

Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD)

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Date: December 8, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Hybrid (In-Person & Virtual)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman **John** at approximately **1:02 PM**.

2. Roll Call

Present (In Person):

- John Wade(Chairman)
- Bernie Dupre
- Rene Miville

Present (Virtual):

- Tim McGowan
- Bob Walter

A quorum was confirmed.

3. Motion to Allow Virtual Participation

Motion: Allow Commissioners Tim McGowan and Bob Walter to participate virtually.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Discussion:

The Board discussed the need for clearer advance communication regarding Commissioner attendance (in-person vs. virtual) to ensure quorum certainty. Staff was directed to confirm and circulate attendance intentions at least **five days prior** to meetings.

4. Annual Board Reorganization (Officers)

Chairman

Nominations:

- John Wade (self-nomination)
- Bob Walter (self-nomination)
- Rene Miville (self-nomination)

Vote (Roll Call):

- John – 3 votes
- Bob Walter – 1 vote
- Renee – 1 vote

Result:

John reappointed as Chairman

Vice Chairman

Nomination: Bob Walter

Vote: Approved unanimously

Result:

Bob Walter appointed Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Multiple nominations were discussed; all nominees declined at this time.

Result:

Treasurer position left vacant

To be readdressed at a future meeting.

Secretary

Nomination: Tim McGowan

Vote: Approved unanimously

Result:
Tim McGowan appointed Secretary

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Meetings: November 10, 13, 17, and 24, 2025

Motion: Approve minutes as presented

Vote: Approved unanimously

6. Chairman's Update

Key items discussed:

- Review of **Directors & Officers (D&O) / district insurance coverage**, with legal counsel to report findings at the January meeting.
 - Proposal to hold a **workshop prior to the January meeting** to:
 - Review CEPD bylaws and operating procedures
 - Clarify officer roles
 - Discuss attendance policies (virtual vs. in-person)
 - Ongoing concerns regarding **beach renourishment close-out**, including:
 - Dune heights and community concerns
 - Incomplete elements of dune construction and vegetation
 - Final project payments and accountability
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7. Motion: Project Close-Out Plan

Motion: Direct the Chairman and Administration to prepare a **comprehensive plan** to complete remaining elements of the beach renourishment project, including:

- Dune enhancements
- Vegetation
- Walkways, poles, and access points
- Financial considerations and sequencing

Vote: Approved unanimously

Direction:

Plan to be presented to the Board and community at the **January 12, 2026 meeting**, with the goal of implementation by late February.

8. Administrative Update (General Manager – Brighton Heard)

Key updates included:

- Alison Hagerup and Turner Beach parking lots reopened; **JustPark** system operational
 - Beach renourishment construction substantially complete (Nov. 22); final invoices pending
 - Post-construction surveys ongoing
 - Execution of **\$500,000 FWC invasive species removal grant**
 - Submission of a **legislative funding requests** totaling \$500,000
 - Coordination with **FGCU** for student research partnerships
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9. Motion: FGCU Student Research Partnership

Motion: Authorize funding for **two FGCU student researchers** at \$3,000 per student per semester:

- One for sediment transport modeling
- One for dune vegetation and biodiversity analysis

Vote: Approved unanimously

Benefits Noted:

- Cost-effective alternative to engineering/design services
 - Annual LiDAR and imagery
 - Long-term coastal resiliency data
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10. Old Business

- No representative present from APTIM
 - Continued discussion regarding:
 - Emergency response funding mechanisms
 - FEMA vs. Army Corps of Engineers alignment
 - Need for renewed engagement with Lee County Commissioners
 - Board requested clearer tracking of **open action items** in future meetings
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11. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

Motion: Approve proposed 2026 meeting schedule (with flexibility for future changes)
Vote: Approved unanimously

12. New Business – Letter from Tony Lapi

Issue: Request for compensation related to wedding disruption during construction.

Direction:

- Staff to follow up with **Great Lakes** regarding alleged miscommunication
 - CEPD will not directly compensate to avoid precedent
 - Board discussed alternative goodwill options pending further information
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13. Public Comment

Comments received from:

- **Judy McCormack** – expressing resident concerns regarding dune height and visual impacts
- **Gregg Fergus** – expressing support for current dune heights and protective benefits

Board acknowledged comments and reaffirmed intent to engage the community during upcoming planning discussions.

14. Commissioner Comments

Key themes:

- Need for coordinated lobbying for additional funding
 - Clarification of financial reporting and consolidation of accounts
 - Desire for clearer documentation, planning, and follow-through
 - Continued interest in Bayside Resiliency pilot projects
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15. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn

Vote: Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 PM