

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – February 10, 2007

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He called for approval of the minutes of both the December and January meetings. On the December minutes, motion to approve made by Paul Parker, seconded by Bill Kimbrough; motion passed. For the January minutes, motion to approve made by Don Munroe, seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed.

Treasurer Bill Kimbrough gave his report. Both the December and January financial reports were emailed to all the board members as usual. As the end of December, the assets were \$28,972 and at the end of January, they were \$30,734.83. Motion to accept both made by Don Munroe, seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed. Bill also stated that APTA purchased a Compaq computer for use in communications and web postings. The total cost was \$587.42 and it will reside with Ann Maruszak. He also mentioned that our CD will auto-renew at Wakulla at 5.1% with a 5.3% yield.

Road and Beach Renourishment – Dick Waters

Everything is proceeding along. The key hearing dates will be published on the web site. Phase 2 and 3 of the renourishment project have been approved to proceed by the county. We will continue to monitor to ensure that the costs are as low as possible and that all the appropriate parcels are included in the project. The county hopes to let a contract for repaving all of 370 by the first of June. The plans are for the project to start at the Nature Preserve and go toward 98. Paul Parker stated that Steve Fling had finally received an email from DEP stating that he could start on the road thru the South Shoals project and he hoped to have that started in a week or so. Paul had also received info from Alan Pierce that the county would be letting the project in mid-March to do the part from Harbor Circle (in front of the firehouse – on the existing road) to 370.

We need as many people as possible to attend the upcoming commission meetings and public hearings. We will post the dates on the web site of the ones of particular interest to our projects. These dates will also be published in the papers. Please make a note and attend as many as you can.

Development – Allan Feifer

Allan explained the definition and purpose of PUD's. He is continuing to monitor development as it pertains to us at the Point and will keep us informed.

Membership/Beautification – Joann Deibel

We have 194 members who have renewed – 35 of them are new members. We sent out 389 newsletters. We are ahead of this time last year on membership. We have had a much better response using one single notification instead of putting an appeal in the newsletter. Ann Maruszak suggested that we try to find other options for soliciting new members.

Communications – Ann Maruszak

Newsletters were mailed out yesterday.

Public Safety – John Murphy

The prescribed burn at Bald Point went well. Nothing else to report.

President Osborne then reported on the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting in Carrabelle. They are working on two issues – affordable housing and seafood/commercial/waterfront access. They will use the study that is being paid to be done for the major portion of the waterfront access. They had contemplated dropping the waterfront access for any further inclusion in the Comp Plan. He was able to convince them to leave the subject open because of the issue of waterfront access for recreational boating. They are still working on the affordable housing issue as to definition of critical housing, income, qualifications.

He also reported that the actual route for the Hwy 98 re-routing is to be set by July 1. There will be a meeting for public input on 2/20 at the Sr. Center in Crawfordville at 4:00pm. He also asked for the authority to write a letter to ask that the St Joe villages be accessed **only** via the new bypass road – not 98 and that the new road intersect 98 between 370 and the Ochlockonee Bridge and proceed westward to intersect with 319. Motion made approving letter by Joe Hambrose, seconded by Don Munroe; passed unanimously. There is a link on our web site to the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority web site for further information.

Ken also reported that he had asked (since the ambulance service is now part of the hospital) if the people at Alligator Point who needed to utilize the ambulance service would automatically be taken to Weems or if there would be an option to go to Tallahassee. He was told that the destination would be determined by the EMT's based on type and severity.

There was other general discussion of hospital costs and how they impact the county budget. There was also discussion of the commissioners' reaction to the prospect of going to county-wide voting. The county attorney feels that the judge's ruling establishing district voting in 1986 is still in effect. The tax assessor's office opposes portability of the homestead exemption unless it is within the county and will be sending a letter to the governor's office so stating. The Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, Inc. will be closely monitoring these situations and will continue to report. Motion was made at 10:30am by Don Munroe for adjournment, seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Houston, Mensching, Suber