

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 11, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Jack Fawsett, William Mango, Stanley Bliss, Renee Larson, Richard Hopkins
County - Dawn Harrison, Chuck Mopps
Absent - Richard Cochran

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the January 28, 2009, meeting.

Business:

- The Committee discussed the Purchasing Department's assessment of liquidated damages for the last dredging project. Mr. Hopkins made a motion to write a letter inquiring why the liquidated damages were not paid. Ms. Larson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Mr. Fawsett requested information about the ordinance, which directs that there be no filling in of vacant land.
- There was discussion about complaints received on spoil sites and the contractor performing the dredging. The Committee also discussed de-watering of the spoil.
- Ms. Harrison explained the GDC recovery funding is allowing to have all of the NW Port Charlotte Water ways dredge in the MSBU. Committee members will be provided with copies of the activity report showing the funding going into the budget.
- The budget was not approved until Mr. Mopps explained that \$56,624.00 would be utilized for the study of dredging outside the mouths.
- The water in Northwest Port Charlotte is considered a shellfish harvest area by the Department of Environmental Protection. The channels will be made safe with as little negative impact as possible. Regional studies show that mitigation was done in other areas.
- Piggybacking off the Regional Study will be the preferred method. The permitting process would take two years or more.
- In Fort Myers and other locations, this kind of dredging has been performed. The connecting of channels may still constitute new dredging.
- An engineering firm will be hired to move forward with the new project. Mr. Mopps discussed the difference between conservation and preservation. Conservation will be the shellfish in the area, and "No Motor" zones may be part of the mitigation. Outsourcing future dredging is recommended.
- The question was raised about whether the community is willing to give up some of the existing depth of the waterways.

- Mr. Mopps is taking measurements of what needs to be removed from sections of the waterway.
- Ms. Larson made a motion to approve the rate of \$50.00. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried four to one.
- There will be dredging near the bridges. Some of the survey information and as-builts have been received.
- There was discussion about the tides survey standard.
- The cost for moving material to the landfill is \$80,000.
- The Committee elected Ms. Larson Chairperson and Mr. Fawsett Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Harrison will contact the members regarding the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative

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