

# Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

The October meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by First Vice-President Eddie Sosebee at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Ken Osborne to accept the minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting, adopted without objection.

### **Approval of Treasurer Report:**

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Barbara Withers to accept the Treasurer's report, adopted without objection. Balance as of October 6, 2009: \$35,316.90. Treasurer Kimbrough reminded members that APTA donates \$50 per month to Mission by the Sea for the use of their facilities. He also informed the Board that a total of 363 (of 400 ordered) newsletters were sent to current and (recent) former members.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Beach Erosion** - Jim Cummins assessed the current condition of the beach in the area of the revetment as "stable".

**Beautification** – Barbara Withers agreed to assume the chairmanship of this committee. It was noted that with the removal of long-time right-of-way infractions and roadside trash piles, Alligator Drive was looking much better.

**Membership** – Bill Kimbrough gave Bob Deibel updated member information. Before the end of the year, Bob & Jim Cummins will organize a membership drive, perhaps using county tax rolls for mailing renewal information. Jim expressed his belief that the newsletter on the website should be open for viewing without a password, while the meeting minutes should be password-protected. Steve Fling suggested the entire website should be open so that APTA would not be viewed as an exclusive organization. Jim recommended further discussion at the November Board meeting.

**Planning & Zoning** – John Murphy reported on a recent decision by the Franklin County Commission to go against P & Z's recommendation to deny a proposed grocery store on St George Island. In spite of community objections, the project was approved based on the opinion of the county attorney and Planning & Zoning director that it was in compliance with the zoning code.

**Public Safety** – Steve Fling said the County has marked areas for placement of new speed limit signs. Public access dune walkovers which are not ADA compliant are to be corrected at the conclusion of sea turtle nesting season (November 1). A temporary concrete barrier is to be erected along Alligator Drive immediately east of the rock revetment where a steep

drop-off exists. The Alligator Pt Water Resource District is in the process of installing additional hydrants. The non-emergency telephone number for the Sheriff's office is 697-2113. Ken Osborne discussed a recent incident of a vehicle intentionally creating deep trenches in his yard by spinning its tires. He asked anyone noticing this activity in progress to please notify him.

Old business: Ken Osborne gave a recount of the meeting between APTA representatives and Franklin County Property Appraiser, Doris Pendleton. All of President Rogers' questions were answered satisfactorily. Ms Pendleton said she believes the "square foot" methodology of value assessment will eventually be adopted statewide. The Property Appraiser's office is currently trying to acquire funding for GIS-compatible software to improve accuracy.

Allan Feifer told the Board about a recent court case, *Destin v Beach Restoration* which declares no private property extends all the way to the waterline. This could potentially have an impact on property values. Allan will continue to research.

Allan also mentioned a change regarding Value Adjustment Board hearings – an independent attorney will now attend the meetings. Allan will discuss this further at the next Board meeting.

New business: The Alligator Pt Water Resource District voted to roll back the millage rate to last year's rate, thus we'll see no tax increase from that body.

President Rogers has asked that members email him with any items they'd like to see added to future agendas.

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Ken Osborne that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

*Officers and Directors absent: Bob Deibel, Kevin Griffin, Jim McCloy, Greg Suber, Sam Rogers and Dick Waters.*

**Officers**

***Sam Rogers President, Eddie Sosebee 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Joe Hambrose 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, John Murphy Secretary, Bill Kimbrough Treasurer***

**Board of Directors**

***Jim Cummins, Bob Deibel, Allan Feifer, Kevin Griffin, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell, Ken Osborne, Greg Suber, Dick Waters, Barbara Withers***