

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – October 8, 2011
Alligator Point Taxpayers' Association

The Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim McCloy at 9 am.

Members absent: Feifer, Field, Hambrose, Sosebee; a quorum was present.

President McCloy briefly explained his methods of running a meeting and his expectations as to the way in which topics would be discussed. To make sure that everyone knew the people present, each person introduced themselves. An agenda was e-mailed to Board members.

President called for a motion to approve 9/9/11 Membership meeting minutes: Osborne moved, Rogers seconded, motion passed.

President called for a motion to approve 9/9//11 Board meeting minutes: Rogers moved, Heymann seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Report sent by e-mail; one additional item – we contribute \$50/mo to the church for the use of their meeting room, we pay \$600 once a year in September. Motion to approve by Heymann, Withers seconded, motion passed.

Minutes of the 9/12/11 Executive meeting on the County's settlement of FLUM issue with St. Joe were sent to members of the Board by e-mail. Decision of Exec. Comm was to take no action or position. President asked for a motion to approve; Kimbrough moved, Heymann seconded, motion passed.

President's Report

This month has been active. Called an Executive Committee conference call. Had a lengthy face-to-face meeting with Alan Pierce. Topics included beach parking, South Shoal, FLUM, ambulance service, trash, bears, the new Fire station, property taxes and some others. Also pleased to have attended a special meeting of the FCBCC meeting on South Shoal which we will discuss more later.

Committee Reports

Beautification (Withers) – A butterfly garden has been established at the entry sign and help is needed with watering them.

Roadside trash is still bad; Alan Pierce was “surprised” by how bad it is. President is working with Paul Parker (TDC) and they have some plans which will be discussed next month.

Franklin County does not have a contract with any waste haulers but Wakulla County does and has mandated trash pickup. This has had an impact on local trash pickup.

Grass is coming up in the oyster shell Welcome Garden and some help is needed in pulling it up.

Communication (Maruszak) – Next newsletter is scheduled for November. Need membership information for inclusion. A request of a new Communication Chairman was presented; Rogers offered to help.

Beach Parking (Sosebee) - report by McCloy. Signs have been ordered by County; Paul Parker had the TDC allocate money for signs and placement; McCloy and Sheriff will look at the parking situation when the signs are done. This issue may be resolved in a month or two.

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Old Business

South Shoals (Rogers) – report of a meeting held on 10/7/11

Rogers, Osborne and McCloy attended meeting. Background: M.Shuler had called and said there may be a resolution of the land acquisition problem. Proposal was that FCC will place Bald Point Trust with the court as surety. CapCity would receive \$30k as a “good faith” deposit awaiting an appraisal and County would get a grant from FEMA for the appraised value. Intent is to return all of the BPTF and not to spend any of it. A Resolution was offered to support the County's actions and intents: Moved by Rogers, seconded by Withers, motion passed without objection.

Water Department issues

Appointments – Aphthorp checked with the Governor's office and there is a hold on appointments of all independent districts with taxing authority. There is concern that these boards collect \$15B annually and are not accountable to anyone but the Governor.

District Expansion - There was a handout written by Allan Feifer on the expansion issue. Osborne moved to support the Water District effort to have a vote on expanding the district. Second Cummins.

Background – Osborne explained the issues both pro and con including a color-coded drawing showing the area impacted. A representative of the Water District Board was present to answer any additional questions. The prior vote was very close and the primary opponent is now in favor of expanding the District to include all current water users. The Water Board went to the BCC, who were not prepared or informed, and got turned down and the motion was tabled. Subsequent to the BCC meeting attempts were made to have other government bodies approve it and all were turned down. There is an effort being made to obtain a grant to defray any costs of the expanded District.

Sanders – responded that the Board would like to see a list or petition of the people outside the District who support the expansion.

Several comments and opinions were expressed, summarized as:

- The expansion includes only those who currently are being served by the Water Dept and does not include the Park or other non-customer areas.
- The Water Dept has been aggressive in providing Fire Protection to the areas it serves
- Combining or merging the Water District will not be done without voter approval.
- There is a concern that expanding the District will require additional money to pay for infrastructure.
- There is a concern that there is not enough water for an expanded District.
- The efforts to expand the District has not been handled well and extensive “fence mending” will be needed.

A call for the question: Motion passed with 1 exception.

As there was no additional old business and no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Jim Cummins via e-mail, 11/3/2011