

## **Alligator Point – Saint Teresa Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting May 8, 2021**

The May meeting of the Alligator Point – St Teresa Board of Directors was called to order by Ben Houston at 10:08 am on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive. This meeting was for Board members. Board members in attendance: Ben Houston, Floyd Searcy, Dr. David Harris, Lyra Erath, Carol Rippee, Terry Madigan, Bob Hoelzle, Kay McCord, Glenda Price and Allan Feifer. Commissioner Bert Boldt, Robert Gates, President of APVFD, and Major Coulter of FCSD were also in attendance. Lissa West has resigned due to job responsibilities.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 8, 2021 meeting were distributed by email. Terry's requested change to language was included in the minutes. Motion by Glenda Price, second by Floyd Searcy to accept and the minutes were adopted without objection.

#### **Approval of Treasurer Report**

The Treasurer's financial report was distributed by email. Motion by Alan Feifer, second by Terry Madigan to accept the Treasurer's report and it was adopted without objection.

- Russell Doster will develop an operating budget for APSTA and input all new checks. Carole is to provide him with all pertinent documents so that he can determine the cost of his proposed services.
- Allan questioned whether some of the new railroad ties in the Welcome Garden were split. Allan and Floyd will do an inspection of the work done to the garden. Payment for the work will be contingent on their inspection.

#### **Fire Department Report**

Please see Fire Department Report.

- The APSTVFD is investigating the purchase of a jet ski and a floating backboard. This equipment would greatly assist water rescues. This approach would not require a Coast Guard license.
- The Department is planning a demonstration of the new "Jaws of Life" in June. It will be open to the public.
- The Department will not be purchasing an additional lot for the construction of the new fire station.
- Ben asked Robert to reach out to St. Teresa residents and encourage them to participate in APSTA. He also invited all of the APSTVFD to attend the July 3<sup>rd</sup> APSTA event.

#### **Sheriff's Report**

Please see Sheriff's Report.

- 123 calls were received and 6 traffic stops conducted.
- Training for the new CAD system took place last week.

- Sad note: Both FCSO canines were lost due to illness. The Department has reached out to the city governments of Carrabelle and Apalachicola in hopes of financial assistance to purchase new canines.
- The issue of using “auto boots” to alleviate some of the Alligator Point illegal parking issues has been tabled by the Commission.
- 6-8 autos were towed took on the past Saturday. Sunday the towing companies were not available.
- Ben invited the FCSO to attend the July 3<sup>rd</sup> APSTA event.

Suggestions: Allan suggested that the number of cars towed to date be posted on the electronic road signs.

### **Commissioner Bert Boldt’s Report**

Please see Commissioner Boldt’s report.

- Ben asked Bert to assist him in receiving a response from the Bald Point state Park administration. They have not been responding to his requests for reports. Bert will reach out to them on behalf of the Commission. If this does not produce results Bert will contact FL State Representative Shoaf.
- There will be 1 or 2 pre-construction meetings held concerning the road repairs on Alligator Drive. Clay Kennedy is the county engineer assigned to the project. Ben asked that Mr. Kennedy attend an APSTA meeting to answer questions and concerns.
- Floyd asked if Chip Morrison would be repaired. Bert indicated that there were 42 items to be considered to mitigate hurricane damage to the coastline.
- Jim Ward deals with county wide speeding issues.
- Concern was expressed over the sharp curve at the western end of the damaged Alligator Point Road. Bert responded that George Norman who is the owner of the needed property has not been willing to work with the County. Bert asked anyone who has a relationship with Mr. Norman to please ask him to engage in discussions with the County. Allan brought up the question of using “eminent domain”.
- The County has contacted all towing companies within a 60-mile radius of the county. The County is requesting that they participate in a contract with the county for towing services.
- Bert was asked to investigate whether the construction of the new road is insured for storm damage during construction.
- The planning of the “Multi Use Trail” is very near completion.

Questions: Allan asked we would be responsible for maintaining the new Multi Use Trail.

### **Old Business**

- The June Meeting will use Zoom to broadcast the meeting speakers.
- Election of new Board Members:
  - June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for slate of officers
  - Jul 10<sup>th</sup> slate to be presented to the Board
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> the ballots will be sent out
  - Aug 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitting a completed ballot
  - Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting – new Board Members will be inducted
- Nominating Committee Members: Chairman, Dr. Harris; Members: Kay McCord, Floyd Searcy, Allan Feifer
- Whether to mail the ballots or email them will be decided at the June meeting.

- January 1, 2022 is the next dues renewal date.
- On July 1<sup>st</sup> if you have not paid your APSTA dues you will not receive the email blasts.

#### New Business

- Carol will check if Floyd's neighbor's membership dues and information have been received.
- Lyra requested a table be set up at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event for the purposes of membership recruitment. Kay will set up a table.
- Lyra requested an electronic copy of the last membership letter sent out to members. No one had an electronic copy of the letter. Lyra volunteered to contact the printer to acquire an electronic copy for the purpose of developing a membership recruiting form.
- Allan offered to print these forms for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event.
- Allan offered to have the membership forms given out by Nancy to anyone requesting a re-entry tag for Alligator Point. Offer accepted.
- Lyra requested permission to send a "Thank You" note to the Mission by the Sea for their expediting the installation of the WiFi in the fellowship hall. Motion to approve made by Floyd, second by Kay. The request was approved.
- Glenda volunteered to be the Chairman of the Membership Committee. She also volunteered to make a sign for the event on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lyra Erath, Secretary APSTA