

# Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

## General Membership Meeting

The September Election and General Membership meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

### Election Results:

Ballots for 2011-2012 APTA officers and board members were opened and tabulated with the following results:

CANDIDATE	OFFICE	VOTE
<b>Jim McCloy</b>	President	91
<b>Sam Rogers</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice president	91
<b>Joe Hambrose</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice president	89
<b>Jim Cummins</b>	Secretary	90
<b>Bill Kimbrough</b>	Treasurer	90
<b>Eddie Sosebee</b>	Board member	70
<b>Ann Maruszak</b>	Board member	67
<b>Allan Feifer</b>	Board member	64
<b>Frank Gibson</b>	Board member	62
<b>Bucky Mitchell</b>	Board member	58
Greg Walker	Board member	43
Andrea Novak	Board member	41
Robert Reyes	Board member	29

\*names **bolded** indicate those elected.

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Marvin Heymann to accept the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, adopted without objection.

### Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Jim McCloy, seconded by Jim Cummins to accept the Treasurers report adopted without objection. Current balance is \$42,490. The amount charged for election ballots was reduced by Modern Mailer because of a printing error on their part.

Allan Feifer spoke briefly regarding the petition drive to place county-wide voting on the 2012 ballot. President Rogers questioned whether an official position on the issue by APTA might jeopardize APTA's tax exempt status.

Steve Fling addressed the possibility of using all, or a portion of the Bald Pt Trust Fund to help finance the construction of a new firehouse. County Attorney Michael Shuler has stated that those funds are earmarked for ongoing condemnation/litigation of the right-of-way through South Shoal. Money spent towards this project is supposed to eventually be refunded by FEMA. Allan Feifer says the county has not

met its obligation to repay all the money it has borrowed from the trust fund. He believes construction of the firehouse is a proper use of the trust fund.

President Rogers is of the opinion that the trust fund money is already obligated, and that the road relocation is as critical to public safety as is a new firehouse. He said that the lower insurance rates promised by the construction of a new firehouse are already secured by the current firehouse and are not likely to go down any further. He would prefer APTA ask Franklin County for an accounting of the allowed uses of the trust fund.

Motion by Steve Fling, seconded by Allan Feifer to ask the Franklin County Commission to use Bald Pt Trust Fund money to help fund construction of a new Alligator Pt firehouse.

Substitute motion by Ken Osborne, seconded by Jim Apthorp to request the Franklin County Commission to hold a public hearing or workshop on the public safety issues (road relocation, new firehouse, ambulance service) facing Alligator Pt, and to consider the possible use of the Bald Pt Trust Fund to mitigate these issues. The substitute motion was adopted without objection.

Steve Fling spoke on the state of ambulance service to Alligator Pt. He believes response time is too slow, and he would like to see an ambulance permanently stationed at Alligator Pt. Fling quoted Commission Chairman Smokey Parrish as stating "the county would buy Alligator Point an ambulance and pay us to run it". Printed minutes of the October 5, 2010 Franklin County Commission meeting indicate a discussion of the possibility of a dedicated ambulance, but no motion or guarantees were made.

Motion by Steve Fling, seconded by Allan Feifer to ask the Franklin County Commission to permanently station an ambulance at Alligator Pt under the plan submitted by Fling. The motion was adopted with one objection (Member Murphy felt the motion contradicted the substitute motion adopted earlier).

Ken Osborne informed the Board on the status of the St Joe FLUM which was approved, but later rescinded by the Franklin County Commission. St Joe has filed suit against the county under the Bert Harris Act. County Attorney Shuler has asked Osborne to appear at the hearing since he was closely involved in the original project. At that time, APTA's position was to support 1500 homes distributed among 5 "villages" on St James Island.

Jim Cummins asked about the recent sale of Hidden Harbor II. Paul Parker said it sold at auction for \$376,000.

President Rogers made some brief farewell remarks regarding his 2 years as APTA president.

Motion by Jim Cummins, seconded by Marvin Heymann that the General Membership meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

*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*