

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The August meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Eddie Sosebee at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Ken Osborne to accept the minutes of the July 9th Board Membership meeting, adopted without objection.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Allan Feifer to accept the Treasurers report adopted without objection. Current balance is \$42,178.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Jim Cummins reports APTA currently has 250 members. Some members have sent a second dues check for 2011 membership. Those funds are being counted as donations to APTA unless instructed otherwise by the sender.

Beautification – Barbara Withers reports an improvement in the roadside debris situation. She encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming (September) Coastal Cleanup. Allan Feifer said the idea of discontinuing roadside debris pickup was rejected by the Franklin County Commission. Feifer also relayed a recent incident of someone dumping construction debris on the roadside in which he was able to get the license plate number. He will forward it to Fonda Davis at Solid Waste who had stated previously that they would take action against illegal dumpers.

Communications – Jim Cummins believes there should be a “take down” date for articles posted on the APTA website. Outdated articles only add clutter.

Beach Erosion – In an email from Dick Waters, it was reported that BP is dedicating \$100 million to the state of Florida for beach restoration. Alan Pierce isn't sure where Alligator Pt would rank on the list of potential recipients of these funds. Jim Cummins has heard that DEP wants to move forward on the beach restoration plan for Alligator Pt. Ken Osborne was concerned about the obligation for subsequent beach maintenance becoming the responsibility of Franklin Co, as it was this cost that local residents rejected previously.

South Shoal – There was nothing new to report.

Franklin County Budget – Allan Feifer reported the Franklin Co Commission’s plan to increase the 2011-2012 budget by 10% over last year, with no clear explanation of where additional money would be spent. Appraised property values at Alligator Pt fell only an average of 2%.

Hospital Board – The hospital was unable to cover all its bills from last month. Part of the problem is their inability to collect all money owed them. The County will likely have to cover the shortfall. There has yet to be a feasibility study for the new hospital – this is required in order to qualify for a USDA loan. The “critical care” designation the hospital seeks to retain results in a reimbursement of 101% for all Medicare patients, however not all Medicare claims are approved.

BP has paid Franklin Co (government; businesses; residents) a total of \$49 million as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Additional funds are anticipated.

Jim Apthorp announced the Elections Committee will meet convene at 9:30 am on September 3, and will begin tallying votes at 10:00 am.

Countywide Voting – Ken Osborne informed the Board the countywide voting initiative is moving forward under the leadership of Van Johnson and Cora Roberts. One thousand signatures are needed to place the issue on the ballot. Osborne would like APTA to take a position on the issue when President Rogers returns next month. Jim Cummins is concerned Alligator Pt’s clout in influencing candidates would be diminished under a countywide system. He believes the issue should be fully discussed prior to APTA taking a position. Vice president Sosebee deferred discussion on the issue until a future meeting. Jim McCloy did not think it should be taken up at the General Membership meeting unless it was sufficiently advertised.

Alligator Pt Water Resources District – Alan Feifer said a slight millage increase has been proposed. Skip Cook (APWRD engineer) budgeted money to study connecting to the Carrabelle water system. The Board removed that appropriation. Ken Osborne suspects Cook may have conflicted interests.

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Jim Cummins that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers and Directors absent: Bucky Mitchell, Sam Rogers and Dick Waters.

Officers
Sam Rogers President, Eddie Sosebee 1st Vice president, Joe Hambrose 2nd Vice President, John Murphy Secretary,
Bill Kimbrough Treasurer
Board of Directors
Jim Apthorp, Jim Cummins, Allan Feifer, Harper Field, Marvin Heymann, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell,
Ken Osborne, Dick Waters, Barbara Withers