

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The June meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Eddie Sosebee to accept the minutes of the May 8th Board of Directors meetings, adopted without objection.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Eddie Sosebee to accept Treasurers report adopted without objection. President Rogers delivered the report in Treasurer Kimbrough's absence. Current balance is \$38,689.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Jim Cummins had nothing new to report since last meeting. Membership currently stands at 255.

Beach Erosion – no report.

Communication – Ann Maruszak has been told that the Alligator Pt voting precinct may have to be discontinued due to difficulty in finding qualified poll workers. Maruszak will send newsletter revisions resulting from this meeting to the editor. Maruszak is trying to keep updated information on the oil spill posted on the APTA website.

Beautification – Barbara Withers reported the apparent theft of two potted geraniums from the “welcome” sign near the telephone tower. She has offered a reward for their return.

Water Issues – no report.

Development – no report.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders reported that Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton informed the Franklin County Commission of an 18% decrease in county property values as of June 1. It could potentially drop even further due to further depression of the market resulting from the Gulf oil spill.

Alan Pierce recently requested an additional \$51,000 in funding for the county ambulance service. Funding is available for the new Carrabelle clinic. Grant money is being sought for improvements to Weems Hospital.

Pierce's report to the County Commission will be added to the County website.

The derelict catamaran long parked illegally in the right-of-way along Alligator Drive has been removed.

Proposals by the NW Florida Transportation Corridor Authority for an alternate route for Highway 98 have been removed from the current plan. Upgrades to Highway 319 are scheduled.

Work on the new boat ramp at Metcalf Pt (Ochlockonee Bay bridge) is progressing.

Complaints have been received regarding the parking situation at some of the Alligator Pt beach walkovers.

Pam Brownell, Director of Franklin Co Emergency Management updated the membership on recent developments with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Her office has no control over any of the BP programs associated with cleanup, claims, etc.

If anyone sees signs of oil in the water or on the beach, they should contact her office immediately.

Tags which allow residents re-entry to Alligator Pt following an emergency are available through Emergency Management.

Chuck Tear, the Calvin, Giordano & Associates consultant for Franklin County updated the Board on plans for dealing with oil in county waters. Funding for his services is being provided by BP. Current speculation is that Alligator Pt may be the first area in the county where oil makes landfall. Booms for our area are located in Carrabelle and will be deployed by barge when warranted. A three tier boom plan is proposed. Tier 1 consists of a boom to deflect/concentrate oil. Tier 2 involves skimmers to collect the oil. Tier 3, which is under County control, will deploy 440,000 linear feet of boom and hopefully some skimmers (promised by the Coast Guard and DEP).

DEP is reducing their involvement in the oil situation to concentrate more on hurricane preparation.

President Rogers appointed a Nominating Committee: Jim McCloy, Chair, Jim Cummins, Allan Feifer, Ken Osborne & Dick Waters. Motion by Ken Osborne, seconded by Bucky Mitchell to extend deadline for nominations until the July Board meeting, adopted without objection. Rogers also appointed an Election Administration Committee: Juanita Gibson, Chair, Barbara Withers, Harper Field, Bucky Mitchell & John Murphy.

President Rogers asked the Board's opinion on an APTA donation to the Apalachicola Riverkeepers in appreciation for their efforts in a recent beach cleanup. Because of objections the proposal was withdrawn.

Regarding the ambulance situation, Commissioner Sanders plans to make a motion that the ambulance service be put out for bid. Sanders will also arrange for a hospital representative to come to a future APTA Board meeting to answer questions. Motion by Ken Osborne, seconded by Jim Cummins that President Rogers be authorized to pursue legal counsel if APTA attempts to gain information from the hospital board are unsuccessful, adopted with one objection (Feifer).

President Rogers recently received correspondence from Alligator Pt resident, Chip Cordell regarding speeding motorists at the "S" curve. Commissioner Sanders will discuss the matter with Sheriff Shiver. If the situation is not brought under control, APTA will explore other options.

Frank Gibson was recently approached by the minister of Mission by the Sea offering to publish the APTA newsletter in exchange for one page devoted to the church. The sentiment of the Board was that the current arrangement worked well and the preference was to maintain status quo.

Bucky Mitchell informed the Board that DEP was opening scallop season two weeks early (June 19).

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