

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The July meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 10, 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 June 12th 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. Current balance is \$38,732. Treasurer Kimbrough informed the Board of low interest rates we are receiving on CD's. He checked other banks but found their rates to be equally low, or lower. Wakulla Bank is experiencing financial difficulties but the membership felt comfortable maintaining our account with them. The Turtle account has been closed and Bill Wargo has established a new account. Motion by Ken Osborne, seconded by Barbara Withers to remove extraneous donation options from the APTA membership form, adopted without objection. On June 30 a \$600 donation was made to Mission by the Sea in lieu of a fee for use of their facility. This donation is made annually.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Jim Cummins had nothing new to report since last meeting. Membership currently stands at 261.

Communication – Ann Maruszak reported that the Alligator Pt voting precinct will be staffed for the 2010 primary & general elections. Poll workers are Judy Tysinger, Clerk, Tony Millender, Glen Price, Jeannie Taylor & Robert Taylor.

The APTA website has received 74,000 hits since its inception.

The newsletter was produced & mailed at a cost of \$370.

Steve Fling offered to add the APTA website address to the "Welcome" sign.

Beautification – Barbara Withers has received no response to her offer of a reward for the missing geraniums at the "Welcome" sign.

Commissioner Cheryl Sanders reported that taxable property values are projected to be down 26-28% from 2009. Budget workshops are scheduled for July 20, 22 & 23. She believes an increase in the millage rate is likely.

The Franklin Co Commission has issued an RFP for the ambulance service.

CGA, the consulting firm hired by the county, has yet to be reimbursed by either BP or the state for their services. Pam Brownell is submitting a request for reimbursement for oil spill-related

expenses incurred by Emergency Management. Commissioner Sanders was informed that some of the recently deployed oil containment booms were washing up on the beach.

County Engineer, Dan Rothwell, has submitted a proposal to address the parking situation at public access points. In discussing the situation, Paul Parker said one option might be to have metered parking with strict enforcement. He further stated that Tourist Development funds could be used for parking improvements. Commissioner Sanders will try to arrange meeting between Rothwell, Sheriff Shiver, President Rogers, Barbara Withers & Eddie Sosebee on Thursday, July 15 at the Harbor Point Realty office.

Ken Osborne reported that the two candidates challenging Commissioner Sanders for the District 2 seat, both have supported (currently or previously) the expansion of the Carrabelle water district.

Jim McCloy, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's slate for the upcoming APTA election which consisted of: Sam Rogers – President, Eddie Sosebee – 1st VP, Joe Hambrose – 2nd VP, Bill Kimbrough – Treasurer, John Murphy – Secretary; and for the five Board seats: Harper Field, Ken Osborne, Barbara Withers, Jim Apthorp, Callie DeHaven & Marvin Heymann. There being no floor nominations, on motion by Bill Kimbrough, seconded by Ken Osborne, nominations were closed and the proposed slate accepted, adopted without objection.

Allan Feifer gave an anecdotal account of the oil spill. He recently flew from Bay St Louis, MS to Alligator Pt in his own plane, staying approximately 10 miles offshore. He saw little sign of oil and no "mousse". Jim Cummins suggested that the dispersants (coagulants) being used by BP may be causing oil to fall to the sea floor as tar balls. He is concerned about the potential health/environmental impact of these chemicals.

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Barbara Withers that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers and Directors absent: Bob Deibel, Harper Field, Andy Kandel, Bucky Mitchell (excused), 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

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Dick Waters, Barbara Withers**