed the first month of the new fiscal year so data is rather sparse. Mr. Alexander mentioned that parking revenue was down for October and part of the Redfish Pass study bill had been paid in October.

6. Old Business

a) Redfish Pass Update

Ms. Rooker reported the Technical Advisory Committee had met on Monday of last week and referred Commissioners to the Alternatives Analysis Study Findings in the Agenda Materials. A final report is being drafted. Her takeaway from the meeting is there is sand that can be mined and recommendations from where the sand can be taken will be in the report. The second phase of the study is the geotechnical part where it is determined whether the sand is compatible with what is on Captiva and how much can be taken from various locations in the Pass without harming the adjacent shorelines.

Discussion ensued about when CEPD could start to use sand from the Pass and whether it can be used for a nourishment project or just for emergency purposes. Mr. Wilson suggested CEPD look at sand from Redfish Pass for emergency sand fills. Ms. Rooker said that what is also looked at is how long a sand source area takes for the sand to recover. She agreed with Mr. Wilson but mentioned that CEPD could investigate whether it could be used as source for a renourishment project.

Commissioner Mullins asked how many project sand fills can CEPD get from the offshore borrow areas. Chairman Jensen said CEPD will obtain that information from the engineers.

b) Blind Pass Update

Ms. Rooker said the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is November 16. Progress had been slowed because of Hurricane Irma. Lee County will probably schedule a public meeting for the winter. There was discussion about the flow of water through the pass and sand build-up

c) FEMA Damage Assessment

Ms. Rooker reported 5 FEMA representatives met with her on October 23. 5 other FEMA representatives did a site inspection, accompanied by Ms. Rooker, on October 31. On Monday of this week, she met with Thomas Schuelke, FEMA Program Delivery Manager, and will continue to meet with him every two weeks to keep things moving. The first FEMA report, done in conjunction with the Florida DEP, is in and FEMA is waiting for the APTIM post-storm survey.

7. New Business

a) Approval of 2018 Meeting Dates

Commissioner Mullins commented that the month of August of the proposed meeting dates is the only date where the Panel is not meeting in the same week as CEPD. He will ask the Panel to change this date. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to approve the 2018 meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Approval of "Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding"

Ms. Rooker reminded Commissioners this request was for the TDC to fund one-half of the cost of CEPD's post Irma survey. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to approve this agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Hagerup Beach Park Parking Rates

Ms. Rooker presented historical data on Hagerup Beach Parking fees and information on rates at other beach venues in Lee County. After discussion Commissioners instructed staff to bring back information on what the research shows about parking rates, the average number of hours per day people spend at the beach, the effectiveness of discounts for longer stays, etc. Staff will also provide parking fee alternatives.

d) Beach Park Restrooms

Commissioner Mullins said he would like to look at having more upscale portable toilets at Hagerup. Commissioners agreed to have staff look at what options are available.

8. Administrator Report

a) Beach Status Photos

The September, October, and November pictures were reviewed.

b) Project Planning Timeline

Ms. Rooker presented an updated Timeline reflecting key dates for the selection of an economist. There was discussion about the advisability of having those who send in a proposal meet with the Board and dates when this could be scheduled. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to ask responders to make a presentation to the Board at the December 13 Regular Board Meeting and to make the decision on who will perform the work at the January 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kaiser expressed his thanks for both the Board's work and that of the Captiva Community Panel.

Commissioner Mullins said he wanted to make sure that his past comments at the Panel Meeting about dog leash laws and whether dogs were permitted on the beach were accurate. Ms. Rooker said Lee County requires all dogs to be on a leash and dogs were not allowed on the beach at Hagerup. Mr. Caouette said Sanibel allows dogs on the beach as long as they are on a 6 foot or shorter leash.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:54 P. M.