

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**of the**  
**Captiva Erosion Prevention District**  
11513 Andy Rosse Lane, Unit 4, Captiva, Florida 33924  
February 14, 2018 @ 1:00 P.M.

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

**Absent:** Bob Walter; Rich Stegmann

**Staff Present:** John Bralove, CEPD Administrative Assistant; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates.

**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 January 2018 Minutes**

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Mullins seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the January 18 Special Meeting and approve them as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. Financial Report**

**a) Budget Performance Ending January 31, 2018**

With the absence of the Treasurer, no report was given. There was discussion about whether parking revenue had picked up at Hagerup Beach and the effect the fee increase was having.

**6. Old Business**

**a) Hans Wilson & Associates Hiring Update**

Mr. Wilson started the discussion by reading from an email he received late Friday afternoon, February 9, from Tara Barney, CEPD' choice as the new administrator. The email said she was withdrawing her name from consideration having accepted another offer. He said he talked to all the Commissioners the following Monday. Mr. Wilson called Brian Rooker, CEPD's second choice, on Monday, and Mr. Rooker continued to express interest in the position and had no reservations with moving forward. Mr. Wilson said the sense that he received from the Board at the January Special Meeting was that if a contract could not be negotiated with CEPD's first choice, then CEPD would move to selection number two. Therefore, Mr. Wilson said unless there were objections, he would like to move forward with engaging Mr. Rooker

Commissioner Mullins said he had objections. He said the minutes of the Special Meeting do not say that if Ms. Barney were not to take the job, CEPD would move on to the next candidate. In addition, he said, although CEPD's attorney, Nancy Stroud, said the hiring of Mr. Rooker was not nepotism, he disagrees. He also thought the entire process was mishandled and smacks of nepotism, and he wants to go on record of what he believes is the case here.

Mr. Wilson walked the Commissioners through the resumes of the number 3, 4, 5, and 6 candidates and his notes and comments from the telephone interviews. Commissioner Kaiser said he thought at the last meeting Ms. Barney raised a red flag regarding relocation and he was happy for the District this came up now. The District is being run so great; it's almost too good to be true. The District is in a very strong position and he wants it to stay that way. He also said the other candidates were not nearly as strong as Mr. Rooker and the Commissioners needed to go along with the decision at the last meeting to go ahead with number 2 candidate, meaning Brian Rooker. After discussion, Commissioner Kaiser moved and Chairman Jensen seconded a motion to accept Brian Rooker as CEPD's administrator, subject to satisfactory reference checks and successful negotiation of a contract. Also, should there be no agreement with Mr. Rooker, then CEPD moves to the third choice. After discussion, the motion was called. Commissioners Kaiser and Jensen voted "yes;" Commissioner Mullins voted "no." The motion passed.

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Administrative Assistant Resignation**

Mr. Bralove explained his last day is May 11 but could be extended. Mr. Wilson commented this is part of the reason why it is important to move quickly in hiring a new administrator.

### **b) Effect of Legislative Proposal CRC 69 –Finance &Taxation, Local Taxes**

The Chair said since this proposal has been withdrawn, there is nothing to react to.

### **c) CEPD Commissioner Re-Election Intentions**

The Chair said Commissioners Mullins and Kaiser are up for re-election in November. He said he asked this item be put on the agenda because it coincided with the fact Commission Stegmann has verbally communicated with the Chair that he was resigning because he is unable to participate as he would like. Both Commissioners Mullins and Kaiser said they will commit to serve another 4 years if re-elected.

Mr. Bralove was asked to forward information and forms from the Lee County Supervisor of Elections to Commissioners Kaiser and Mullins. Chairman Jensen suggested CEPD put out a news release encouraging Captiva voters to consider becoming a CEPD commissioner, about filling vacancies on the CEPD Board, and/or running for election. The Commissioners agreed.

Mr. Bralove was asked to contact Commissioner Stegmann to obtain a written letter of resignation.

### **d) Update on Economic Surveys**

Chairman Jensen called attention to the letter to residents and visitors in the Agenda Materials that will be given to those who are surveyed. He added that at the time the Agenda Materials were assembled, a copy of the survey itself was not available. Surveyors will begin this week although the exact day is not known.

**e) Introduction to Drone Services**

The Chair said he asked this item be placed on the agenda because taking photos from the ground each month of beach conditions is not very useful. He introduced Stephen J. Myers of Sky Source Aerial. Mr. Myers presented information on what his firm can do, including that they have the capability not only of capturing images, but also taking distance and volumetric measurements. Commissioners expressed an interest but agreed CEPD should consult its engineers to see if they provide similar services or if such services would be of benefit to them.

**f) Dune Protection and Signage**

Chairman Jensen said he asked this topic be put on the agenda because of discussions that took place at the Captiva Panel meeting involving what more the Panel could do to help in beach management. Commissioner Mullins thought the Board needs to start thinking about playing a broader role in beach management on Captiva beyond renourishment. He thought the Board should consider which of the matters the Panel was concerned with are within CEPD's purview and which should be left to other jurisdictions. He added taking a broader role is contingent on not violating CEPD's enabling legislation. The Chair said he would see topic is put on a future agenda,

**8. Administrator Report**

**a) FEMA Update**

The Commissioners reviewed Ms. Rooker' FEMA update in the Agenda Materials.

**b) Beach Status Photos**

The photos were reviewed.

**9. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**10. Commissioners Comments**

There were not comments from the Commissioners.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:35 P.M.