Minutes of the Briefing Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

11513 Andy Rosse Lane, Unit 4, Captiva, Florida February 23, 2012

Commissioners Present: Jim Boyle, Chairman; Doris Holzheimer, Vice Chairman; Dave Jensen, Treasurer; Mike Mullins

Consultant Present: Kathy Rooker

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:05PM.
- 2. Roll Call The Roll was called and the results are detailed above.
- 3. Legislative Update

Chairman Boyle updated commissioners on the legislative funding including federal, state, and local.

<u>Federal Funding:</u> Representative Connie Mack's office shared with Chairman Boyle that there had been pressure in DC to spend the federal dollars on states other than on Florida beach nourishment construction projects since Florida had received many dollars in last year's budget. Mack's staff is not sure if this truly is the reasoning why Captiva did not get into the budget this year but according to staffer Carol Walker, they will pursue the following to assist Captiva:

- a) Reverse the funds to Captiva
- b) See if another project is not ready and move those funds to the Captiva project.
- c) Examine funding similar to earmarks.

Ms. Walker mentioned that the lack of pubic access on Captiva makes it more difficult to get federal funding. Chairman Boyle explained to Ms. Walker the impact of two very large public resorts with beach access on Captiva that drive the Lee County economy. Commissioner Mullins suggested sharing the Captiva Beach Economic Study by Dr. Stronge with Congressman Mack's office.

State Funding:

The Florida Senate has approved their budget. During the next 2 weeks the House and Senate representatives will meet together in Committee to agree on one budget to go to the Governor.

Lee County Funding:

Chairman Boyle described several meetings he has had with Steve Boutelle and a meeting with Lee County Commissioner John Manning on the draft of an Interlocal Agreement for Lee County cost sharing of the next beach nourishment project. There are three policy points that are unacceptable to Chairman Boyle and they include a cancelation clause, reimbursement rather than upfront funding, and an outdated funding formula. Chairman Boyle explained to Commissioner Manning that lack of a revenue stream requires CEPD to have up front funding of the Lee County cost share. Chairman Boyle suggested to Commissioner Manning a 50/50 cost share with Lee County. Additionally, Chairman Boyle discussed the storm protection benefits provided to the Lee County road along the Tween Waters stretch. CEPD has not heard back from Commissioner Manning. Chairman Boyle suggested that Lee County might be waiting to see the results of the state budget funding for Captiva. Commissioner Mullins commented that he feels it was a mistake in the 1990s to use a TDC funding formula instead of assessment to Lee County for the county road protection. He commented on an adjudication process for assessing Lee County.

Blind Pass and Sanibel Island:

Chairman Boyle has not heard back from Sanibel concerning a draft interlocal for putting sand on north Sanibel. He has heard there is concern that putting sand on north Sanibel would put sand back into Blind Pass. Steve Boutelle confirmed that this is a concern. Chairman Boyle told Steve Boutelle that CEPD would be willing to consider putting the dredged sand on Bowman's Beach if there was equal footing of Sanibel, Lee County, and CEPD each sharing one third of the cost. Additionally, in return, CEPD would like control of the Turner Beach parking lot on the Captiva side and to no longer have any responsibility to put sand on north Sanibel through 2021. Commissioner Mullins commented that CEPD should be prepared to explain to Captivans why we would put sand on Sanibel.

4. Accounting Fees

Commissioners agreed to the hourly increase of accounting fees beginning in February from the current rate of \$40 an hour to \$44 an hour.

5. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners discussed the status of current erosion on Captiva. They agreed to install several posts along the beach to be used as a camera stand. Periodically, a picture will be taken at high tide at each of the stands. Commissioner Jensen volunteered to work with Administrator Rooker on the project.

6. The Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services Committee met. Commissioner Mullins excused himself from the meeting, as he was not a member of the Committee. Ms. Rooker distributed the submittals, evaluation forms, and a spreadsheet of notes she has compiled from the materials submitted. Committee members Dave Jensen and Doris Holzheimer will examine in greater depth the submittals and spread sheet. They will then complete an evaluation sheet to be discussed at the next briefing meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16PM