

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

General Membership Meeting

The September Election and General Membership meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 4, 2010, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Election Results:

Juanita Gibson, chair of the Election Management committee reported the printing and mailing of 260 ballots at a cost of \$390. Of those distributed, 96 were returned. President Rogers will inform candidates of the outcome of the election. Ballots for 2010-2011 APTA officers and board members were opened and tabulated with the following results:

| CANDIDATE | OFFICE | VOTE |
|------------------------|---|------|
| Sam Rogers | President | 94 |
| Eddie Sosebee | 1 st Vice president | 91 |
| Joe Hambrose | 2 nd Vice president | 92 |
| John Murphy | Secretary | 92 |
| Bill Kimbrough | Treasurer | 92 |
| Ken Osborne | Board member | 86 |
| Barbara Withers | Board member | 83 |
| Jim Apthorp | Board member | 80 |
| Harper Field | Board member | 77 |
| Marvin Heymann | Board member | 72 |
| Callie DeHaven | Board member | 64 |
| Ben Houston | Board member (write-in) | 1 |
| Don Munroe | Board member (write-in) | 1 |
| Tae Howell | Board member (write-in) | 1 |
| Kevin Griffin | 1 st Vice president (write-in) | 1 |
| Kevin Griffin | 2 nd Vice president (write-in) | 1 |
| Kevin Griffin | Board member (write-in) | 1 |

*names **bolded** indicate those elected.

Presentation of August minutes and Treasurer's report were tabled until the October Board meeting.

Reports of standing committees were tabled until the October Board meeting.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders assured the membership that the new lane shift on Alligator Drive in the vicinity of South Shoal will be paved. President Rogers mentioned a letter to the editor by Bill Wargo regarding the project and efforts by the County to further shore up the road in that area. Commissioner Sanders said additional armoring is necessary to ensure continued access to the western end of Alligator Pt.

FEMA has approved funding of the relocation of Alligator Drive through South Shoal, though the total amount has yet to be decided. Franklin County continues to negotiate with Capital City Bank (current owner of South Shoal and SeaCon) on right-of-way issues.

Jim Cummins asked about directional signs at the Ochlockonee Bay boat ramp. Commissioner Sanders says signs and lane markings will be installed once all construction is complete.

Regarding the feasibility study commissioned by the City of Carrabelle on expansion of water services to Alligator Pt (a letter from CDM, the firm chosen to conduct the study, was sent to President Rogers), Commissioner Sanders continued to stand by her position that any decision on such an expansion is dependent on a referendum of Alligator Pt property owners. Jim Cummins believes such a study should also include the feasibility of other water sources such as Wakulla County and expansion of the existing well fields.

Discussion of Franklin County budget which will likely include a millage increase for county and school budgets. Ken Osborne believes APWRD will maintain the same millage rate as last year. Allan Feifer pointed out that both Wakulla and Gulf counties did not raise their millage rate this year. Franklin County has only cut their budget by one-half of one percent, with some constitutional officers apparently unwilling to cut their budgets to live within current funding levels. Feifer also encouraged members to scrutinize their TRIM notices as errors have been found by some property owners.

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins authorizing President Rogers to draft a resolution expressing APTA's opposition to millage increases when taxpayers are struggling through the economic recession, adopted without objection.

Beach access parking was discussed briefly. Mention was made of the Sheriff's willingness to enforce traffic regulations, once established.

President Rogers announced there would not be a September APTA Board meeting.

Ann Maruszak mentioned that it's time to begin working on the next newsletter.

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Allan Feifer that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers and Directors absent: Bob Deibel and Andy Kandel

Officers

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

Board of Directors

**Jim Cummins, Bob Deibel, Allan Feifer, Harper Field, Andy Kandel, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell, Ken Osborne,
Dick Waters, Barbara Withers**