

**Minutes
of the
Regular Meeting of the
Captiva Erosion Prevention District**
South Seas Island Resort, Carrot/Florida Cone Room
October 10, 2018 @ 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Dave Jensen, Chair; Mike Mullins, Vice Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Bob Walter, Treasurer; Michael Lanigan (by phone).

Staff Present: Damon Grant, Administrator; Carolyn Weaver, Assistant to the Administrator; 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 September 27, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Mullins seconded the motion to approve the September 27, 2018 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of September 27, 2018 Final Budget Hearing Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser moved and Commissioner Walter seconded the motion to approve the September 27, 2018 Final Budget Hearing minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

6. Financial Report

a) Budget Performance Ending September 30, 2018

The financials were reviewed as distributed. There was no discussion.

7. Old Business

a) Approval of Amended Resolution 2018-03: Amended Referendum and Special Election of 3/5/19.

Carolyn Weaver reported the only change is to increase the amount from \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000 as requested by the board at the September 27, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Walter seconded the motion to approve the amended Resolution 2018-03. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Approval of Amended Resolution 2018-12: Final levying of Ad Valorem Taxes – Amended.

Carolyn Weaver reported the only change is to add the 13.6329% increase to the resolution as required. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Walter seconded the motion to approve the amended Resolution 2018-12. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) **Approval of Amended Resolution 2018-13: Final General Fund Budget – Amended.**
Carolyn Weaver reported the only change is in the first paragraph, changing Tentative to Final. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion to approve the amended Resolution 2018-13. The motion passed unanimously.

- d) **Review and Direction for FY2018-2019: Outline of Project Education Plan for 2019 Renourishment Referendum.**

John Bralove shared the three major issues as he sees them. The first is explaining the project to homeowners, who are the assessment payors. Second, to convince homeowners who aren't voters, the merits of the process. Third, convincing taxpayers to vote for the referendum. Only the voters count, but we need to educate all Captivans. The referendum is only approved by the registered voters on Captiva, who may or may not be homeowners.

Damon Grant reviewed the Project Education Plan Activity Schedule as distributed in the Board packet. Additional items to be added are a straw poll, which should be done as soon as possible to see where the voters currently fall regarding yes or no. Additionally, discussion was held about placing an ad in the newspaper advocating people to register to vote. Also discussed was creating an FAQ for the Board Commissioners now, so they are all on the same page. Carolyn Weaver will be getting the list of registered voters from the Supervisor of Elections.

Discussion was held during the timeline review of who has ownership to each item, what steps worked last time and what might we want to continue. Also discussed was the recent flooding caused by high tide and Hurricane Michael, and how we should capitalize on the need for renourishment while these issues are fresh on people's minds. Additionally, we'd like to show what happens if we don't renourish, and remind folks what it looked like before.

Discussion held about scheduling with the HOA as soon as possible; they make their calendars up months in advance. Scott Thompson, Island Management, should be able to help with scheduling. Also discussed the importance of Beach Briefs addressing the issue. Commissioner Walter mentioned that Yally, with the Yoga studio, seems to know everyone on island and he will arrange an introduction.

Also discussed were the rules/regulations and confirming with Nancy Stroud that we stay within the law. Suggestions about piggy backing on CCP activities were also mentioned, especially the cruise they have planned for 12/3/18. Damon Grant will get the CCP activities calendar. We also need to contact the civic association. We should consider getting together with local rentals and restaurants and through the Chamber of Commerce to get support. When questioning Tiffany Repecki, Island Newspapers, she introduced the idea of "guest commentary" letters supporting the referendum, as well as listing the dates of the town hall meetings.

Damo Grant reiterated that the Board would like 2 things: 1) look into voter calling; paying someone to call and the Board would contact people they know personally. A script would definitely need to be developed; and 2) a straw poll, through a mailing with a postcard survey to all registered voters, with information regarding the referendum, the dates, and asking how they are currently most likely to vote. Commissioner Mullins and staff will meet to work on a rough draft of the mailing.

e) **Updated 2019 CEPD Meeting Dates**

Damon Grant reported the previously distributed meeting dates for 2019 have the November 11, 2019 meeting on Veteran's Day. Commissioner Mullins made a motion to hold the November Meeting on November 12, 2019, and to have board briefing meetings in November and December, 2018, on every Thursday, including those weeks that have a Board meeting. Commissioner Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

f) **Joint Petition to Challenge Proposed Rule – Support for lawsuit challenging South Florida Water Management District's proposed amendment.**

Commissioner Mullins made a motion that the commissioners sign the letter of support to Mayor Ruane. Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Much discussion was held regarding how else we can join in the fight. Hans Wilson reiterated Nancy Stroud's determination that to be an intervenor we must have a standing; which could be that the loss of bed tax equals the loss of TDC funds which means a loss of supporting funds to CEPD. Another determination could be the recreational costs due to the dead fish kills recently suffered. Lee County Board of Commissioners are said to be voting on their stance this Tuesday, after which we will talk with Nancy Stroud to see how we can support.

Commissioner Mullins moved that the CEPD becomes an intervenor contingent on Nancy Stroud advising if we have a standing. If we do, we will piggy back with CCP and their lawyer, Ralph Brooks, with a not to exceed amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Walter seconded the motion. Discussion was held and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. New Business

a) **2018/2019 Holidays – Office Closed**

Damon Grant shared the Lee County holidays that are observed by closing the offices. Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Walter seconded the motion to approve the CEPD observe the same holidays as Lee County. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Administrator's Report

a) Damon Grant reported there are still issues surrounding the website and making updates. Staff continues to struggle with answers from EMC2. Discussion was held regarding ownership of our website and updating it. Commissioners advised Mr. Grant to obtain additional quotes to redesign the update, as well as ascertaining who currently owns the domain name.

8. Public to be Heard

There were no comments from the public.

9. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Mullins wanted clarification on the issues Bill Stronge will bring back to the Board in November. He reiterated that it is up to the Board to make the decisions and direct the staff, not just take the direction of the staff. Commissioner Kaiser shared his concern that all five commissioners be as fair as possible to get all people assessed, including all island property properly, and that continue on in this aspect.

Commissioner Jensen noted he will not be attending the November 14, 2018 meeting and that Vice-Chair Mike Mullins will lead the meeting. Commissioner Walter will also not be in attendance. Damon Grant was asked to make a quorum check.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:39 P. M.