

# **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 11, 2011, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Bill Kimbrough, seconded by Harper Field to accept the minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board Membership meeting, adopted without objection.

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

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by John Murphy to accept Treasurers report adopted without objection. Current balance is \$42,515.

Committee Reports:

**Membership** – Jim Cummins reports APTA currently has 234 members.

President Rogers updated the Board on the South Shoal situation. Capital City Bank has submitted a proposal to the Franklin County Commission to reduce the number of lots from 24 (previously approved) to 7 one acre lots. This would allow development of the lots using individual aerobic septic systems rather than a central sewage system. Additionally, they want the county to retain ownership of the portion of Alligator Drive which borders the south (Gulf) side of the property and to continue maintaining the rock revetment (a proposal rejected by Franklin County).

Rogers distributed a diagram of the South Shoal & Secon properties showing portions the county hopes to acquire for the purpose of rerouting Alligator Drive. Franklin County is pursuing a quick take of a 50' x 300' section of Tom Roberts Road. The proposal has been submitted to Capital City. They have 30 days in which to respond. In the event they reject the proposal (which is expected), a filing will be made in court. Within 60 days a hearing date will be set. The county's appraisal of the 50' x 300' section is \$30,000.

The portion of Secon property desired by the county is the northern end of all four lots of a section suitable in size to accommodate the rerouted Alligator Drive. The Secon lots are valued at \$420,000. Purchase of this property by Franklin County is contingent on funding by FEMA. Franklin County attorney Michael Shuler has asked that APTA not take a public position on the South Shoal/Secon proposal until Capital City Bank has responded to the county.

Jim Cummins feels Capital City's proposal to reduce the number of lots from 24 to 7 would solve their development problems. He further believes APTA should hold firm to their desire to see Alligator Drive relocated.

President Rogers feels APTA should hold off in obtaining legal counsel for the time being. Acting prematurely could potentially derail negotiations between the bank and county. Rogers

presented a statement (see below) outlining APTA's continued support of the relocation of Alligator Drive, but remains silent on details of Franklin County's plan for acquiring property. Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Bucky Mitchell to accept Rogers' statement, as amended, adopted without objection.

**\*RESOLUTION OF APTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED JUNE 11, 2011**

***The APTA Board of Directors offers no opinion on the amended proposal of Capital City National Bank (plat signed on May 19, 2011 by Wade Brown) relative to South Shoal Development regarding lot size and aerobic waste water system at this time. APTA's number one priority remains construction of a new road to the north and well away from the Gulf beach at the rock revetment paralleling the current road. APTA supports the long held policy of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that the road be relocated to the proposed northern route. If FEMA terminates its grant, everyone loses: property owners west of the South Shoal Development, Franklin County taxpayers, and Capital City National Bank.***

**Beautification** – Barbara Withers spoke to Fonda Davis at Franklin County Solid Waste regarding roadside debris. They sent trucks to collect trash but it took multiple trips. Davis said residents can call his office to report illegal dumping. He also notified Withers that the roadside debris collection service is to be terminated. This is a cause of concern to Board members.

Carol Kimbrough asked if calling 911 from a non-local cell phone would reach Franklin County dispatch. Steve Fling assured her that it would.

Steve Fling gave a recap of the recent house fire on Chip Morrison Drive. He also notified the Board that a burn ban is currently in effect. Fling and Jim Cummins are working on operation guidelines for the Alligator Pt ambulance service.

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Harper Field that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

*Officers and Directors absent: Allan Feifer, Jim McCloy, Ken Osborne, Eddie Sosebee 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 Apthorp, Jim Cummins, Allan Feifer, Harper Field, Marvin Heymann, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell, Ken Osborne, Dick Waters, Barbara Withers***