

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The January meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Bucky Mitchell to accept the minutes of the December 12th Board of Directors meeting, adopted without objection.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to accept the Treasurer's report, adopted without objection. Balance as of January 6, 2010: \$37,337.26.

Treasurer Kimbrough asked for direction on the APTA "Sea Turtle" account. This is a separate account to which Bill Wargo have access, however Wargo has not taken any money from the account in over a year. On motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to send a letter to Wargo suggesting the account be discontinued, adopted without objection.

Committee Reports:

Communication – no report.

Beach Erosion – no report.

Beautification – no report.

Membership – Jim Cummins informed the Board that President Rogers had prepared letters to be sent to property owners regarding APTA membership (one as a reminder, another a letter of thanks, and a third with bullet points of APTA accomplishments). On motion by Ken Osborne, seconded by Jim McCloy that letters be approved, adopted without objection. Allan Feifer suggested we have block captains to keep residents aware of APTA and its ongoing projects. Cummins encouraged everyone to speak to friends & neighbors who aren't currently members.

Development – no report.

Planning & Zoning – no report.

Public Safety – Steve Fling reported on the finalization of transfer of three acres on Alligator Drive from St Joe to the APVFD for use as site of new firehouse. Also that St Joe had previously agreed to contribute \$50K to APVFD towards purchase of a ladder truck. Jim Cummins and Ken Osborne discussed ways APTA might be able to assist with the new truck. Allan Feifer suggested possibly paying the note, but President Rogers was uncomfortable with APTA assuming that debt. He felt soliciting voluntary donations via an option on the APTA membership renewal form would be better. Fling mentioned housing (new firehouse) for the truck was part of the overall package. Grants are available, but the average income of Alligator Pt property owners reduces our chances of obtaining them when we're up against

more disadvantaged fire districts. Fling also announced that Franklin Co and Bay North will provide funding for the purchase of a new generator used to power the communication system at St Teresa.

President Rogers discussed articles to be included in the upcoming newsletter. They include: an announcement that the APTA website is now open to all, with passwords no longer required, and that it has been updated with weather and tide information; Franklin County's retraction of St Joe's FLUMs (Future Land Use Map); FEMA's agreement to fund the relocation of Alligator Drive through the South Shoal development (Commissioner Sanders believes the process will move quickly); and an article by Allan Feifer on the outcome of the Board of Adjustment's review by the special master. Rogers also expressed his desire to add all Franklin County government officials to the newsletter mailing list.

Regarding the city of Carrabelle's designs on expanding water service to Alligator Pt, President Rogers relayed points of discussion in a recent conversation he had with Tom Vanderplaats, Chairman of the AP Water Resource District: 1) There is a need to increase water production beyond current levels; 2) The APWRD had been negotiating a plan to acquire water from Wakulla County, but those talks ended abruptly and AP was directed to look toward sources in Franklin County; 3) APWRD currently has leases with St Joe and they expressed interest in expanding those leases. St Joe offered a new lease agreement which would have canceled existing leases, but this proposal was rejected by the APWRD Board. Current leases with St Joe expire in 2016 at which time AP has the option to renew; 4) Tom is aware of Carrabelle's interest in expanding service to AP, but the APWRD has not been involved in any discussions regarding such. The NFWFMD apparently supports Carrabelle's plan, but any changes would require action by both the Franklin Co Commission and the Florida Legislature. Though Vanderplaat's tenure on the APWRD Board has expired, he will likely continue to serve until such time as a replacement is named by the Governor. Such an appointment does not appear imminent.

Bill Kimbrough asked Commissioner Sanders to discuss the helipad located at the AP firehouse. Sanders reported the pad had been repainted and a new wind sock has been installed. Steve Fling also mentioned that the firehouse has a strobe light which also assists in Life Flight's navigation. Fling discussed current dispatch procedures when 911 call is made. President Rogers asked Fling to provide a brief write-up on Life Flight process.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders reported the following: the county is awaiting a price on sheet piling for Alligator Drive and to find out how much FEMA will be willing to fund; county action on the St Joe FLUM's has been forwarded to the Dept of Community Affairs; bids for the new Ochlockonee Bay boat ramp will be opened on January 19; the county engineer and the road department continue to work on a plan for barriers at the washout area east of Tom Roberts Road.

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Ken Osborne that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers and Directors absent: Bob Deibel, Kevin Griffin, and Greg Suber.

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, Kevin Griffin, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell, Ken Osborne, Greg Suber, Dick Waters, Barbara Withers