

MEETING MINUTES
BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 3, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Tony Ackerman, Yvonne Anderson, Bill Kunkler, Lyman Randall, Harold Wells
County - Misty Christy, Andy Stevens, Jim Thompson, Tara Musselman, Kim
Raymond
USDA - Parker Hall, Tony Duffiney, Mike Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes: No minutes were submitted for approval.

Iguanas:

- Mr. Parker Hall presented an overview of the iguana project and reported the different techniques used to remove the iguanas. Research performed at the lab on a portion of the iguanas revealed that the majority of them are eating small insects, leaves, and fruit and flower seeds. He discussed the current investigation to use toxic bait to capture iguanas. This technique would have to be species-specific and metabolize immediately to prevent hurting other animals. He also discussed the reproductive cycle and reported that the best time to capture the iguanas is from February through May.
- The Committee discussed residents who will not allow the USDA to enter their property. Mr. Hall suggested setting up a workshop to help educate residents and explain the iguana process. Residents can report the site of iguanas on the Charlotte County website, under Environmental and Extension Services. Residents who capture an iguana need to contact Mike Kennedy with the USDA or Animal Control.
- Ms. Misty Nichols inquired whether a program has been set up for removing iguanas that branch out into other areas of Charlotte County. Mr. Jim Thompson, Environmental and Extension Services Director, stated they cannot answer this question at this time. Mr. Randall commented that he has seen a significant decrease in the number of iguanas.
- The new Boca Grande and Charlotte County Iguana 2009 renewal contract will be \$62,000. Mr. Kunklar inquired about a collaborative contract between Charlotte County and Lee County, but Ms. Musselman said they will not combine the contracts. Mr. Hall noted they will only do Charlotte County, but Lee County can request separate services. It was discussed that it is more practical to do the entire island. Mr. Ackerman stated that it could be difficult for these two political entities to come to an agreement. Ms. Musselman said Lee County is meeting with the USDA at Public Works. Mr. Hall stated there is a 30-day cancellation on the contract after approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Ms. Anderson made a motion to move ahead with the USDA's renewal contract. Mr. Ackerman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Ms. Musselman will submit the iguana report to Commissioner Skidmore.

Paving

- Paving is scheduled for 2010. The Committee prefers to have the paving done between May and August. Mr. Ackerman suggested they postpone the paving for another year,

due to the economic situation. Ms. Musselman said the Committee has already agreed to pay a lump sum for the paving. Mr. Kunklar noted that waiting could lead to reconstruction, which would cost more.

- The Chairman, Mr. Randall, will need to submit a letter to the BCC to inform them that the Boca Grande MSBU is requesting an increase in the tax assessment. Ms. Musselman stated the increase request will go through a public hearing. Ms. Anderson said they need to submit information to the residents and work with the Bridge Authority. She is concerned that some of the residents will not have their roads paved. Mr. Ackerman suggested a community meeting. Mr. Randall asked if they could make the assessment into two payments. Ms. Musselman stated they can borrow the money. At the next meeting, she will present an updated paving estimate, along with a one and two year assessment rate.
- The 2008 Actuals Report and the October 2008 Activity Report were submitted to the members.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Boca Grande.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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