

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – May 12, 2012
Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

The Board of Directors was called to order 9:00 am.

Members absent: Ambrose, Cummins and Mitchell

Minutes - President called for a motion to approve 4/12/12 Board meeting minutes: Feifer moved, Osborne second. Motion passed without objection.

Treasurer's report: Report sent by email. Motion to approve. Osborne moved, Sosebee second. Passed without objection.

Presidents Report (McCloy) – No report

Committee Reports

Membership (Heymann) - No report. However, there was a discussion regarding our current total paid membership. There appears to be a reduction in our total paid membership. Because the Secretary was not in attendance, members were unsure which counts were correct.

Beautification (Withers) - Working on wildflower seeding program. State wildflower program budget cut, it does not have funds for seeds. If we buy the seed, the county may spread them. Seeds from the state wildflower co-op are \$44.00 per pound. The state suggests 10 pounds per acre. The board discussed funding fifty pounds. Barbara was asked to contact the county and the Visitors Bureau for possible matching funds.

Newsletter (Sam Rogers) – Sam has eight articles and is looking for more. He asked for committee chairs and the president to write something for the next newsletter going out in the next few weeks.

Website (Hayes) – No report

South Shoals Development (Sam Rogers & Jim Apthorp) – Jim Apthorp, Chairman of the Ad Hoc South Shoals\Bald Point Committee presented the committee report.

After much discussion, a motion was made to accept the committee report by Jim Apthorp, Withers second. Motion passed. Rogers moved to reconsider the motion, which passed, Osborne second. After much discussion Rogers made a substitute motion, Osborne second. Rogers amends original motion and makes a substitute motion adding language: To continue to maintain the fire station at 1348 Alligator Drive. The substitute motion , as stated below passed.

1. \$200,000 be committed to fire protection. These funds be used for fire station or fire equipment. The committee requests the fire department find a different location for the station(closer to Bald Point/Alligator Point). If the fire station is to be located at the intersection of CR370 and US 98 then residents of Bay North, St Theresa and Summer Camp should contribute to the cost of the facility and the equipment. However, the fire department should maintain the existing fire station at 1348 Alligator Drive in order to provide fire protection for all property within 5 miles of the station. We recognize that \$200,000 is not enough money to meet our fire protection needs. However, it is provided as seed money to be supplemented with funding from everyone who will benefit from these improvements.

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2. \$100,000 be reserved for settlement of the issues with Capital City Bank and the DEP. The county attorney should determine the tax benefit to the bank if the remainder of the bank property is donated to the county. If the \$100,000 is not used in the settlement then it should be added to the fire protection commitment in item 1.

3. \$100,000 (the remaining balance in the trust) should be reserved for future capital projects or emergencies.

Beach Access Parking (Sosebee) – Sosebee reported that a draft parking ordinance had been drafted and approved by the Sheriff’s office and is now in the hands of the county attorney for review.

Old Business – Attendance at county commission meetings. Jim Apthorp attended the April 17 meeting and South Shoals workshop. Ken Osborne, Alan Feifer, Jim Cummins and Steve Fling were also in attendance. Frank Gibson attended the May 1, commission meeting.

New Business – A discussion regarding possible improvements in Point security in view of an email from Mike Harrell at 1681 Alligator Drive, who indicated that his house had been broken into for the fourth time. Feifer suggested that a committee be appointed to review security and make recommendation on how to improve security at the Point.

US Army Corps of Engineers Letters – There was a brief discussion regarding letters received by Point homeowners asking for permission to excavate property to look for unspent ordinance from Camp Gordon Johnson. Feifer reported that this is the third time in recent years the Corps has done this.

Announcements: President reported that he had contacted the county to please pick up signs on the right of way along Alligator Drive. Fonda Davis is the new Solid Waste director for the county.

Adjournment – Barbara Withers moved to adjourn. Rogers second.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.