



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of Board meeting – November 13, 2004

President Ken Osborne called meeting to order at 9:00am. A quorum of Board members was present. The minutes, prepared by Ann Maruszak, have previously been distributed; President Osborne called for additions or corrections; Monroe moved that the minutes be accepted, Deibel second; motion passed. Treasurer's report was given: An inquiry from the IRS for tax year 2001 was received and a reply sent. The Post Office "forgot" to send out bulk mail renewal letters – supposed to be renewed in April – but it has been corrected. Total assets including CD are \$22,329.74. Feifer moved report be accepted, Parker second; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Road and Beach Erosion (Dick Waters)

Alan Pierce has made a report on the beach erosion issue to the County Commissioners and a copy of that report is included with the Newsletter. Now is the time to get a DEP permit and put up sand fencing.

President Osborne reported that after the Board of Adjustment meeting on Wednesday, he, Joe and Alan had a long discussion with Cheryl Sanders and Alan Pierce. At that time Pierce reported that the North Florida Water Management District had obtained some money "to move sand". There are trying to get the sand down to Apalachicola. There is some competition for the sand. APTA needs to be attentive to the situation.

Development Committee (Joe Hambrose, Allan Feifer)

Feifer reported on the Board of Adjustment meeting on Wednesday: One significant action, which APTA opposed, was two variances on a single lot that was declined. Still a recurring issue is the splitting of existing lots; perhaps, APTA should write a letter to local realtors pointing out that APTA would oppose this in all cases. President Osborne read John Murphy's report of the P&Z Board: "Not much of note except requests to subdivide lots in existing subdivisions; request in the Lanark area was to subdivide a single R-1 (1 house/acre) to R-1A (3 houses/acre) in an unrecorded subdivision." When the presenter saw that the request was doomed, he withdrew the request.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

Beth has completed the next addition of the Newsletter. It should be ready to go out Monday.

Ann received an e-mail from a member who recommended she look at Florida statutes concerning the publishing of minutes and after reviewing they she agrees that the minutes of meetings be password protected on the web site. After some discussion Feifer moved that the decision on password protection be tabled and take no action at this time. Parker second. Motion passed (6-4).

Membership Committee (Joann Deibel)

About 800 membership letters are printed and ready to be mailed. Currently have 350 APTA members.



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Beautification Committee (Joann Deibel)

Welcome Garden was recently groomed again. County has been very responsive to roadside pickups. President Osborne showed two reports on the work that the County has done on Alligator Point in the last year. This was in response to complaints that Alligator Point was not receiving any County services.

Safety & Security Committee (John Murphy)

No report.

Call for new business

President Osborne will be out of town for the next couple of weeks and APTA needs a big turnout for three meetings: Board of Commissioners (Tuesday, 9am), Comp. Plan presentation (Tuesday, 6pm), Alan Pierce hiring (Friday). APTA needs to be present at the Comp. Plan to make sure that our interests are protected. The plan for St. James Island could get totally out of control. For example, ABARK (Riverkeepers) are fighting the by-pass road for Hwy 98 before it gets to Hwy 370 – this bypass is essential for keeping Alligator Point as it is today. Without it the nature of Alligator and Bald Points will be dramatically changed. Then on Friday there is a meeting to re-hire Alan Pierce as planner. Are we going to take a position on the hiring of Alan Pierce? Motion made by Monroe that the Board take a stand on the hiring of Alan Pierce; second by Feifer; motion passed. Motion made by Monroe that APTA supports the re-hiring of Alan Pierce; Deibel second; motion passed. Feifer will write a letter of support for APTA.

Ann Maruszak attended the DOT five-year road-planning meeting for the period 2006-2010 on November 5. There are citizen issues at these meetings so this is an opportunity for us to participate in the roadwork plan of the Department. She found that the FDOT representative was under the impression that the Highway 98 by-pass had been dropped for St. James Island. Ann suggests that APTA contact the FDOT (Chipley District Office) to see if this is the case.

The Marina has offered free use of the boat ramp for APTA members. They have provided a signup form that can be used. A committee was formed to determine how to notify APTA members and verify membership for the Marina: Joann Deibel, Jim Cummins, and Paul Parker.

Steve Fling (South Shoals) requested that APTA support his proposal for a variance to operate the store for up to a year after the KOA has closed and before the new store is built. Feifer so moved; Monroe second; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Monroe, seconded by Deibel, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.