



## Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,  
Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>District:</u>
Don McCormick.....	District 2
Nichole Beyer .....	District 3
Robert Wibbeler.....	District 1
Wendy Lang .....	District 5
Stas Matias, Chair .....	District 4
Jeff Anlauf, Vice-Chair .....	Member-at-Large
Vacant.....	Member-at-Large

### MINUTES

**February 2, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order:

**Stas Matias** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

**Stas Matias** asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Secretary Bennett calling the roll call, it was determined a quorum was present. Nichole Beyer arrived late.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approve the Minutes from January 5, 2023

**Mr. McCormick** made a motion to approve the January 5, 2023, minutes, seconded by **Ms. Lang** the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

None offered.

7. New Business

None offered.

## 8. Old Business

- Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager
  - Water Quality

**Mr. Moddy** spoke about the county wide monitoring dashboard that is currently in the draft stage online. However, it is currently functioning. They are currently working out all of the errors that they are discovering. They are still on track for it run later this spring. On February 3, 2023, they have a kickoff meeting with Florida Gulf Coast University, whose engineering students are going to design a flow monitoring regime for the county. They will be using equipment that allows continuous monitoring of the water.

**Ms. Lang** asked if they will be able to give information on where they are monitoring? **Mr. Moody** replied they are going to install continuous monitors, which will give us 15-minute intervals data of flow and what's happening. We are working on figuring out how to have this information online for the public.

**Commissioner Deutsch** asked **Mr. Moody** if he knows what type of negative impacts will we have on water quality because of all the debris in the canals? **Mr. Moody** clarified are you talking about vegetated debris or human refuse debris? Commissioner Deutsch specified the debris being lanis, screens, siding etc. **Mr. Moody** explained he couldn't give numbers pertaining to this, but generally speaking the debris will break down. Depending on the material it will have different effects.

- Riviera Marina

**Commissioner Deutsch** commented the ownership has been settled, once that is completed it will be a big step on getting things straightened up.

**Mr. Moody** stated he has not received any update.

- Engineering Projects

**Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned the egress to the Charlotte Harbor Beach Public Boat Ramp needing attention, due to Hurricane Ian. He thinks a mini groin system could work and help out with the boat launch. He commented that many people are upset, because they can not get in and out with their boats and often gets hung up getting in or out of the boat ramp. This is something we should really deal with.

- Parks and Natural Resources Update

**Jamie Scudera** informed the members that staff have been prepping for the upcoming sea turtle and shorebird season. The survey dates have already been set up. The Palm Island Mitigation site has been treated and tilled per our permit conditions. They will be out next week to post, fencing, signage etc., at the Palm Island site as well as Stump Pass State Park. They are currently replacing the Shore Bird Mitigation sign due to it being lost because of the Hurricane. Staff is working with Sea Turtle Lighting and Conservancy, there is a list of Manasota Key residents that are interested in doing some light retrofits on some of their larger facilities.

○ DV Reports

**Ms. Scudera** gave an update on the DV report.

- 52 total cases
- 3 removed
- 3 relocated- in compliance
- 5 are ready for removal

The remaining are all open cases pending the state. Unfortunately, there is not a lot of communication coming from the state, all that is known is what is on the list.

**Ms. Lang** asked **Ms. Scudera** how's the project coming along with the lighting displays in the hardware stores?

**Ms. Scudera** replied that next week staff is meeting up with the 3 different locations: Boca Grande, Manasota Key and Placida. Along with the display they will also have one of the sea turtles monitors there for conversation regarding the turtles. They have a new light reader and will bring it to the hardware stores to test some of the lights that they are selling as environmentally friendly and if not, they will provide a list of where they can be purchased.

9. Correspondence and Communication

None offered.

10. Public Comments

**Damian Ochab, SMSKA**, asked if the county going to be tilling the Manasota Key beach? **Ms. Scudera** answered she is not aware.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None offered.

12. Member Comments

**Jeff Anlauf** comments that he has served as president on the Manchester Waterway Civic Association, MWCA, for a year and before that he served as Vice-President. He has decided to no longer continue to being the president, of the MWCA, due to wanting to travel more with his time. He introduced Jim Robinson, who is the new president of the MWCA. He encouraged everyone to say hello to him after the meeting.

**Jim Robinson** thanked Jeff for all of his service with the MWCA over that last seven years and the great job that he has done. He commented that they do monthly water quality testing on a volunteer basis at their expense, sometimes a grant is given. In the spring and fall they do a water cleanup. Last year working with Rhonda Harvey, they collected over 1,600lbs of debris on a volunteer basis as a part their commitment to help keep the water quality at a high level. He wanted to take this time to introduce himself.

**Mr. Anlauf** commented that a cleanup is happening at on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 10am to 2pm, at location Ohara Dr, Port Charlotte, you will see all the cars lined up on the side of the road and anyone is welcome to come and help out. They do announce it in the newspaper about a week ahead of time.

**Mr. McCormick** commented that he attended the Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP) meeting last week, the professor speaking on the zone gave reference of the efforts that **Mr. Moody** had given on setting up the dashboard and was very impressed with the contribution that he has made. **Mr. Moody** explained that after the hurricane several agencies and group got together and figured out how to assess what's going on with the water. Working with University of Florida they came up with this internal dashboard that people can collect data quickly to input into the dashboard. Every Friday they met up to walk through the data

and seeing where they needed to go to next, etc. They thus far have been able to work out some of the kinks and have been able to find the right contacts for various of data collectors.

13. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.



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Stas Matias, Chair

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