

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn, Wakefield Room
15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva Island, FL 33924
Wednesday, January 13, 2010 @ Noon

Commissioners Present: Mike Mullins (Chairman), Doris Holzheimer (Vice Chairman), Harry Kaiser (Secretary), Rene Miville (Commissioner), Dave Jensen (Treasurer)

Consultants Present: Kathleen Rooker (P.I.P. Senior Administrative Consultant)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Mullins called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was performed and the results are detailed above.

III. Approval of CEPD Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kaiser made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as written. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Public to be Heard

A public request was made to provide copies of the Board packet to the public. Chairman Mullins explained the difference between a Public Hearing at which packets are available to the public and a Regular Board Meeting. The Board will take the request under advisement.

V. Financial Report

Treasurer Jensen requested an update on the audit. Kathy Rooker reported that the audit of the last two fiscal years is about complete and CEPD should receive a draft of the final statements by the end of the month.

A discussion of the annual budget and expenses vs. actual followed. The expenses are aligned with the budget and there is no need for budget amendments at this time.

VI. Report of the Senior Administrator

- a) The Blind Pass ribbon cutting program will begin at 10AM on January 15. VIP parking will be available at Turner Beach with the proper sign on the dashboard of the vehicle. Tween Waters Inn, Queenie's Ice Cream, and Jimmy Jensen of Jensen's Marina are assisting CEPD to sponsor a picnic following the program.
- b) Several proposals for the TDC Beach and Shore Grant application were discussed. The proposals included a renourishment engineering report and economic planning. The second idea proposed was a performance survey and report for Blind Pass. The third proposal was the Blind Pass opening expenses.

Commissioners discussed at length the lack of a fair cost share for Captiva projects. It was suggested that the county cost share be at least equal to the cost share provided by the county to other beach and shore projects in Lee County. Chairman Mullins stated that millions of dollars are at stake. CEPD wants greater commitments and will look at other vehicles to meet Captiva needs. The Board does not feel that the TDC has been proactive in meeting the island's needs.

Chairman Mullins met with Tammy Hall and Tamara Piggott several months ago in an effort to explain that more funding should be received for Captiva projects and that Captiva gets the least cost share. Tamara Piggott's position during the meeting was that Captiva has not been requesting funding. Chairman Mullins does not want to rely on a promise for additional funding in the future. The Chairman is scheduled to meet with County Commissioner Hall again on January 29 and will bring forward to the County Commissioner supporting documents that demonstrate that Captiva is not getting a fair cost share from Lee County. Chairman Mullins suggested that any TDC Beach and Shoreline grant applications be delayed until after his meeting with Tammy Hall.

VII. Old Business

a) Annual Board Reorganization

Chairman Mullins explained that he thought changing the chair yearly is desirous. The Chairman then sought input from commissioners as to who would be interested in assuming the office of Chairman.

The commissioners all complimented Chairman Mullins on the fine work that he has done for the District as well as his tireless commitment and involvement. They did not see it as helpful to the citizens of Captiva to have Chairman Mullins step down. The Chairman explained that he is interested in serving the District in other roles such as heading a committee in the area of finance, but he does not wish to continue as chairman. He explained that he would enjoy pursuing avenues that would provide the most advantageous funding mechanisms for future projects on Captiva, resulting in a significant cost savings for Captiva taxpayers.

After much discussion and persuasion, the commissioners were able to persuade the Chairman to continue in his position for at least the next three months.

David Jensen expressed his willingness to remain as Treasurer. Doris Holzheimer agreed to continue as Vice Chairman and Harry Kaiser agree to remain Secretary.

Rene Miville made a motion to continue the Board as organized for three months. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

b) Beach Watch

The value of continuing CEPD membership in Beach Watch was discussed by the Board. Commissioners felt it was important to follow through with Beach Watch to understand the impact of the organization and evaluate each year. Commissioner Holzheimer made a motion to renew membership in Beach Watch. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

c) Winter Newsletter

Commissioners viewed a draft of content ideas and format for the winter newsletter. A discussion followed of the schedule for the newsletter and responsibility for content. The difference between the electronic and hard copy versions of the newsletter was explained. Commissioners agreed to discuss the subject further at Thursday's Briefing Meeting.

Commissioner Holzheimer agreed to chair the completion of the newsletters but asked, in return, that the commissioners agreed to the schedule and format provided. The commissioners were asked to make any comments by the next morning, before the briefing meeting on the schedule and format, which were provided to them.

VIII. New Business

a) Directors and Officers Insurance Limits

Commissioners and the public commented on the importance of D&O insurance. The Board does not serve to be put at risk if they are operating in good faith. Commissioner Kaiser made a motion to increase the coverage limits of the D&O Insurance to 10 million dollars. The motion was seconded and passed 4 to 1.

b) Proposals for Recreational Survey and Apportionment Plan

Commissioners examined two proposals from the economist. It was agreed to ask the economist for a set of questions that would be used in a recreational survey and for a copy of the methodology that is used for apportionment. Discussion of the proposals will be held at a future meeting.

c) Inlet Management Plan

At the September FSBPA, Commissioners learned that there are state funds available to update or develop inlet management plans. At a meeting held with Sanibel on January 11, it appeared that Sanibel officials and Steve Boutelle did not support updating the current 1993 plan. While Sanibel and Lee County may not have an interest in a new plan, CEPD Commissioners commented on the importance of keeping Blind Pass open through a proactive maintenance plan. CEPD wishes to hold an interlocal meeting with Sanibel and County officials once the latest performance data on the Pass becomes available. This is expected in late February.

d) Performance Report

Commissioners reviewed a CEPD 2009 State of the District Report prepared by Partners in Progress. The management practices implemented

by Partners in Progress consultants has saved the District over \$100,000, an amount equal to over 50% of the cost of the Partners in Progress outsourcing contract. Much of the savings has been contributed to more contract negotiation, competitive pricing, more work done in house, financial management practices, implementation of best practices, and diligent efforts to follow through with grants.

Commissioners would like the publication of the Beach Management Cycle Processes manual added to the District Report. They could not confirm how long it had been since the last publication of the newsletter and therefore would like the reference to an 11 year hiatus removed from the report.

e) **Community Relations and Referendum Support Proposal**

Commissioners reviewed funding for next steps in community relations and referendum support. A discussion was held as to what efforts have been expended to date. These efforts included voter roll analysis, articles written and published, a power point presentation to the Lee County Legislative Delegation, research of past articles outlining the history of beach nourishment on Captiva, workshop planning and facilitation.

Future costs would be based on the priorities of the community relations plan. The Board requested more detailed information on the proposal be provided by Partners in Progress.

Chairman Mullins discussed the timing of the next referendum and explained to fellow commissioners that all Lee County has been declared a recovery zone and would be eligible for federal stimulus funds including Build America Bonds. The federal government pays 35% of the interest rate charged on BAB. These bonds are set to expire at the end of the year. The time frame following a referendum held in November would make it difficult to finalize the bond. Commissioners are interested in locking in a lower interest loan now. The Board may need to consider an earlier referendum date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45PM.