

## **Alligator Point Taxpayers Association**

### **Minutes for February 9, 2013 Meeting**

#### **Mission by the Sea Church**

The APTA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Jim McCloy at 9 a.m.

Members present: Jim McCloy, Sam Rogers, Joe Hambrose, Bill Kimbrough, Barbara Withers, Allan Feifer, Frank Gibson, Kathleen Atkins-Gunter, Beth Hayes, Marvin Heymann, Ann Maruszak, Paul Parker, Eddie Sosebee and Greg Walker

Member(s) absent: Jim Apthorp

Motion made by Alan Feifer to accept the Treasurer's Report showing a total balance of \$41,581.93, with all bills paid and checks deposited; motion seconded by Joe Hambrose; approved by the Board.

#### ***Committee Reports***

Bald Point State Park will not allow the county to create a new access road from Bald Point Road to Gulf Shore Boulevard that runs through the park, but another option that runs closer to existing private property is still being considered.

Marvin Heymann and Jim McCloy reported that the renewal notice has been sent out by the printer to members not paid for 2013 and additional non-members who have been receiving newsletters. Current email addresses have been requested on the renewal form. Beth Hayes volunteered to send postcard acknowledgements to paid members.

Jim Apthorp and Jim McCloy met with delegates of the St. Theresa area. Bay North is interested in possible APTA membership; proposed \$1000 payment for their 42-44 members to join as a unit. The Bay North board would handle communications between their members and APTA. St. Theresa's church group has an additional 20 homeowners who expressed interest. Any decisions would need to be voted on at a membership meeting: April or September.

Barbara Withers reported on the Native Plants workshop held after the January meeting and the upcoming Rain Barrel workshop. Jim McCloy thanked Frank Gibson for securing the church for the events.

Motion made by Sam Rogers to accept the Minutes for January 12, 2013; Paul Parker seconded; approved by the Board.

Sam Rogers requested articles for the upcoming newsletter.

Greg Walker reported that there are other Alligator Point Facebook pages.

Jim McCloy reported that Alan Pierce stated that the County has received \$146,000 for revetment repairs and enhancements.

Franklin County has funds available for the preliminary design of an Alligator Point bike/multiuse path – running within the county right-of-way from Gulf Shore Boulevard to the Marina.

Alan Feifer reported on the County's search for a new attorney and Carrabelle's sewer/water system financial and service difficulties.

*Jim McCloy noted that APTA Board Member, Paul Parker, is the Tourist Development Council representative on the RESTORE Council.*

Mary Jeanne Lykes requested that users of the Little Free Library ensure the doors are securely closed.

Jim McCloy asked the Board Members present to review the 23 proposed Board priorities compiled by Marvin Heymann to select 10 that each Member considers most important, and number those from one to 10. These surveys were completed and handed in at the meeting.

***Old Business***

Jim McCloy reported that Franklin County may be the only Florida county with a separate MSBU bill and that only 50% of the bills are paid. Other counties add the fee to the ad valorem tax bill which better ensures its payment by property owners / mortgage holders.

Jim McCloy reported that the Army Corps of Engineers unexploded ordinance survey is still ongoing.

***New Business***

Eddie Sosebee and Jim McCloy reported on their meeting with Sheriff Mike Mock regarding beach parking, security and the possibility of an outreach officer attending an APTA meeting.

Barbara Withers reported a recent house robbery in her neighborhood.

Jim McCloy nominated Ann Maruszak as Chair of the Nominating Committee – proposed to be a five-person committee – called for volunteers to serve either on the Committee or as officers.

Alan Feifer called for volunteers to attend Franklin County Commission meetings: Mary Jeanne Lykes volunteered for the February 19 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Hayes  
Secretary pro tem