

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association
Minutes of Board Meeting – May 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by First VP John Murphy. He introduced two special guests; County Commissioner Cheryl Sanders and State Representative for District 10, Will Kendrick.

VP Murphy thanked Rep. Kendrick for his hard work on the Florida Forever program as well as the Working Waterfronts project. Rep. Kendrick spoke briefly about the goals of both programs. Their goal is to preserve and conserve the old, original working waterfront concept as well as provide accessibility for the public. They have defined clear management goals and objectives for these projects which will ensure their success and longevity. Ann Maruszak thanked Rep. Kendrick for his efforts in the beach renourishment project.

Commissioner Sanders spoke about several ongoing projects: (1) The commissioners are working with DEP to make it easier for people to protect their homes in the absence of the renourishment project (2) Road paving – the money is in place and the contract has been let to CW Roberts for the paving of Alligator Drive from the preserve to US 98. The route through the South Shoals project is still in limbo. (3) Rubble cleanup – requires a DEP permit – an objection to the permit has been filed by Bill Wargo, AP resident so the project is at a standstill until that has been settled. (4) The county will be constructing a new boat ramp complete with two docks at the bridge at Ocklocknee Bay. A channel will be dredged to the existing channel and adequate parking for 12 vehicles w/trailers as well as single vehicles will be provided. (4) Summer Camp – the commissioners have been in contention with the Summer Camp project due to their usage of small prefab modular units. She continues to try to ensure they are meeting the original PUD requirements and will keep us posted on her progress.

There were several questions from the audience for Comm. Sanders. Rob Hinchee mentioned that CR 370 had been added to the study by the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority. She was not aware of that but will clarify. Other items in limbo were mentioned. Ann Maruszak asked about the \$23K which was to be donated by St. Joe for improvements to the boat ramp at the S curve. Paul Parker mentioned that it was originally agreed that when the first building permit was pulled for the Summer Camp project, St. Joe would deed the 5 acres of land for a new fire station for Alligator Point which still has not been done. She is aware of these items and will continue to work on completion. At this point, Ms. Sanders and Mr. Kendrick excused themselves and our usual meeting agenda commenced.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. There were a couple of questions/corrections to the minutes. Rob Hinchee stated that he had actually made the motion to ask for an engineering study prior to any action to protect the road. After much discussion of the pros and cons of such a request, Rob made a motion to suspend that action until more details could be researched which was seconded by Don

Munroe and passed by unanimous vote. Don Munroe then made a motion to accept the previous minutes as amended; seconded by Jim Cummins and unanimously approved.

Bill Kimbrough gave the treasurer's report showing our ending balance of \$34,086.93. He requested permission to move \$10K into a CD. Motion made by Don Munroe to authorize; seconded by Jim Cummins; motion passed without objection.

Communications – Ann Maruszak

Ann reported that she had received a quote of \$291 to scan our old newsletters into a file. Jim Cummins stated that he had scanners capable of accomplishing this and to create a PDF file for our archived newsletters. Jim and Ann will meet to discuss the best way to accomplish our goal and report back at a future meeting. Juanita Gibson reported that the current issue of the newsletter was mailed out at a total cost of \$186.00.

Development – Joe Hambrose

One request had come before the board and after the fact variance on St. George which they denied.

Public Safety – Paul Parker

Paul issued another urgent request for help with the Fire Department. At a recent brush fire, he was the only person available.

After the committee reports, Dick Waters asked that we request a report on the location of our turtle nests and the number of hatchlings. Rob Hinchee stated that he had presented the letter from APTA to the NWFTCA which requested that there not be a road junction at the 370/98 intersection and that they consider locating it closer to the bridge. He said that one alternative did show a 4-way at that location. The land has been acquired for the corridor and there will be a series of public meetings prior to a final decision. It was brought up that there are not only road issues at stake here but also water and road protection issues as well.

Don Munroe made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Joe Hambrose and we were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Ken Osborne, Bob Deibel, Greg Suber