

SPECIAL MEETING - STUMP PASS STATUS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2006

A boating excursion to review the Stump Pass dredging project status was held April 19, 2006. The following members were present: Chairman Thomas G. Moore and Commissioners Thomas C. D'Aprile, Sara J. Devos, and Adam Cummings. Also in attendance were Judy Hunter, Executive Assistant to the Board, Deputy Clerk Gail Manley, Captain Tom Osborne, First Mate Jacquie Osborn, Palm Island Resort Owner Dean Beckstead, Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee Members Keith Buechel, Jack K. Landis, Bruce C. McLean, Robert Pierce, Gwin R. Whitney, Public Works Environmental Specialist Matt Logan, Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering, Inc., Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee Mel Staudmyer, Communication & Marketing Manager Susan Bard, Tim Engle of Beach Restoration, Inc., Tom Payne of Marinex, Phillip Perry, Attorney At Law, Sarah Sells of Coastal Engineering, Inc., Public Works Stormwater Project Engineer Chuck Mopps, Marie Dill, Esther Horton, Environmental Specialist Missy Christie, Eric Ernst and Kevin Dale of the Herald Tribune, Peter Bartolotta and Penny Deutsch of Reach Out Magazine, Mike Mason and Meredith Putney of ABC-7/NBC-2, Scott Draper and Tom Vaccaro of SNN6 News. **The boat departed from Palm Harbor Resort, Placida, Florida at 12:05 P.M.**

Chairman Moore reported the Stump Pass dredging project is the result of funding from many sources, including MSBUs/MSTUs, and FEMA, thanked the many departments, agencies, organizations and staff members who have been instrumental in the project, and explained the project will help slow down sand movement so dredging doesn't have to occur so often.

Michael Poff, Coastal Engineering, Inc., explained the program and system, and advised the project shored up the beaches and helped protect the barrier islands during the past storms. Mr. Poff stated the permits are good for ten years and the County will be looking to the future needs.

Tom Payne, Marinex, reported that the dredge is a two-part system with 38-42 workers, 22 workers live on board, and the remaining workers live off-ship. Mr. Payne explained the operation of the dredge itself, how the sand is pumped, and where it travels through the pipe. Mr. Payne stated the main shutdown time occurs when items such as tires and other large debris are pulled in and the dredge must be shut down to clean the three pumps. Mr. Payne advised the project has been going for approximately one and a half months, and there is about 35 days of work-time remaining, with some minor dune work then to be done.

Tim Engle, Beach Restoration, Inc., explained sand moves through normal transport and storms; the County has the responsibility of maintaining and slowing down sand movement; the tubes are capturing a lot of moving sand, and the project is going very well; there will be a three-year monitoring cycle done through a partnership with the State and Beaches Department; and applauded the County's vision in utilizing the innovative technology of the system.

ADJOURNED: 1:30 P.M.

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Thomas G. Moore
Chairman

ATTEST:

**BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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