

Meeting Minutes/Summary for CEPD May 19 2025 Board Meeting - Rescheduled from May 12

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Quick recap

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District held their May meeting with new General Manager Brighton Heard and discussed various administrative updates including loan closing plans and staffing needs. The board reviewed ongoing projects including beach renourishment and parking revenue optimization, while also addressing legislative challenges regarding state budget allocations for beach management programs. The conversation ended with the approval of several resolutions related to beach maintenance projects and various administrative matters including board vacancy discussions.

Next steps

- Brighton Heard to organize weekly parking revenue reporting system and send to the board.
- Brighton to work with Tim to review parking management options and compare fees.
- Brighton to reach out to Sanibel to gauge interest in participating in the beach renourishment project.
- Brighton to meet with Beach Ambassadors to redefine their roles.
- Brighton to work with Evan to ensure all commissioners have functioning CEPD email accounts.
- Nicole to have a conversation with Great Lakes Dredge & Dock about potentially including Sanibel in the project.
- John Wade to draft a thank you letter for Linda's service on the board.
- Brighton to complete and submit the form for commissioner resignation to Lee County Supervisor of Elections.
- Brighton to announce the board vacancy at the next CCPD meeting.
- Evan Cutler to make adding Brighton to accounts and removing John and Paul a priority.
- Evan to assist commissioners in setting up their CEPD email accounts.

Summary

Captiva Erosion District Welcomes New GM

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) held its May meeting on May 19th. The meeting was rescheduled by 7 days due to lack of quorum. The CEPD welcomed Brighton as their new general manager, who started the previous week. Brighton has an extensive background and is already working on prioritizing tasks for the CEPD. The meeting included a

roll call of all members and a brief introduction of Lori Smith from WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE + BIERMAN, P.L., who is the bond counsel.

The CEPD also discussed the need for potential equipment setup in the main room if a large crowd attends future meetings.

Captiva District Administrative Updates

The meeting focused on administrative updates and upcoming tasks for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District. Brighton Swore the Oath Of Office, and the board discussed the loan closing with Regions Bank scheduled for Thursday, with plans to use the loan draw to cover legal fees and closing costs. The board reviewed the process of initiating new bank accounts. Brighton and the leadership team are evaluating candidates for a new office assistant/secretary position, with a focus on finding someone with bookkeeping skills who can work remotely on Fridays. The board also approved sending out three RFIs this week for legal, accounting, and dune consultation services.

CEPD Email and Legal Services

The meeting discussed several key topics. The commissioners agreed to use their CEPD email addresses for all official correspondence, as per Florida statute. They also discussed shopping for accounting consultation services, with the scope of accounting work being reduced by two-thirds. The group addressed a broad public records request from South Seas, which they believe is an attempt to be difficult. They plan to handle this request through legal counsel. Lastly, Nick Matthews from Becker provided a legislative update, but the details were not specified in the transcript.

Florida Budget Negotiations Stalemate

The Florida Legislature remains deadlocked over the state budget, with a \$4.5 billion gap between the House and Senate's proposed spending levels and competing tax cut proposals. While \$50 million for beach management programs appears secure, additional hurricane damage funding of approximately \$100-101 million remains in limbo, as the Senate is more receptive to funding than the House. Nicholas will continue advocating for beach funding through the Senate, particularly since the House Speaker, while a personal acquaintance, has shown limited interest in beach funding. The legislative session must conclude by July 1st, though there's no immediate indication of when negotiations will resume.

Parking Revenue and Beach Updates

The meeting focused on parking lot revenue optimization and beach renourishment project updates. The group discussed implementing a new parking revenue system, with Tim and Brighton tasked to evaluate options including license plate reading cameras and ticketing systems. Nicole from APTIM provided an update on the beach renourishment project, confirming it remains on track for a mid-August start date, and reported approval for an advance on Hurricane Ian grant funds. The group also discussed the possibility of including Sanibel in the beach renourishment project, which could provide a 1-2% cost savings, though this would require immediate action due to Great Lakes' scheduling.

Captiva Beach Renourishment Funding

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District Board of Commissioners approved several resolutions related to beach maintenance and renourishment projects. They authorized a \$25 million loan from Regions Capital Advantage Incorporated to finance the projects, with an estimated total cost of \$30-33 million and additional funding sources including state grants. The board also approved a contract with APTIM Coastal Planning and Engineering LLC for \$28,000 to assist with beach management funding and state funding applications. A minor correction was noted for Resolution 2025-24, which should be numbered 2025-25.

Administrative Updates and Board Changes

The meeting covered several administrative updates, including CEPD's progress on accessing and managing the ADP system, resolving issues with American Express cards, and addressing problems with the Park Mobile app. CEPD also discussed a beach lighting survey with Lee County Code Enforcement and ordered a new welcome sign for Captiva. The group addressed a board vacancy following a commissioner's resignation, with plans to announce it at the next CCP meeting. Evan provided guidance on handling the vacancy and working with board members on email and invoice issues.