



HERNANDO COUNTY WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Time: 6:03 p.m.

Location: Hernando Beach Marine Group, Inc. Training Center
4340 Calienta Street, Hernando Beach, FL 34607

Meeting Advertised: Friday, April 9, 2021, Hernando Sun (CLK21-64)

Agenda Available Online:

<https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/public-works/aquatic-services/waterways-advisory-committee/agendas-and-minutes/-folder-1515>

Attendee Name	Title	Attendance
Chuck Morton	Chairman	Yes
Kathryn Birren	Vice Chairman	Yes
Michael Senker	Member	Yes
Sarah Hill	Member	No
Mike Fulford	Member	Yes
Commissioner Wayne Dukes	Committee Liaison	No
Scott Herring, P.E.	Director of Public Works/County Engineer	Yes
Keith Kolasa	Aquatic Services/Waterways Manager	Yes
Cpl. Steve Kelly	Marine Patrol Officer	No
Teena Dagliere	Administrative Assistant II	Yes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Morton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Morton asked if everyone reviewed the minutes provided for the February 21, 2021 meeting and asked for approval. Mike Fulford made the motion to approve, and Mike Senker seconded the motion. Approved 4-0.

MARINE PATROL REPORT

Corporal Steve Kelly was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote for Vice Chairman

Chairman Morton stated that Mike Fulford had resigned from Port Authority and when the Port Authority was switched to the Waterways Advisory Committee, he was able to return. Chairman Morton motioned for the Vice Chair.

Mike Fulford asked to be recognized. He stated that he was pulling himself out of the list of eligible candidates to provide the newest members an opportunity to obtain leadership opportunities. He nominated Kathryn Birren.

Both Kathryn Birren and Mike Senker stated that they would be interested in serving as Vice Chairman. Mike Fulford nominated Kathryn Birren and Chairman Morton seconded the nomination. Approved 4-0.

2. 2021 Schedule and Meeting Locations

The list of potential meeting dates was presented and three were chosen. The next three meetings will be held on July 21, 2021, October 20, 2021, and December 15, 2021. Chairman Morton motioned to approve, and Vice Chairman Birren seconded. Approved 4-0.

Vice Chairman Birren suggested that the time of the meeting be changed from 6pm-8pm to 7pm to 9pm. The time change was approved 4-0.

Keith Kolasa suggested holding a meeting at the Brooksville Chambers. Vice Chair Birren agreed and stated the Brooksville location may attract a more diverse group of people. All agreed and it was decided to hold the October meeting in Brooksville.

3. Restore Funding

Keith Kolasa gave a presentation on Restore Funding which included prioritization of projects and discussion ensued.

4. Derelict Vessel Procedure

Keith Kolasa presented the Derelict Vessel Procedures provided by Frank McCabe, Supervisor of the Code Enforcement Department. Keith stated that the procedure is the basic procedure and does not include water hazards.

Mike Fulford stated he felt that the Ordinance should be changed. Scott Herring stated that this Board does not normally set up rules that are stricter than the state rules.

5. Mitigation Bank Proposal

Keith Kolasa presented the Bank Mitigation Bank Proposal and thanked Mike Fulford for his part in reaching out to the US Army Corps of Engineers to get the correspondence started. The proposal was denied, but it can now be put to rest.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chuck Greenwell stated he has some concerns about how RESTORE money has been allocated and was felt that the presentation at this meeting was very clear. He also stated that he is concerned about the drainage problem on Calienta Street.

Scott Herring stated that the Calienta project is moving forward and reminded everyone about the Public Information meeting about Calienta Street on April 29 at the Hernando Beach Marine Corp, Inc from 5pm -7pm.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mike Fulford stated he has knocked on about three hundred doors to inquire about canal traffic in the past couple of weeks. He was amazed about how little feedback that he received on the topic.

Valerie Shelter stated that during the day the noise has been better, but at night she can hear the boats in gear. She normally hears the boats between two and three in the morning.

Diane Greenwell stated she has noticed that they are not playing the loud music in the canals lately. Valerie Shelter agreed.

Vice Chair Birren stated she has heard a few complaints about loud music and boats taking it out of gear. She stated the boats taking it out of gear are typically the large crab boats.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Fulford motioned to adjourn and Mike Senker seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next Waterways Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at the Hernando Beach Marine Corp, Inc Training Center, 4340 Calienta Street, Hernando Beach, Florida 34607.