

Minutes of the APTA Board of Directors Meeting – May 14, 2011

Members present: Sam Rogers, Jim Cummins, Alan Feifer, Bill Kimbrough, Ken Osborne, Marvin Heymann, Barbara Withers, Dick Waters, Jim Apthorp – A quorum is present.

Meeting called to order at 9am by President Sam Rogers.

The Secretary is absent but minutes were sent by e-mail. Motion to accept minutes by Feifer, seconded by Osborne. Motion passed.

The Treasurer made his report. Total balance is \$42,520.95. CD was renewed at 1.08%. Feifer moved to accept report, seconded by Osborne. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beach erosion (Waters) - no new information

Beautification (Withers) Trash pickup seems to be better

SR: review of trash on AP (from last meeting). There is still a question to if there is an ordinance concerning trash pickup and trash on the road. Thanks to Van Johnson, county waste management director, for visiting the last Board meeting. Are there signs for recycling other than at the bins? No, but the dumpsters have been on Bald Point Road for 14 years.

CS: Van Johnson also visited Lanark Village. Roadside trash is a problem in the county (fewer people for pickup). Van was charged at the last BoCC meeting to look at fixing roadside pickup. One option is discontinuing the service. Note that contractors are required to show they have a trash bin (dumpster) when they pull a permit for a job.

AF: How does Wakulla keep their roads looking good without roadside service? A code enforcement officer is needed to ensure that trash isn't put on the roadside.

SR: Asked BW to coordinate with Sanders and Johnson on the trash issue and anything else concerning beautification.

Membership (Cummins) 221 members plus 3 complementary. 6 more in the last week. List is available from the Property Appraiser's Office for mailing when we desire.

SR: Welcome to Cheryl Sanders, County Commissioner, for any comments.

CS: Budget process has started for the BoCC. No workshop dates are set yet. The Appraiser's report is not yet available but it appears certain that departments will need to reduce their budgets.

Hospital: Chuck Colver is leaving as hospital director CEO and a new CEO will need to be hired. The Hospital Board and TMH will need to make a decision with BoCC approval.

South Shoal – road relocation: there were discussions with Capital City Bank(CapCity) in December to resolve the land issue. CapCity has finally made a response by early March. The BoCC directed the Alan Pierce and the county attorney, Michael Schuler, to come to an

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agreement. At the May 3, 2011, meeting CapCity required that CS (and others) sign a confidentiality agreement which would have prohibited this discussion.

SR: Here is a report from a meeting with Schuler from last Tuesday

CapCity proposal on March 25, 2011; informed BoCC at meeting on April 5.

1. Confidentiality agreement – CS refused to sign it
2. CapCity: no compromises from previous proposals
3. refuses to use an advanced wastewater treatment plant (AWT)
4. CapCity attorney also represents the AP Water District but Schuler refused to comment on conflict of interest.
5. Schuler believes that further negotiations are fruitless and proposes to submit the CapCity proposal as it is to a public hearing.

MH: Be cautious about just what is received as unused roads deteriorate.

AF: Has not heard any negative comments from CapCity attorney about CS.

- APTA worked on the original PUD for South Shoals well before July, 2005. Purpose was to protect Alligator Point with minimum one acre lot sizes unless an AWT was used.
- Built into the PUD that if certain public works were not done by a due date then the County could revert the zoning without any additional public hearings or actions.
- County has not used condemnation procedure so they have no leverage with CapCity.

KO: PUD has expired! If we go to public hearing without legal representation then we will lose out on the agreement. APTA needs a lawyer in order to be part of this action.

CS: Condemnation is only needed on that part of the property to be used to relocate the road. This is the only time that FEMA has agreed to pay for relocation of a road but time is running out on the availability of the money.

KO: plans to go to the Water Board and object to having CapCity attorney also represent Water Board.

DW: It is important the APTA establish legal standing in this case.

JA: There are two issues here: 1) the PUD, zoning and AWT and 2) relocation of the road.

Addressing number 2) there is a “quick take” condemnation procedure that takes 30 days and determines the compensation (appraisal) later. This should be used here and the BoCC must be encouraged to do it right away.

CS: Someone from Alligator Point needs to be at the BoCC meeting to bring up these points when the county attorney proposes a public hearing.

AF: Why do we need to go to public hearing?

CS: We want to be fair about it and hear all the people's input. But someone from AP needs to say that we should quick take the property without a public hearing.

Request by KO to have a vote for his representing APTA at the next BoCC meeting and present our concerns and arguments. SR called for a vote. Passed without objection.

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A general discussion of methods of resolving the CapCity claims and road issues followed but no new items or issues were discussed.

Announcement by SR that we are approaching reelection time and the following chairman have been appointed: Nomination Committee: Sam Rogers

 Election Administration: John Murphy

Members of these committees will be published in an e-mail to Board members in the next few days.

Special Report: School system – AF

The school system performance is one of the worst in the state and has costs per pupil that near the highest in the state. The school system is facing a \$2.5M hole in their budget. They are unwilling or unable to cut their costs. They will likely ask for an additional 12-15% in property taxes which will impact all property owners, even those (or perhaps especially those) who have homestead exemptions.

Motion to adjourn. Passed. Meeting adjourned.