



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting – November 12, 2005

President Osborne called the Board of Directors meeting to order. A quorum was present. President Osborne called for addition or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as transmitted by e-mail; motion by Deibel to accept minutes; second by Feifer; motion passed. The Treasurer's report was given by the Treasurer and indicated that total assets are \$30,524.34; motion by Feifer and second by Houston to accept Treasurer's report; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beach Renourishment & Road Repair (Dick Waters)

Meet with Pierce on Thursday: Sand sampling is back on track again; they may be able to have officials here for a meeting in December. The FEMA funded study has not started; this covers the whole road from George Voss to past the fire station. Parker commented that Pebble-Rish was out on the Point last week, so they may have started. The part of the road that is not being relocated is also included in the study. It is believed that a PW (project worksheet or workorder?) has been issued on the road beyond the S-curve but no other information is available. A question was asked as to how the FEMA funding works; Parker explained that it is all reimbursed, i.e., the work is done and paid by the county, the county submits the bill and then FEMA reimburses the funds.

Osborne meet with Commissioner Sanders privately prior to the Commissioners' meeting on the South Shoal Development (SSD) issues, which include questions protecting the community with a fire sub-station and the rational for profit for SSD and their desire to have a portion of this used as matching funds for the county. Another point is some sort of assurances that SSD will be limited to the size it is now and not start a cycle of high-density development. She listened and discussed the issues. Overall he feels that APTA and Alligator Point do not have any leverage unless legal means are used.

Update on Commissioners' meeting: Alligator Point was a minor point at this meeting. Main topics were Lanark Village water and the ambulance service.

The next Commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and will consider the SSD ordinance revision. As of today APTA has not gotten the revised ordinance. APTA should have legal standing in this since we have protested at every step of the process.



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Development Committee (Joe Hambrose[BoA], Allan Feifer)

P&Z (John Murphy)

No critical issues in the BoA. Murphy noted a 10-acre development on Hwy 370 near Pine St. was approved by P&Z.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

President Osborne thanked Ann and everyone for an outstanding newsletter. Appreciation was expressed for the web site work too.

Membership, Beautification (Joanne Deibel)

Some members did not get a newsletter; the list obtained from the appraiser needs to be checked. We should consider sending a follow-up to members.

Deibel talked to Van Johnson and there should be trucks and crews to clean up on Monday. Parker proposed that we take the clean up another step and not allow roadside dumping. There could be a quarterly or storm-only cleanup.

Safety & Security Committee (John Murphy)

Nothing new to report.

Turtle Patrol (Bill Wargo)

All of the nests were lost to hurricanes this year as well as all of the hardware. The required reports have been submitted for this year. We hope the turtles will come back next year. Application for a local permit has been submitted and should be issued this year. Several grant requests have been prepared for next year. A meeting will be called for volunteers early next year. This has also been a high year for turtle strandings.

Water Department (Tom Vanderplaats)

The Water Department will not put water lines back on the unrelocated Alligator Dr. The plan is to relocate to the SSD plan from Tom Roberts Rd west beyond the Fire Station and east of Tom Roberts to use a direction bore under the canal to Angus Morrison or George Voss Roads and tie back into the main line at Pelican St. This will require an easement, probably from Bill Wargo, for the part from Tom Roberts Rd to George Voss; this easement will probably be along the property lines and after installation should not inhibit use or development. Two new wells are still in process. A third well is under discussion with St. Joe Co. and North Florida Water Management.

Tourist Development Council (Paul Parker)

The TDC is doing their budget process right now and, while it was a bad year for tourist season particularly on St. George Island, there is about \$600,000 available. The budget is divided into different categories and one of them is beach cleanup. Parker asked for recommendations for uses of this money.



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President Osborne called for comments on road relocation and other topics. He presented his views on the road issues including the part that is not being relocated. Feifer presented his view of the direction of APTA. He felt that APTA should be much more politically active. Osborne responded that APTA does have a purpose as defined by our by-laws but that he did not believe APTA should be a political organization. Waters responded that APTA has been the spokesperson for property owners in this area for many years and should not change without much discussion. Gibson pointed out that until we can vote for all five commissioners, we are not going to have any clout. Osborne pointed out that this would require a change to a Federal Court order. Blackmon responded that APTA needs to get some attention, perhaps with billboards or legal action.

Announcement: Bald Point State Park and the Florida DEP will have a meeting on direction and plans at the Mission by the Sea church on December 13, 2005, 7pm and December 14 at 9am.

Parker moved to adjourn, Deibel second; passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.