



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting – May 13, 2006

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. President Osborne called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as transmitted by e-mail; motion made by Munroe and seconded by Feifer to accept the minutes; motion passed. The Financial report was given by the Treasurer and indicated that total assets are \$28,576.53. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Munroe and seconded by Feifer; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Because of the focus on beach renourishment and road protection, committee reports will be brief.

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

No major issues to report.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

The Newsletter is out. Dorris Gibbs is looking for poll workers for the elections this year.

Membership (Joanne Deibel)

Approximately 270 people have paid to date with another 15-20 pending.

Beautification (Joanne Deibel)

County clean-up crews were out last week and are done.

Public Safety & Fire Department (John Murphy)

No reports.

Beach Renourishment & Road Protection (Dick Waters)

Dick Waters reported on the status of the project. Preliminary design work is done and is on the APTA web site. There are four options and now the question of which one is best and funding methods for it are the question. Need a recommendation by June for the project to move ahead on schedule. Two goals: road protection and beach renourishment. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Ken Osborne summarized the actions at the county board level.

- FEMA has agreed to moving the road. This allows the funds from Ivan (\$300K) and Dennis (\$1000K) to be combined and used to relocate and repave the road.
- There is a grant request being made independent of the FEMA money to widen and repave all of Alligator Drive (≈\$4000K project cost, with 50/50 match).
- There is action at the state level to support the beach renourishment.
- The 10" water line has been replaced at the previous location. This may require relocation at a later time.
- Two new wells have been drilled by NFWMD; one of them looks promising but the other is questionable.

In response to questions concerning the South Shoal development and the FEMA action, Steve Fling replied that he and his group are working with Alan Pierce to maximize the use of federal and/or



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state funds. Right now it appears that FEMA will pay for building the road, buying any necessary right-of-way. South Shoal will then donate the previously committed funds to the county to use as matching funds for beach renourishment.

There was a question of the DEP cost matching and it was felt that sufficient funds are available but they have various requirements to receive. It was noted that the FEMA funds would likely not cover the 1200 feet of non-relocated road.

A long discussion of the funding options and the multiyear nature of the beach renourishment ensued. Other topics such as legal actions, taxing options (MSTU and MSBU), return of tax revenues, road rerouting of the road and bringing in consultants to help the county were also brought up. President Osborne summarized by saying that we need to get the support of the community behind the project and not view it as benefiting a single person or entity. All of this activity must be done in a timely manner. Waters stated that he wants to meet the June deadline for a recommendation to the County Commissioners.

Motion made by Parker that a questionnaire be sent to Alligator Point property owners presenting the options on beach renourishment and asking which option they preferred and to what extent they would support it in increased taxes; second by Decker.

After some heated discussion: For: 10 Against: 1 motion passed

A discussion of what should be on the questionnaire and who will do the work followed. Waters, Parker, Decker and Murphy were appointed as a committee to get the mailing out.

Motion made by Feifer that APTA go to the County Commissioners and ask that they fund any beach renourishment with general revenue or other bonds; second by Deibel.

For: 8 Against: 1 motion passed

Motion made by Munroe that a Special General Membership Meeting addressing the beach renourishment and road protection issues be held on the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting date (June 10, 2006) and notice be included with questionnaire mailing; second by Waters.

For: 10 Against: 0 motion passed

Motion to adjourn meeting by Munroe, second by Brown, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.

Members absent: Hambrose, Houston, Mensching