

# Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

The November meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by John Murphy, seconded by Allan Feifer to accept the minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meetings (as submitted by Jim Cummins), adopted without objection.

### **Approval of Treasurer Report:**

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to accept Treasurers report adopted without objection. Current balance is \$37,960. Treasurer Kimbrough informed the Board that CD's will soon mature and new interest rates are very low. With the acquisition of Wakulla Bank by an out-of-state bank, Kimbrough asked the Board's permission to search for better CD rates outside of Franklin & Wakulla counties. Ken Osborne suggested we not deal with Capital City Bank since they've shown little willingness to cooperate with the community on issues regarding the South Shoal property and road relocation. On motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to authorize Kimbrough to search for better CD rates at banks outside of Franklin & Wakulla counties, adopted without objection.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders was recently reelected, and for the first time she carried all three precincts within District 2. She informed the Board that FEMA has agreed to provide funding for the road relocation, and that Franklin County is attempting to negotiate with Capital City Bank on the acquisition of property necessary for right-of-way.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership** – Jim Cummins plans to draft two membership renewal letters, one for current members, and the other for recent members whose membership lapsed in 2010. He also hopes to compile a list of email addresses for all current APTA members and use a listserve for Communicating with membership. President Rogers will ask Ann Maruszak to work with Allan Feifer on researching Constant Contact as a possible provider. Juanita Gibson gave a report on the recent newsletter. The majority were sent to addresses in the Tallahassee area. Only one was returned “undeliverable”.

**Public Safety & Security** – Eddie Sosebee has agreed to chair this committee.

**Water report** – Ken Osborne reports the APWRD has no desire to be taken over by the City of Carrabelle. He feels we should hold off contacting the new governor regarding Replacements on the APWRD Board of Directors until he has settled into his new role. The water department was notified that the lights on their new office building were

excessively bright. They've agreed to resolve the problem.

**Public Parking** – Eddie Sosebee is drafting a letter to Commissioner Sanders based on public input he has received on new parking plan for public access points, and how they should be enforced. The current proposal has 5 spaces at Chip Morrison; 10 at Carnival; and at the “S” curve, 10 car spaces on the Gulf side and 2 trailer spaces on the bay side. Sosebee believes the spaces should be broken up into small groups and spaced out a bit so that no single property owner bears the brunt of all vehicles adjoining them. Small groups of spaces might also discourage vehicles with trailers from taking up several spaces by parking perpendicular in them. Sosebee will request the cooperation of the Franklin Co Sheriffs Dept. in enforcing the posted parking regulations. Their cooperation was assured in an earlier meeting with the Under Sheriff. Additionally, signs will be erected encouraging day visitors to visit the beaches of Bald Pt State Park. Motion by Eddie Sosebee, seconded by Bill Kimbrough to forward the letter to the Franklin County Commission, adopted without objection.

Ken Osborne spoke to the issue of excessive speed limit zones and excessively low speed limit (15 mph) in the revetment area. President Rogers will contact Commissioner Sanders about reposting speed limits to their former rates.

President Rogers informed the Board that on October 19 the Franklin County Commission voted to increase the ad valorem tax rate from 4.351 to 4.444 mils without advertising and without a public hearing. The increase was prompted by a shortfall in the estimated property values. Such action is permitted in the Florida Statutes under certain circumstances, and it would likely be futile for APTA to pursue a legal challenge. Rogers will ask the Commission the reason for the shortfall and why a special assessment formula is being used for Alligator Pt properties.

President Rogers addressed the trash situation along Alligator Drive and at the recycle bin. Marvin Heymann believes some residents are unaware that roadside debris is to be placed in front of their residence. He also says some rental units do not provide garbage service to their renters. Allan Feifer expressed the need for a code enforcement officer. Rogers will speak with Sheriff Shiver about the possibility of APTA hiring off-duty deputies for periodic patrols.

On the issue of ambulance service and 911 dispatch, Allan Feifer reports Franklin County does not have a certified 911 service – the FCSO handles the duties through its regular dispatch. a tax of \$.50 per property goes to the Sheriff's Office specifically for 911 service. Steve Fling stated that Commissioner Smokey Parrish has mentioned the possibility of an ambulance being dedicated to Alligator Pt, provided the residents staff it.

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Allan Feifer that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

*Officers and Directors absent: Bob Deibel, Harper Field, Joe Hambrose, Andy Kandel, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell and Dick Waters.*

***Officers***

***Sam Rogers President, Eddie Sosebee 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Joe Hambrose 2<sup>nd</sup> 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***