

# Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

The April meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Allan Feifer to accept the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board Membership meeting, adopted without objection.

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

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Allan Feifer to accept Treasurers report adopted without objection. Current balance is \$41,858.

Van Johnson, Director of Solid Waste for Franklin County was in attendance to address any questions or concerns related to roadside debris. Jim Cummins has noticed the roadside trash pickup and visits by prisoner work details has been consistent. Carol Kimbrough asked about the recycled material collected by the county. Johnson said the county is able to sell most of the material to recycling companies. He added that if recyclables are bagged, he prefers we use a paper bag, as they can be recycled. Greg Walker mentioned the garbage cans at public access points being used for household garbage. Johnson said such occurrences are nearly impossible to prevent. Dick Waters asked about the possibility of having a central collection site for yard debris, as opposed to everyone using the right-of-way in front of their homes. Allan Feifer said Franklin County first needs an ordinance prohibiting dumping. President Rogers favors mandatory garbage pickup. Johnson agreed to increase the frequency of prisoner cleanup details, and he gave his phone number (850-323-0602) should anyone need to contact him.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership** – Jim Cummins received a list of local property owners' addresses from the Property Appraisers Office. After deleting duplicates and names with no addresses, Cummins was left with 763 addresses to which "bear" letters can be sent. He would also like to include a brief note regarding membership renewal. A mail service will be used to send letters.

**Development** – Allan Fiefer reports a small number of building permits have been issued, and some house sold. Franklin County is negotiating with Capital City Bank regarding the acquisition of the South Shoal development (see document subsequently emailed to Board members by President Rogers).

**Safety** - President Rogers says Eddie Sosebee has offered to work with Alan Pierce with making adjustments to the parking at the "S" curve. Sosebee believes existing speed limit signage to be adequate. Greg Walker says parking at the Chip Morrison access has doubled the

previous capacity, and feels that it allows for an excessive number of visitors. President Rogers will ask Sosebee to look into the situation.

President Rogers addressed the current situation with the APWRD Board of Directors. The terms of two members (Tom Vanderplaats and Rand Edelstein) of that Board have expired, and the third (Deanna Murphy) is in the final year of her term. Bucky Mitchell has made an application for appointment to the APWRD Board and President Rogers would like to see APTA endorse him. There was some concern that Mitchell had not attended any APWRD Board meetings and that he may not be aware of its most pressing issues (district expansion; billing rate structure; and possible interest of City of Carrabelle in expanding its water service to Alligator Pt) and the commitment required of its members.

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Allan Feifer that APTA should endorse Tom Vanderplaats to be reappointed and Bucky Mitchell be appointed to the APWRD Board of Directors, adopted without objection.

President Rogers noted that APWRD has applied for a Community Block Grant for new hydrants. Franklin County plans to combine that request with another by the City of Carrabelle in order to meet the minimum funding threshold.

For the annual APTA Board of Directors election to be held in August, the terms of the following directors will expire: Jim Cummins (termed out; can stand for officer position); Allan Feifer; Bucky Mitchell; Dick Waters (termed out; can stand for officer position); Jim McCloy. All officer positions are up for election. President Rogers asked for endorsements of potential new members to be presented at the May meeting.

Steve Fling of the APVFD spoke on the relocation of the firehouse to a site donated by the St. Joe Co. near the intersection of Hwy 98/CR 370. By establishing a substation somewhere west of the South Shoal property, the "five-mile radius" required by ISO rating criteria could still be met. Advantages to relocation include: ability to house ladder truck & ambulance; new location is less vulnerable to effects of storms; space for a possible FCSO substation. Estimated cost of materials is \$160,000 – 180,000. Jim Cummins believes entire cost of construction will run in the range of \$300,000.

Fling would like to investigate the possibility of using the Bald Pt Trust Fund to help fund the construction of the new firehouse. Allan Feifer spoke briefly on the nature of the trust fund, and that the county is not bound to use the money for any specific purpose.

Jim McCloy suggested a structured discussion on the subject where more definite information regarding costs, funding sources and justification could be presented. President Rogers deferred further discussion on the subject until questions raised by Board members could be addressed.

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Bill Kimbrough that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

*Officers and Directors absent: Jim Apthorp, Harper Field, Marvin Heymann, Bucky Mitchell, Ken Osborne, Eddie Sosebee and Barbara Withers.*

***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 Apthorp, Jim Cummins, Allan Feifer, Harper Field, Marvin Heymann, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell,  
Ken Osborne, Dick Waters, Barbara Withers***