



## APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of Board meeting – August 13, 2005

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order at 9am at the Mission by the Sea Church. President Osborne announced that the DEP and Franklin County officials who had been scheduled to talk about beach renourishment were not going to be able to attend but that County Commissioner Sanders was present. First, President Osborne called for recognition of two APTA members that have done outstanding work during the recent hurricane; Ann Maruszak for the APTA web page, and Bob Mensching for untiring work on the water system.

President Osborne turned the meeting over to Commissioner Sanders for brief comments so she could accommodate her tight schedule. The latest on the road, there “is no armoring to the beach”. Sanders is trying to set up a meeting with DEP and DOT to get other options for repair of the road. The Board has written a letter to DEP to get funding for countywide beach renourishment at Bald Point, Alligator Point, Dog Island, Carrabelle and St. George Island but no response has yet been received. Mary Lisa Gredler asked Sanders if there is a master plan for the road repair or replacement. Sanders responded that this is the reason it is so important to get the recommendation from the State on what is done. The responses of FEMA to the current problem does not make a lot of sense, so we need to get FEMA, DEP, DOT and the Governor’s office together and come up with a common plan. Osborne pointed out that the stretch of road past the S-curve is also at risk. A meeting is not likely for a week or two.

President Osborne called for addition or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as transmitted by e-mail; hearing none, motion by Munroe and second by Houston to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; motion passed. The Treasurer’s report indicated that total assets are \$32,089.71; motion by Feifer and second by Munroe to accept Treasurer’s report; motion passed. The Church has been very kind to APTA; Munroe moved to donate \$200 to the Church to help cover cleaning and maintenance cost; Houston 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed. The next APTA meeting will be on September 3 at the Firehouse with vote counting at 9am and the annual meeting at 10am with a Board meeting to follow.

### Committee Reports

#### Beach Renourishment (Dick Waters)

A request for \$1M allocation has been made for the budget. FEMA berms are still being discussed/in process. Other areas in the County need renourishment as well as in front of the old KOA.

A meeting was held with Allan Feifer, Tom Vanderplatts, Cheryl Sanders and Allen Pierce concerning the beach renourishment, road relocation (FEMA) and water resources. The meeting mostly focused on water issues, especially the lack of adequate water and the replacement/repair of the water lines between the wells and the tanks, currently only a 4” line. The County will form a committee on water issues.



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### Development Committee (Joe Hambrose, Allan Feifer)

Hidden Harbor II is moving forward with clustering using a Conservation easement (approved by P&Z 4-3). APTA's position is one unit per acre and is concerned about any deviation from that. One of the concerns is what can happen to a parcel under a conservation easement in the future and could it ever be developed. Munroe moved that the President be empowered to get legal council on conservation easements; 2<sup>nd</sup> Houston; motion passed.

### Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

- Web site hits are up more than 4000 hits since Hurricane Dennis.
- Newsletter has been delayed to September.
- Request to send out thank you notes for the people for their help during Dennis. Ann will draft the notes to send.

### Elections

Munroe moved that the nomination committee be named as the election committee. Feifer seconded. Motion passed.

### Safety & Security Committee and P&Z (John Murphy)

No report.

The County Commissioners meeting on August 30 will be an important meeting on budgets.

Munroe has an appointment with John Wayne Smith on townships on August 25.

As no new business was proposed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.