

Alligator Point-Saint Teresa Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The February meeting of the Alligator Pt-St Teresa Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim McCloy at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Ben Houston, seconded by Mary Jeanne Lykes to accept the minutes of the January 9th Board meeting, adopted without objection.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Lykes, seconded by Houston to accept Treasurer's report adopted without objection. Treasurer Leonard noted the renewal of D & O insurance (\$1,500).

President McCloy reminded Board members that 2016 dues need to be paid. He also asked members to resubmit APSTA priority lists as the original lists were lost.

Sammy Fadool, Girl Scout, spoke to the membership regarding the beach cleanup of Alligator Point scheduled for February 27. Participants should meet that morning at the firehouse to pick up gloves and trash bags. T-shirts are available to those who pre-register.

Committee Reports:

Kay McCord of the Social Committee reminded members of this evenings prime rib dinner at Posey's. She currently has fifty participants.

Membership - McCloy announced membership renewals for 2016 continue to come in.

Beautification - McCloy placed "Please Use Trash Can" signs at the revetment area. An additional garbage can was installed by the County. He will ask County if cans can be emptied immediately prior to the summer holiday weekends.

Web Site - McCloy noted information on the web site is current.

Government Coordination - Lykes reported on Franklin County Commission meetings:

01/19 - Mike Cooper-CEO- Weems Hosp. Showed the plans for the new building (currently under budget) and gave a summary of accomplishments since he came on board.

Michael Moron: would like a public hearing on litter control ordinance. He would like civil penalties stepping up to criminal charges.

The EOC is updating the Special Needs database to verify information is current. Re-entry tags are available for those who need them.

02/02 - Eric Lovestrand- IFAS Extension- coordinated with panhandle Sea Grant agents regarding a

Panhandle turtle lighting project.

Library: Beginning in February, AARP Free Tax Assistance is offered at both library branches from 1:00-5:00. Sign up for a time slot at either branch and pick up a list of what you need to bring. On 02/10 a birding expert will tell about birding tips and viewing areas-Eastpoint Branch. On 02/16, Erik Lovestrand will present Backyard Beekeeping- Eastpoint Branch.

Michael Cooper- Weems Hosp: The new ambulance was pulled from active duty because Florida is implementing numerous safety requirements costing \$40,000.

Alan Pierce- No RESTORE funds distributed yet. 02/16 at 1:30 pm Dewberry will lead a RESTORE workshop. Public invited.

Michael Moron: the Armory renovation project should be completed by 02/22. Ray Maynard a homeowner on Gulf Shore Blvd has been informed by Sen Graham's office that FEMA will be finishing their environmental review of the relocation of Gulf Shore Blvd by 03/15. Pierce says county received a time extension from FEMA to get done by 06/30/2016; county has easement with Maynard to allow traffic on a temporary basis across his property until 06/30. Maynard stated he will not renew the easement. Bids will be opened 02/16 for the final repairs to Alligator Drive revetment. This project could be finished by 05/01.

Fire House Building - Jim Apthorp reported that at recent APVFD meeting new Board was elected with Paul Parker as President. New committees appointed to deal with firehouse construction and equipment acquisition. The fire department currently has balance on hand of \$316k, with new MSBU fee generating close to \$100k/annually. Judy Lewis asked why the fire station was moving farther from area it serves. It was pointed out the service area includes St Teresa and that existing stations would remain active. Alan Feifer asked if there was a timeframe for firehouse construction. There is no set timeframe, however it should begin this year and be done in phases as funds become available. There was also a question regarding rumor that fire chief would become a paid position. This proposal has been submitted but the APVFD Board has yet to act on it. The same holds true for proposed purchase of a fireboat. Additional rumor of large fee being charged for new firehouse drawings was unfounded.

Safety - McCloy presented Sheriff's incident report. Regarding home security alarms, Terry Madigan noted some companies contact FCSO when alarms go off, while others don't.

New Business:

Houston made a motion that APSTA pay to have church gutters cleaned as a goodwill gesture for being allowed use of the building. He was asked if he would withdraw his motion until estimates on work could be gathered. He gave his consent.

Marvin Heymann expressed his desire to have more succinct discussions at Board meetings. It was agreed to consult Robert's Rules of Order for guidance on the matter.

Bert Bolt suggested inviting Alan Pierce to future Board meeting to discuss RESTORE funding as it might apply to property protection/preservation.

Bolt was recently appointed to the Carrabelle Airport Authority.

Feifer reported he was recently contacted by Mac McMillan, candidate for School Superintendent regarding upcoming ballot initiative to increase Franklin County school taxes by .5 mils. It will be considered in a special election rather than being on the presidential primary ballot.

McCloy announced the presentation on bears by Trish Beach has been postponed until the March meeting due to illness in Ms Beach's family. He also mentioned an email from new AP property owner, Ian Baird, saying he was advised by a local pest control provider that he should have his home treated for Formosa termites. Research seems to indicate that species, while prevalent in the New Orleans area, has not spread to Alligator Pt.

Feifer asked if there were any alternative garbage services for this area. Apparently Waste Pro is the only one.

There being no further business, on Motion by Heymann, seconded by Leonard that the meeting be adjourned, was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers

Jim McCloy President, Joe Hambrose 1st Vice president, Marvin Heymann 2nd Vice President, John Murphy Secretary, Coman Leonard Treasurer

Board of Directors

Jim Apthorp, Bert Bolt, Ben Houston, Judy Lewis, Mary Jeanne Lykes, Terry Madigan, Paul Parker, Carol Rippee, Barbara Withers