

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924

February 12, 2014 @1:00 P.M.

**Commissioners Present:** Jim Boyle, Chairman; Doris Holzheimer, Vice Chair; Dave Jensen, Treasurer

**Absent (excused):** Harry Kaiser, Mike Mullins

**Staff Present:** John Bralove, CEPD Assistant to the Administrator; Robin Mixon, Hans Wilson and Associates

**Stroemer & Co. Staff Present:** Jack Alexander

**CP&E Staff Present:** Nicole Sharp

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M

#### 2. Roll Call

The roll was called and the results are outlined above.

#### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Holzheimer moved and Commissioner Jensen seconded a motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as written from the January 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Public to be Heard

Questions were asked about the apportionment and assessment process. Chairman Boyle referred those in the audience to CEPD's Winter 2014 Newsletter which contained an article on the subject. Copies were available at the back of the room. The Chair described the process and mentioned some of the different factors that were involved. He added that there would be a public meeting, probably in June 2014, where taxpayers could discuss their assessments.

Another question concerned whether the new market value or assessed value was taken into consideration if a homeowner appealed and the appeal was granted. Chairman Boyle explained that if the new value appeared on the homeowner's TRIM notice, then the new value would be automatically taken into consideration. If the appeal and revaluation occurred after the TRIM notices went out, homeowners would have to submit documentation to CEPD from the County Tax Assessor's Office.

A third question involved whether the same apportionment formulas used this time were used in the last assessment. Chairman Boyle said yes.

#### 5. Financial Report

Treasurer Jensen presented the financial report. He said that in the General Fund CEPD continued to receive ad valorem tax payments and they were on target compared to the budget. He added

that the way reserves were being presented had been changed based on the Board's previous request. Regarding the Capital Fund, Treasurer Jensen said the project cost was right on budget, might even come in a little under, and CEPD had receive a bit more sand than originally called for. He said there was one last payment due Great Lakes Dredge.

Chairman Boyle added that the "pay volume" was 740,000 cubic yards of sand and CEPD had received 750,000 cubic yards and will indeed come in slightly below the bid price. He added CEPD had also received a very good bid from Aquatic Plants of Florida for dune planting which will also help in coming under budget.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a) Renourishment Project Update**

Nicole Sharp of CP&E presented the report. She confirmed that 750,000 cubic yards of sand had been placed on Captiva and 75,000 on Sanibel. Some money had been saved since turtle trawling had not been required. Great Lakes Dredge had removed all their equipment by January 21 and no longer had any presence on the island. She is working on approving the final payment to Great Lakes and is awaiting the final vibration report from Seismic Surveys. All releases from subcontractors had been obtained except from Seismic Surveys.

### **b) Dune Planting Update**

Ms. Sharp reported that all the rope and fences posts had been installed and Aquatic Plants had completed work at South Seas. The crew was currently some 100 yards south of the Mucky Duck and estimated that as of last Friday, they had completed approximately 33% of the work. She reminded Commissioners that Aquatic Plants was working on the new dunes and then would come back to do fill-in work. 110,000 plants of the total of 320,000 plants had been installed and estimated that the work would be completed on or before February 21. Chairman Boyle said CEPD had budgeted \$160,000 for the dune vegetation work and the bid had come in at \$126,000.

### **c) Permit Status**

Chairman Boyle said CEPDs' current permit expires in November 2014. Ms. Sharp reported that representatives of CEPD and CP&E had met with the DEP in Tallahassee last month to get their insight and feedback since the DEP is going through a transition process between new rules and old rules. She said some items no longer needed to be included but some new things needed to be added to the permit. Ms. Holzheimer asked whether there was anything new CEPD ought to be concerned about. Ms. Sharp said everything was straight forward with the possible exception of surveying to make sure there is no hard bottom at the offshore sand source site. She said CP&E's biologist has told the DEP that this is not necessary since CEPD was well above the maximum buffer required and anomalies had been explained. It was the biologist's opinion that there was no justification for incurring the cost of mobilizing a crew of biologists and divers. Ms. Sharp said this was the only issue at this point.

Ms. Sharp said the new permit was asking for additional length at Redfish Pass since this was a critically eroded area. If this becomes a problem which might jeopardize the timely issuing of the new permit, this request will be pulled. Chairman Boyle added that CEPD is asking for a higher berm to offset sea level rise and this so far has not met with any opposition from the DEP and they seem to be receptive.

## **7. New Business**

Chairman Boyle said Dr. Stronge will attend the March, April, May and June Board Meetings. However, Dr. Stronge had just received his class assignments and has conflicts in April, May, and June. Chairman Boyle asked the Commissioners in attendance if they had a problem if the meeting times for these three months were moved to 10:00 A.M. Doing so would enable Dr. Stronge to attend the CEPD Board meetings and have time to get back to the east coast to teach his classes. This would still then facilitate transparency for the public. Commissioner Holzheimer said she could not get to these meetings before 12:00 or 12:30 and she would have to catch up. Commissioners Boyle and Jensen said this would not be a problem for them. Chairman Boyle said there might be a Special Meeting in June to facilitate public attendance so the only meetings for which a 10:00 A. M. start would be needed is April and May. Commissioner Holzheimer said she doesn't come for June meetings.

The Chair said he recognized Commissioner Holzheimer's problem that she could not attend the April and May meetings if the times were changed but did not know what else to do. He asked if there were a motion. Commissioner Jensen moved and Commissioner Boyle seconded a motion to change the times for the April 9 and May 14, 2014 Board Meetings to 10:00 A.M. Commissioners Jensen and Boyle voted "yes" on the motion; Commissioner Holzheimer voted "no." The motion passed 2-1.

Commissioner Holzheimer asked whether Nancy Stroud had talked to Dr. Stronge as last months' minutes indicated she would. Chairman Boyle said he had not been in touch with Ms. Stroud but would call her tomorrow.

## **8. Administrator Report**

### **a) FEMA Update**

Chairman Boyle reported Ms. Rooker was in Washington, D.C. today. She had been invited by Charlotte County to join their meeting arranged by Greg Burns with FEMA's National Policy Director that included Charlotte County representatives and Congressman Rooney's Chief of Staff since CEPD currently did not have a congressman. Charlotte County has the same issue with FEMA as CEPD has, but unlike CEPD, Charlotte County's application for funding had been denied. Chairman Boyle went on to explain that although CEPD's request had not been denied, the FEMA website showed that CEPD's request had been reduced from \$1.7 million to just \$16,000.

## **9. Public to be Heard**

Lisa Reardon, President of the Captiva Beach Homeowners Association, thanked the Commissioners on behalf of her Association for all the hard work they had put in on the beach renourishment and especially for the dune restoration.

## **10. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Jensen asked about the potholes at the Hagerup Beach Parking Lot. Mr. Bralove said material had been added to the potholes on two different occasions in the last two weeks. However, vehicles from Aquatic Plants' dune vegetation work had eroded these temporary repairs. Mr. Bralove explained that a full re-grading would be done when Aquatic Plants had completed their work, which would be around February 21.

## **Adjourn**

There being no other business, Chairman Boyle adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm.