



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of Board meeting – January 8, 2005

First Vice-President Dick Waters called meeting to order at 9:00am. A quorum of Board members was present. The minutes were distributed to Board members by e-mail; VP Waters called for additions or corrections; it was noted Colleen Castille's name was corrected from the draft version; Kimbrough moved that the minutes be accepted, Deibel second; motion passed. Bill Kimbrough gave the Treasurer's report: Total assets including CD are \$28,951.67. Deibel moved report be accepted, Houston second; motion passed. Address service was discussed and it was determined that this is a requirement from the Post Office. Safety deposit box rental is due but only thing in the box is the CD certificate; Feifer moved to not renew the safety deposit box, Parker second, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Development Committee (Joe Hambrose, Allan Feifer)

Went to the B of C meeting – discussion of a new “subdivision” near Pine St. Seems to be a plan to avoid PUD permitting. Other topic was lot #58 on Harbor Circle, which is a very small lot at KOA, with a request to put a house on it. Question was asked, “What is R-2?” Answer was not sure but think it is trailers and mobile homes. John Murphy reported on the P&Z meeting – C-4 zoning and how it should be used. Feifer addressed this and said that the Commissioners had tabled the last request made for C-4 zoning. There are several hundred lots of this classification on St. George Island, many more than can be justified. There seems to be a misuse of this classification and it is being looked at.

Beautification Committee (Joann Deibel)

Joann called the county to have a road crew to pick up trash last week and the crews were out yesterday.

Membership Committee (Joann Deibel)

There are 297 responses of approximately 800 mail-outs.

Water Department

Tom Vanderplaats explained that the Water District has requested that the district be expanded. This request must go before the Legislature for approval. Eventual we will need to go to a regional water system. First question was, “when?”; answer is 10 years or more. It was also asked if this includes sewer system; short answer is no. Feifer volunteered to investigate advanced septic systems that might be combined with a regional water system.



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Safety & Security Committee (John Murphy)

Neighborhood Watch Program – the new sheriff seems to be interested in getting it started again. There was a robbery on Gulf Shore; they have been caught and charged. Note that Bald Point State Park is now charging a fee for entry (\$3/car, \$3/walking) with a \$250 ticket for noncompliance. Feifer reported that horses are coming to the Park.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

The newsletter and web site contracts are due for renewal. \$100/issue for newsletter; \$125/month for website maintenance. Feifer moved to continue both contracts; Hambrose second; motion passed. The question was raised as to if we should have commercial links (ads) on the web site. APTA needs a policy on this issue; Ann will get an initial draft of a policy.

County Comprehensive Plan

The review of the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for January 18 at 6pm. APTA has prepared input for the St. James Island overlay. Questions exist as to whether any input will be allowed in addition to the DCA questions. The Commissioners seems to be willing to listen to comments. Deibel moved that APTA should, if possible, submit provisions for St. James overlay information with Hwy 98 bypass addendum; Hambrose second; motion passed.

Road and Beach Erosion (Dick Waters)

A bill was passed and signed by Gov. Bush for emergency beach restoration of \$68M. While the bill did not include funding specifically to Alligator Point, it did reference the Alligator Point project. The County says that DEP is holding it up. DEP says that the County needs to come up with matching funds. The AEC hasn't yet scheduled the sand movement. Dick Waters will try to coordinate a meeting with DEP and ACE.

Call for new business

VP Waters called for any new business. No business was brought up.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.