



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of Board meeting – May 14, 2005

Vice-President Dick Waters called the meeting to order at 9:00am. A quorum of Board members was present. The minutes have been distributed to Board members by e-mail; VP Waters called for additions or corrections; Munroe moved that the minutes be accepted, Houston second; motion passed. Bill Kimbrough gave the Treasurer's report: Total assets including CD are \$31,860.42. Munroe moved report be accepted, Houston second; motion passed.

Cheryl Sanders, County Commissioner, was present and gave a report of recent events.

- Striping of the road (Hwy 370) will be done in the next few weeks.
- The Comp Plan has been sent to DCA and we are awaiting a response.
- FEMA has sent a letter to the County authorizing money for the extension of the rock revetment on Alligator Point.
- The State budget has approximately \$13M for Franklin County with \$1.1M allocated for Alligator Point beach renourishment. Budget has not yet been approved.
- Have heard nothing on the Hwy 98 Corridor bill going to the Governor's desk.

VP Waters gave an overview of the Hwy 98 Corridor bill, which creates an independent agency to develop the Hwy 98 corridor from Escambia County to Wakulla County, with one representative per county. It will have wide ranging authority to pass bond issues, toll roads, and fund studies. There are substantial issues including environmental ones concerning any new roads in the area.

Committee Reports

Beach Renourishment (Dick Waters)

An e-mail update was received from Allen Pierce and sent to Board members. The County is moving forward in designing the FEMA-funded revetment extension. It should stop short of Sumner's house. County received certified letter from DEP concerning illegal materials and County is going to remove them. As reported earlier, the Legislature put money in the budget for beach renourishment but it is unclear as to what the requirements for matching funds might be. DEP is funding the offshore sand study.

Comments by Commission Sanders: previously we have not received money because the County did not have matching funds. We (the County) need to consider alternative ways to raise money, which could include an ad valorem tax increase, a special assessment (MSBU), Tourist Development Council contributions, and/or a bond issue. If there are other funding sources, we need to keep the door open to them. "Think about it."

Development Committee (Joe Hambrose (BoA), John Murphy (P&Z), Allan Feifer)

The BoA approved the "lot 23" request and it is going to the County Commissioners on Tuesday. This was because one of the members decided to "approve" the request even though she was against it. Commission Sanders said that she would ensure that this variance was not on the consent agenda, so that it could be discussed separately.



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A new development near Hidden Harbor by Don Nickols has been proposed but no official info yet.

John Murphy brought up the new definition of Hotel-Motel and expressed some concerns over what the impact will be on Alligator Point.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

No report – Out of town.

Membership Committee (Joann Deibel)

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Joann is out of town. No report.

Safety & Security Committee (John Murphy)

No report.

Turtle Patrol (Bill Wargo)

Season started on May 1; it is getting close to the first turtle crawl. Some concerns on the sand fences that have fallen over or rolled up on the sand and need to be removed. Most of these are in areas where we had the most nests last year. Flyers done jointly with Bald Point State Park are available describing turtle season. These will be passed out to homeowners.

Call for new business

Don Munroe was asked to address the charter issue. He brought up the idea that the only way we can directly address the problems we face today is as an independent community, whether as a separate incorporation or a special charter. We owe it to our members to at least investigate the possibilities. Commission Sanders pointed out that even an independent community, such as Carrabelle, is still entitled to county funds. Florida League of Cities, John Wayne Smith, at <http://www.flcities.com/> is a reference. Several options were discussed but no action taken.

The online Ad Policy was distributed with the minutes. Kimbrough moved that it be tabled for more study on the rates; Second by Houston, passed.

Submit budget items for the County Budget at the next meeting.

Roadside garbage dumping and pickup is a major concern on the Point, both as appearance and sanitary. A lot of the dumping is not residents. See Water's e-mail for details.

Motion to adjourn made by Houston, seconded by Kimbrough, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim R Cummins, Sec.