



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9th, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Administration Center

18500 Murdock Circle Room B-106

Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Chairman's Comments

A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.

B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes

C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.

4. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None offered.

6. Regular Business

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from **January 5, 2023**
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from **January 12, 2023**.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. Charlotte County Sheriff's Dept. and City of Punta Gorda Police Dept. – Marine update

Charlotte County Sheriff's Department

Lieutenant Aaron Williams said they now have vests that are Coast Guard approved and incorporate full time floatation. When we are underway, we add a collar similar to the mustang collars. That is auto inflatable upon emersion, in case something happens and a deputy gets thrown off the boat. This is good for safety and a big step forward. We searched for these vests and they are hard to find. The high end of the spectrum is around \$4,200 for a set. The lower end which some agencies are wearing, but they are not Coast Guard. So now all marine patrol officers have these and they can have the floatation and helps to keep them safe. This month we participated in a manatee calf rescue back in Coral Creek area with FWC biologists. So, we were able to rescue and relocate 2 manatee calves, maybe four and a half to five-foot calves that were stuck back in Coral Creek area. This was a difficult rescue due to the access to get up in that area. We met with FWC and Roger this month on derelict vessels. FWC went over propulsion testing, talks of the boats that are sitting around forever. You can meet with someone and say you have 72 hours and we are going to do our propulsion test and at the end you meet with them. They have a certain amount of time to travel a certain distance. The sailboat it's 100 yards out with a turn of 100 yards back in a certain amount of time. The power boat it's about a quarter mile out and a quarter mile back in a certain amount of time. This helps us determine you have a working motor; this boat can be moved in the event of storms and it's not just becoming a floating junk yard on the water. This will help prevent derelict vessels.

Mr. Ireland asks a question with him living South Gulf Cove and have 55 miles of canals that are not technically navigable and not on the chart. No markers but how do we approach getting people in there, we have boats down. Some are in the weeds and how do we get you folks in to.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams says if you see them call us. This has been a topic of discussion lately as far as boats in certain areas and certain canals. We have started working on that if you find a boat that is sunk or derelict. If a person, has it tied up to where we considered an at-risk vessel and they are working on it. It is not necessarily the same but the boats that are tied up and sunk and sitting on the bottom. Those are things we are going to be able to start working, just call the Sheriff's office or marine unit and we will send somebody out.

Mr. Ireland just doesn't want to be cast aside because it's a private or non-county area and they both discuss. Lieutenant Williams says it is a county area and I believe it would still come under waters of the state. We can work derelict vessels on waters of the state, it's navigable to the degree that there is boating traffic, locks or control. Talks of the Army Core of Engineer permitting process for the locks is going.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams says this is really the main things we had this month was the propulsion testing and there are also folks on Bay Heights Park. Since the last few months, we have had more boats come over from the Sarasota County line in live aboards. A lot of those boats are at-risk criteria and they are scurrying back and forth between Sarasota and Charlotte County. We will address it and Sarasota will address it and we will go back and forth. So, as they come in, we will meet with them and giving them a little bit of time maybe a week or two to get whatever issues fixed. Then we will come back and citing them for at risk if they meet at risk criteria. He asks does anyone else have any questions for me.

Mr. Strube asks him what is the rest of decision, you're at anchor and can't even start the engine and that's one tract. What happens to that crew and if they don't complete the test of time, will there gonna follow proper whatever that's another one. Or they pass the test, do you retest them a month later because they have been sitting there or you retest them a year later and what is the protocol.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams talks about passing the test, so if they obviously don't pass it from mechanical failure that sort of thing, the propulsion is not affective, the guy who gets a 40-foot power boat sticks a 15-

horse kicker on it that's not effective. At that point they get cited for at risk. Then in 30 days we come back out and do it again, if they can't pass it then they get another at risk. That is where the recent statute changed, relating to 3 at risk convictions in an 18-month period we make that boat eligible for removal similar to the derelict vessel. If they pass the test at that point, he is not familiar with this, he will have to look into this.

Mr. Strube talks about ordinances.

Mr. Ireland and Lieutenant Williams speaks on the boaters jumping from Sarasota to Charlotte because of the 30-day limit. Williams states no I don't fully understand Sarasota's side they have something that they are working with code enforcement. In regards to that I have to do more research on how they are doing this through code enforcement with one of the county ordinances. That they are going to be able to come out and ticket them, Law Enforcement is not actually ticketing them, it's the code enforcement that is ticketing them. It is my understanding the Charlotte County does not have any type of ordinance like that.

City of Punta Gorda Police Department

Corporal Joe Trufan said on the DV's making pretty good progress and more coming out soon. The owners have been taking care of them. They have a decommissioned Coast Guard search and rescue boat that is owned by a resident of the city that is donating it to the Police and Fire Department. We will be getting that boat free of charge and everything is in real good shape it comes with the trailer too. So, we should be getting that soon. I am going to look at the trailer today. It is an inboard/outboard diesel. We have been plucking away on the DV's and trying to get out as much as we can. We have been working with Boaters Alliance they conducted a survey of the underwater debris from the storms in the city. Talks of the clean up of the debris and from what I understand it is not as extensive as we expected. This is a positive thing and the city has been working with FEMA on the debris removal process still in recovery side.

Mr. Strube are we getting a request for marine enforcement, and he discusses with Corporal Trufan. They discuss issues on the water and they extended help.

Mr. Ireland speaks to Jim Darden on the request for grants for more money than we have. Not everybody is going to get everything they think they want.

D. FY24 MAC Grant Application Review – Mark Snow

Mark Snow said from fiscal services we just brought up the amount of money. We get BIF State and BIF Local those are from voter registration fees. BIF State has a stipulation or restrictions on what we can use those for and that's for public boat ramps, lifts, hoists, marine roadways, boats, piers that kind of thing, navigation aid and also for DV removal and debris removal. BIF Local the only difference is funds all those things but it also throws in other boater related activities (which is obviously is a gray and broad thing there). With WCIND it has the restrictions law enforcement, enhancement of the public water ways, no matching funds required for those as well as environmental education. There you get boater safety and boated recreation there is a 50 % required match on those. These are derived from your property taxes if you look at your non-ad-valorem tax portion of your tax bill.

Mr. Ireland states that Jim mentioned before the other boating related activities under BIF Local. An activity doesn't necessarily, I think we are broadly interpreting that. I mean everything from boats to trucks

to buildings we seem to be asked to fund and I am not sure that's another boating activity. Do they all fit in that category is that what that is meant to be.

Mr. DeBruler I want to back up here on the same subject if you look at the BIF Local the second marking says other boating related activities of such municipality or county. That's the county that's not for Punta Gorda that's not just everybody.

Mark Snow speak to Mr. DeBruler regarding this.

Mr. DeBruler says if we back up with what you said prior, be consistent what are we even doing with that. Have we been doing everybody?

Mr. Ireland says yes, there was a time when we did fewer because we had some criteria and no boats. Things like that and kinda by the waist side somewhat. But we are getting over runned with requests with things that a few years ago we did not deal with. Jim needs to help us decide what it is that we can.

Mr. Darden speaks about what I can provide you with the legacy of the MAC has been that BIF Local is paying for a lot of not-for-profit boater education, safety programs, sailing programs a lot of different activities. We have come to rely on using BIF Local funding for since that's what we have been using it for since I have been here for the last 8 years. In fact, even further I had to keep those under BIF Local. But WCIND requires a 50% match on safety and recreation education. We have been paying the 50% match with BIF Local money in the past or a management perspective I just paid for all of them out of BIF Local. Instead of drawing from two different grant sources. So now that the BIF Local is running low, I don't think we can match WCIND's 50% match requirements with BIF Local money. Either we fund it out of BIF Local or we assume the 50% match out of WCIND. It gets complicated because we are rolling all of these sources of funding into a single meaning. It's difficult to say on \$ 700,000 when some of it's 50% match which we don't have in BIF Local so it's a bit complicated. We have tried to just pay 100% of the grant fund with the BIF Local and the WCIND. I focused WCIND on paying law enforcement activities, educational, environmental education things that are paid 100% by WCIND. The things that require 50% from WCIND I kept in BIF Local.

Mr. Russell is there any chance of getting a copy of this with the bullet point of how we have to look at this stuff. This is gray to me right now, it would be nice to have that to look at, go thru certainly before next meeting if we are going to vote on it at that time. I understand exactly the impact that we approve this because it comes out of one category or the other. I am just saying it would be nice to have that.

Mr. Darden I have tried not to burden you guys with those three different sources because really, I am just plugging into holes and keep going offline. Then discusses and explains this process with several members.

Mr. Ireland other boating related activities.

Mr. Strube – Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing, I am also an advisor to the youth program. Jim has indicated to me that there is probably not going to be a 50 % grant for certain elements on here. So that I am not submitting a grant for some stuff that was damaged because coming up with 50% is going to be difficult for a small operation. Is that pretty close to what you're telling me?

Mr. Darden Yes, if we adopted what Jim has off the cuff what the determination was on this it would mean that only government agencies could apply for BIF Local. Talks about the WCIND with Mr. Strube about this.

Ms. Bareither what happens to the money that's been granted and the 50% isn't matched.

Mr. Darden they don't get the money up front, but you get the grant up front, a reimbursable grant but when you submit your invoices, you only get 50% back.

Mr. Ireland Yes and this is an issue for a number of organizations, discusses with Mr. Darden and Mr. Strube about the grants and approvals.

Mr. Darden asks any thing else or procedural. I would like to go thru a few of the applications very quickly. Start with the Police Department, the Sheriff's Office and the Englewood Fire Department. The rep. from the Englewood Fire Department historically we have never asked the Charlotte County WCIND grant for a dollar. Everything we ever got was from the Sarasota WCIND. They are starting to push back on me now, they are telling me that 2/3 of your district is in Charlotte County. Why should we be funding a fire boat for you that 2/3 of your calls are in Charlotte County. They told him he has to apply with Charlotte County as well. We are looking for a new fireboat, the current fire boat was funded with WCIND in Sarasota County. It is stationed in Stump Pass and they don't even like that. They pay for a boat that is in Charlotte County, so they are encouraged him to do is a three-way split. We are asking from \$200,000.00 from Charlotte County, \$200,000.00 from Sarasota County and \$200,000.00 internally for our match. We are not required to have a fire boat, we do it to provide for safety to the boaters around Englewood and Charlotte County area. Our marine unit is currently busy, last year we did 70 responses with our fire boat. We are in the process right now of finalizing adding paramedics to the boat, so there will be a paramedic will be a paramedic on the boat every time the boat goes out. It goes out with no less than three members, US Coast Guard Captain, a rescue swimmer and paramedic every time it goes out. We found that our current boat we don't have enough space on it for three crew members and to be able to put a patient on it.

Mr. McIntosh asks what size is your current fire boat and what size is the engine needed?

Englewood Fire Dept. Rep. we have a 25 right now and we are looking either a 29 or a 32.

Mr. Ireland states it's going to be around the \$600,000.00 range and they both discuss that he shopped it with 3 different manufacturers and if the price comes in lower it will be divided 1/3, 1/3 and 1/3.

Mr. Ireland states we will deal with these individually next month.

Englewood Fire Dept. Rep. states he will be here again next month.

Mr. Strube asks if when you come back with some stats on how many are actually fires and how many are ambulance pick ups and they discuss. Most are medical.

Mr. McIntosh asks if you have a water cannon on your boat and they both discuss and talks of the current boat supply 500 gallons of water per minute the proposed for the new boat will be 1,000 gallons of water per minute.

Mr. Ireland asks what is going to happen with the current boat if you got a new one, we haven't made a 100% decision whether we are going to try and keep two boats on the water. If not, then it would have to be sold then the money would have to go back to WCIND of Sarasota County.

Ms. Bareither asks if any one of these grants that you're requesting for \$200,000.00 fails where does that put you? He will have to make a decision whether or not we internally come up with the remainder or not out of our reserves.

Mr. Darden talks of the other surrounding counties do not offer BIF Local and BIF State grants to any non-government people. He also talks of why there is not enough money, because the county has pulled some of that money away from this program to pay for beach renourishment.

Mr. Nowak asks how much is that?

Mr. Darden answers \$250,000.00 a year and down to \$100,000.00 left.

Mr. Snow says Punta Gorda Police Department is requesting new safety equipment for dive members, marine equipment, warranty boat motor replacement, a vessel lift and derelict vessel removal as well as some overtime.

Mr. Ireland says I didn't think we paid for training operation do we?

Mr. Darden says we have in the past when we had funding available to do so. WCIND does not fund any kind of training, they both discuss.

Corporal Trufan knows fiscal issues going on and appreciate any support we can get from the MAC.

Mr. Wolley is a bit confused about a boat warranty.

Corporal Trufan explains we basically are trying to keep engines that are under warranty rather than having costly repairs. So, we have one boat engine that will be out of warranty next year. This will be a replacement to get another engine within the warranty.

Mr. Ireland asks what engines are you running?

Corporal Trufan says we got Yamaha and Mercury this would be a Yamaha it would be out of warranty next year. Nothing is wrong with it but it's basically just an effort trying to keep engines that are covered under warranty.

Mr. Ireland says understandable.

Mr. Wolley so can you tell me which boat the motor is going to, also on the list which two boats.

Corporal Trufan the engine that would be replaced is the Yamaha 300 on the Angler. The big part of ask this year is for lifts to be able to keep both Angler and the metal shark out of the water to extend the longevity.

Mr. Ireland where will you put the lifts?

Corporal Trufan supposing they will go to Laishley, it is a city thing and as far as I know it's ok to put lifts there even though historically, they haven't ever had lifts there.

Mr. McIntosh In the past they would never allowed this, but I imagine it would replace the longevity. He discusses this with Corporal Trufan and the Chair regarding this and not having to redo the bottom paint every year, constant cleaning and scraping of the hull so definitely it would extend how long these boats can last.

Mr. Strube if you get a new motor for whatever it is 6, 8, 10 and \$350,000 is a big price and if you're selling the old one. It probably has hours on it when you sell that motor or auction it off that money where does it go?

Corporal Trufan says it goes back to you guys.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams if you prefer, I can wait til it comes to our side of the grant and I can kinda talk to the motor warranty and we utilize the same system. I can give you the update of how that motor warranty works now.

Mr. Ireland says go ahead and do that now.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams so probably close to six years ago Charlotte County switched over to starting warranty replacements on the motors and the City of Punta Gorda switching over to that as well. Mercury motors is what the Sheriff's Office uses and Punta Gorda is using some Mercury motors. Mercury offers a government plan for the purchase of motors. So, the sticker price you see for a 350 Mercury is about \$30,000, currently under government purchase contract with Mercury we are purchasing our motors 350's and 300's for between \$17,000-\$19,000 per motor. Mercury does offer a 3-year warranty on the commercial side which is kinda unusual. This cuts maintenance costs, last motor sold at auction sold about 2021 for \$6,500.00 each give or take. So, when they sold at auction it is under the 5-year mark with the funding and the money goes back to wherever the money came from. He speaks of the grant money and what can be put back and then the money can be put back in the grant for other things.

Mr. Ireland speaks on the additional manpower and increase patrols for holidays and special events isn't that covered in the normal budget?

Lieutenant Aaron Williams we don't budget extra overtime for patrol generally, it's a very unusual way that overtime works for counties. You can find overtime available for going to court on your days off if you're a detective you would find overtime available and explain the process for all of this. The other is grant funded overtime and unfortunately now with our manpower shortages and talks about this. He discusses the grants including human smuggling and marine theft.

Mr. Strube does the county bill the organization for coverage.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams he explains the only overtime that gets billed is generally for holiday events. The money we request I utilize for Memorial Day, Labor Day and July 4th those are the 3 holidays we utilize that overtime for. Talks of the money that CCSO requested and the money that was supposed to be from Waterfest was actually returned to the grant. They both discuss the money and how it works along with details.

Ms. Campanella your request you want vessel inspections and mullet fishing enforcement. Is that for equipment or for wages?

Corporal Trufan that would be for overtime.

Lieutenant Aaron Williams has updated the 5-year plan and passed it out.

Mr. Snow talks of CCSO's grant included some helicopter equipment and spoke to WCIND about that. They are against providing funding from these sources because of the helicopters ability to rescue on land as well as the water. The funding is on the water, law enforcement and rescue so they would not entertain anything associated with the helicopter. Both discussed and CCSO is open to line-item cuts on that. The aviation side we have basically aviation division, marine division we both work on the water for things. They added that in and I will get with our Chief Warrant Officer and discuss that with him. As far as the training and that's one of the reasons we didn't put any training on the marine side this year.

Mr. Ireland states at our pre-agenda meeting we questioned the helicopter.

Mr. Snow Harbor 2401 which you remember that's the Charlotte Harbor Ambassador's training program, scientific education and perspective on the health of the Charlotte Harbor watershed. It has some training materials, lab fees and some other materials.

Mr. Ireland says that's not the sheet is it supposed to be?

Mr. Darden yes that was last minute.

Mr. Vigne has a question on the application says \$30,000 but on the sheet, it lists \$120,000 so?

Mr. Darden that is because they had carry overs from 2021 and 2022, instead on having three grants of the same thing I consolidated those grants and submitted them as a single package.

Mr. Snow training program and they asked right now is \$9,600, they will contribute \$3,100.00.

Mr. Darden may be qualified for WCIND funding under environmental education we just have to dig into it a little bit and make sure it's not for an environmental project.

Mr. Snow talks of the supplies and educational materials and discusses with Chair Ireland. Then he talks on Public Works new marine markers.

Mr. Darden talks of budget on \$30,000

Mr. Ireland asks Roger are you seeing so many markers gone?

Mr. DeBruler yes and passed them onto Public Works.

Mr. Snow had 2 requests, for teaching equipment and also some boater education and nav aids so we broke it up into two. The first one was for Safety and Education Classes. The second was for equipment items new laptop, a handheld GPS and some life vests.

Mr. Ireland is that all included in the \$5,100?

Mr. Snow yes, the total has both of those rolled up into it. Marine debris removal went up a little \$80K, the 4th grade environmental education program out at Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center. That one we done \$48K we have 3 items from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotillas 87, 99, 98.

Mr. Strube looking at conversations on grants with 50% and some of these appear to be the grant requests they will have to come up with 50% of the money because they are not legislative to be 100%.

Mr. Welsh could we have another column on this sheet that shows not only the entire amount request but what the impact would be on the money. Talks about the money asked for and the 50%.

Mr. Darden they are asking for 100% and both discuss with Chair WCIND, goes over items on board with Jim Darden and he explain WCIND and request. Mr. Welsh states we need to have a discussion next month on this and the match #'s we are getting is not true. Mr. Darden explains on what we can't come up with talks of 100%-line item. Mr. Welsh asks are we gonna talk about this on what we can?

Mr. Ireland boat age is 30 years is that what is says? All discuss - 20 years and they didn't make 4 stroke engines 20 years ago that's my point per Chair Ireland. Laura Gassett-Shoemaker talks of the 4 stroke and it could be.

Mr. Strube talks of money applied for a grant \$30,000 dollars and your gonna have to pay as an organization will have to pay for half of that. Talks of qualifying for \$15,000 and talks of getting the grant of \$30,000.

Mr. Darden talks of funding with Mr. Welsh on this, the numbers. Mr. Darden will have to call and see if they want to adjust their applications or if they want 50%.

Mr. Ireland let's call that to a vote, all in favor of approaching it that way so the numbers will change because instead of requesting \$31,000 then we are requesting \$16,500 and or \$15,500 and Jim can handle that part of it. All in favor of doing it that way which would give a more accurate sheet raise your hands. Oppose none, good unanimous.

Mr. McIntosh can we ask each of these requestors to what they prioritize what they would prefer if we had to start cutting, they want ticketed items what is number one that they really want. What is number two if we have money for number two. Number three if we have enough money for three, we have got to cut from the bottom up.

Mr. Darden we are scheduled in March to do the meeting, so we are asking a lot of different information right now. Do we want to slip the recommendation meeting to April?

Mr. Strube doesn't think that this is an appropriate way to go of this process for getting a grant. They decide what the grant is going to be, they are notified it's only going to be 50% and you gotta clarify what they want to submit. That's enough to prioritize it on their own and gotta get back by that set amount.

Mr. Ireland we don't have to carry that another month.

Mr. Darden like what Roger just said, we just supposed to present the applications as provided.

Mr. Wolley saw a group that was offering time as a WCIND 50% offset, so do we clarify that the 50% offset has to be in cash or are we able to put in an off set that is based on volunteer hours?

Mr. Darden glad you brought that up, that's true volunteer hours and other items can be used as a match towards the WCIND 50% match. In some cases that could include the one end in which you were working on. Like the learn to sail and their request for getting WCIND, and their 50 / 50 match but they are using the property that they use as a match towards the 50%.

Mr. Wolley speaks of Dr. Strube's \$30,000 request and somebody puts in contribution in kind of \$15,000 so the grant is \$30,000 and the contribution in kind is \$15,000 but it seems like the committee here still needs to come up with \$30,000 in cash in order to make that work.

Mr. Darden you lost us somewhere down the line. They both discuss. Mr. Darden now follows and asks does everyone else understand what he just said OK. That's what they need to put on their application that we need \$30,000 and we are going to be matching the 50% with time, people and volunteer hours. That's not what I heard on this particular application, they just said they need the money they don't have anything to match. So, at the table I don't want to be sticklers about the criteria if you didn't provide a match suggestion. Not providing it a match if it's a safety or recreational request then you would not qualify.

Mr. Snow pulled up the next Flotilla 99's request and that's to your point there in kind 50% contribution was volunteer hours. They did put in the exhibit explains their volunteer hours and they put in the request for all these materials.

Mr. Welsh if I am an organization that's purpose it to provide educational opportunities and through our organization which was all volunteer. It seems like that that's the organization how can that be used to match funds? That's the whole purpose of some organizations existing there is the sail, coast guard, flotilla's I mean they all operate on volunteer time. So, translating that back into a matching grant to me kinda doesn't seem really to fit right.

Ms. Bryant I would like to speak to that and I have put in over 10,000 hours of my 12 years in this organization and helping this community, educating people in this community and I haven't gotten a dime. Now here is the deal, if you take all of our hours, I actually have a spread sheet buried in here somewhere. If you take all of our hours, we have contributed over 300,000 dollars in volunteer hours. Which means that the county could actually employ five people. There is a value to our volunteer hours.

Mr. McIntosh had this discussion in the past year to allow new volunteer organizations to use the volunteer time because most valuable.

Mr. Darden this come to this before and we actually qualify the value of volunteer hours, I think this year it's like \$29.00 dollars an hour. So, it would seem to be if you quantify the hours of your volunteerism and I don't say since the beginning of time it's got to be within the fiscal year. OK of the grant you can raise the volunteer associated with teaching the class, buying the equipment what ever and just quantify that per our spread sheet. Then send it forward that should match. If has to equal the same amount as your invoice.

Ms. Bareither that's understandable, but I think what he is saying over here to. John is saying that anybody could look at that and we could count the volunteer hours which we have done in the past. Along

with the request that is still makes the request the full amount. So, you still have to look at how much you're going to cut out of their request, because we don't have the money to cover. Anyway, your volunteer hours should be anything but accounted for but you're still looking at the bottom line. Which is the full amount of what they are asking. So, you would be cut the full amount that they are asking for and say we can't do that.

Mr. Darden what ever you approve them to get the volunteer hours as their match then that's one issue.

Ms. Bareither then we have to pay for that the full amount that they request.

Mr. Darden but if you don't have the money then you have then you have to figure out how to cut it.

Ms. Bareither then were still back to square one any way you look at it you still have to make the cut.

Mr. Darden not necessarily you got to make some cuts but WCIND has \$500,000 dollars so that can take all those safety and recreational projects that they can come up with the 50% match. And volunteer hours or other qualifying match items. The problem is BIF Local can't pay for it.

Mr. Strube the bottom line for the organizations is probably this because they don't think this is sufficient there qualifies based on what you just said. They are going to have to resubmit and they are going to have to resubmit documenting their volunteer hours. If they got zero down for the other half. It's a matter of putting in documentation the hours put in.

Mr. Darden so if your direction we'll go back these individuals who have lack luster explanations on the 50% match and have them specifically comply where the money is going to come.

Mr. Ireland that would be greatly appreciated and is needed.

Mr. Darden it's also understandable that they didn't because we have been paying forever BIF Local all these years. Of course, in time they come to expect the 100%.

Mr. Hickey now you're going to go back as I understand it and contact these people if there are people that have to pay a matching amount. I guess the other question that needs to be asked once that's sorted out. Do you have the amount of money for the matching amount if not, are you gonna withdraw?

Mr. Strube it just doesn't matter

Mr. Hickey because that gives us more money in the pile, if somebody is asking for an engine then they gotta pay \$15,000 out of \$30,000 and they don't have the \$15,000 mind as well get them out of the way. So that we know that the pot of money is higher. I guess that's one more question if your gonna contact everybody. Those that filter out to the point of they gotta pay a matching fund do you have the matching fund.

Mr. Ireland we are putting this on Jim and Mark ,

Mr. Hickey I know it's a lot.

Mr. Ireland are you guys, can you do that in a month? Make these contacts and you think you'll get returns.

Mr. Darden it's never us getting their marching orders it's them getting the stuff back to me in a timely manner.

Mr. Hickey in all honesty it's a handful of requests.

Mr. Ireland there questionable

Mr. Hickey that we have questions on, the criteria that they have to come up with the 50%. We looked at one earlier, some of the one that had the lab fees and that, they did identify that they were paying the 50%. So that one I wouldn't go back to them as say hey I need you to come up with a new list.

Mr. Ireland that's good, and speaks with Mr. Hickey, Mr. Snow and talks about the replacement engine and that's covered 100% with WCIND.

Mr. Darden we've decided that if you want safety or recreation, it's 50% match no matter what funding source.

Mr. Snow the next one is the pump out boat for \$5k we have done that in the past. Any questions on that?

Mr. Ireland we are not getting a report on that anymore we used to. We used to get a report as to how many boats they pump out

Mr. Hickey that's twice a month we get a report, I guess we'll get it and bring it here.

Mr. Snow the docking floats that learn to sail program, we have done this in the past as well. They are looking for a couple more floating docks at Gilcrest Landing boat basin.

Mr. Wolley one of the big things they are asking for trailer to move things and we have other grants that are asking for land type things like trucks and stuff so are these in or out?

Mr. Ireland it has been out in the past.

Ms. Bareither we had docks.

Mr. Darden understand the Board of County Commissioners relies on your recommendation and you guys come up with your criteria on what is important and what isn't important so if you don't like a trailer, then you agree than you're not going to do trailers. Same with boats and talks about billions of dollars sitting in a fund and our law enforcement, fire department's vessels were falling apart. So, in discussion with Commissioner Deutsch and everything we decided we would start allowing money as it's available to repopulate those assets.

Mr. Hickey make a comment on that trailer only because of the sailing club is approached the Punta Gorda boat club. Because they have lost their space in the what's called the Bayfront Building it's the building next door to the boat club building it is reached it's 50% FEMA can no but longer be used. They need a place to store equipment, they are using our building for any classroom or anything like those bathrooms.

We don't have enough room to store their life jackets, all this equipment you can't leave sitting out in a boat. Even on a floating dock because it will disappear. It's basically got to be a shed on wheels, we are looking for an enclosed trailer. Discusses this with the chair and Mr. Darden.

Mr. Darden should be do trailers, well I think the WCIND would be ok with a 50% match on this trailer. They would cover it because it's recreation, it's supporting on the water recreation. So, they would cover that. But if this board doesn't want to do that, we'll that's a separate issue. Just because something qualifies doesn't necessarily mean that you have to go get it.

Mr. Ireland what about a dock box?

Mr. Darden it's 40 x 60 inch

Mr. Snow this is the Coast Guard Flotilla 98 \$101K, talks about boating equipment. I will let Virginia explain these pieces and parts.

Ms. Bryant we have a vessel that was damaged during Ian, our radios are now dysfunctional due to the storm. The elements in the antennas are fragile, they get banged around and ya know 180 mile an hour winds. You can almost expect them to crap out which is what they have done. One of the radios that came with the vessel has also bit the dust and it needs replacement. Right now, we also have a trailer that is great, but we don't have a lot of folks that who have the requisite equipment to haul it. Therefore, we had to pawn our ambulance and that thing is a 1994 diesel, which you can pull it still, but this thing is starting to cost us more money than it's worth. All of our Public affair's equipment goes in into it and each of public affair's events. Where we promote our classes and everything else of that nature. To include environmental, by the way we have specifically stood up and volunteered to help out the environmental here in Charlotte County. By going to each one of the docks and emptying the bins for the used monofilament line all the fishing line and all that good stuff. We are working for the County. I am pretty frugal and I can stretch a buck, and when beating the bushes for equipment, property of things of that nature we are always go for the biggest bang for the buck. I am definitely willing to take it back to the drawing board with the committee and do some line-item adjustments. I really feel like a trailer dock we can afford; I really feel like a lot of stuff that's on this list and this is a wish list honestly. We can either pay for it out right or we can probably like the trailer hitch on the new van if we could get, we gotta have something to pull it. We have a 2023 Parker and she's kinda a heavy boat, we have got to have something that would get her on the water when we need to be on the water. Right now, the vessel is sitting in my driveway because the lift we had it on the person is a snowbird and they came back. So, about half the year we can keep her on the lift, but the other half of the year she is either on the trailer or in the water. I am open to any kind of questions you all might have. But I am willing to do some adjustment on it.

Mr. Darden get this to me at your earliest convenience, are you talking about the boat that the county bought a few years ago and it's just sitting in your driveway?

Ms. Bryant it's in my driveway.

Mr. Vigne are you asking for \$101,000?

Ms. Bryant more like \$75,000 at a bare minimum. I think we could work with that.

Mr. Darden will you be able to come up with \$75,000 worth of volunteer hours over the course of the fiscal year 24?

Ms. Bryant Oh easily in fact now that Covid restrictions have been lifted. We are really becoming more involved in our presence is gonna be a lot more obvious.

Mr. Darden OK

Ms. Bryant talks about her other life she was a federal government employee, I worked in claims for the US Government and had to remind myself occasionally that it wasn't my money. When it's not your money but it's available I mean it's not for you to be foolish about it. I totally get that part, but people get offensive about it, and have a tendency to forget that point.

Mr. Welsh what part of the county are you in?

Ms. Bryant I am in Harbor Heights

Mr. Welsh I am talking about the boat, the boat needs to be stationed for.

Ms. Bryant well right now it's in my driveway because that's where I have an extra pad. I used to have an RV and don't have that anymore.

Mr. Welsh the reason I ask is because through the boater's alliance we can send a message out does anybody have a boat lift in your area that could utilize.

Mr. Bryant that would be awesome.

Mr. Snow talks of the next one on the list is the Manchester Waterway.

Mr. Darden the water testing is coming back for additional funds. Asks Russell are you familiar with the Manchester Waterway water testing?

Mr. Russell no I just know that it's important to them to get that opened up because it's going to increase the value of people on the west end of the Manchester waterway. They both discuss this.

Mr. Killion most of the water testing in Charlotte County is funded under the three-storm water MSBU's and I am wondering why they don't go after the Mid county storm water and MSBU for the funding.

Mr. Darden I feel that they have and there no interested.

Mr. Killion that's the way water testing is funded, rather than go after us who doesn't have any money. I would hate to cut a real good program out, because they just don't wanna go to the MSBU.

Mr. Welsh the discussion we had in the past about this was that the county attorney said that the MSBU money could not be used for the Manchester Waterway.

Mr. Ireland has it changed?

Mr. Killion and Chair Ireland that's what it's used for and they discuss with others.

Mr. Logan talks on MSBU is a little familiar with what we are saying, I worked with Tom on South Gulf Cove and MSBU has different wording and it covers different things. But what we are talking with on the Manchester Waterway are two different items here. The Manchester Waterway MSBU that's solely to maintain the waterways. The civic association and I am not talking on their behalf, they took it upon themselves to pursue an additional cut up in Manchester Waterway. They have also taken on this water quality testing. This is an ongoing thing, so yes, they came last year to received funding to support this program and still trying to collect that data so they can continue and see how well the system is performing. This isn't a one-time thing, it's an ongoing program. Just to clarify it's two different groups working in the same area.

Mr. Darden that makes sense, it's my opinion it doesn't qualify for any new sources of funding. So, I would not recommend what you recommended because it sets a precedent. I know this is separate because it's outside MSBU, but it opens the gate for, but how many canals do we have with MSBU as they want water testing. We established that a long time ago that we're not going to approve any water testing stuff.

Mr. Ireland we made that mistake last year.

Mr. Darden let the BCC override that recommendation, let your objection noted.

Mr. Hickey MSBU continued with probably in a half a million dollars in water testing or close to that right now. Should this be rejected now or wait until next month?

Mr. Ireland this is a different subject.

Mr. Hickey this is something different, all discuss this and the water testing.

Mr. Ireland we will wait til next month.

Mr. Snow done them in the past, looking for educational materials.

Mr. Strube the hurricane hit and crushed several of our small carts that we wheel the boats down into the water with. We do have transport trailers to use but it takes a lot more man handle. So, we could use the trailers in the interim until we can get new wheels.

Mr. Snow Waterfest

Mr. Ireland for those who weren't here or haven't been here the Waterfest has not been our favorite area to support from the committee standpoint, but the commissioners like it.

Mr. McIntosh if we don't approve, I don't think anybody here voted for it in the past several years, if we don't approve it do we have that \$69,000 to give to other organizations. If we approve all the other money it goes to them. If they come behind us and approve it, then there gonna cut some of the other organizations that we did approve.

Mr. Darden talks of Hector asking if we have the money and talks of other items. Tents, tables and chairs for the environmental stuff is covered at 100% WCIND environmental education. Marine exhibitors 100%.

The only questions I have is about the CCSO and the Fire is CCSO is putting in for overtime to do Waterfest which I think he said in March. They would bill Waterfest and Waterfest would be us. The law enforcement on the water not the guys doing traffic. Safety on the water they will have to give 50%.

Mr. Hickey didn't we talk about the helicopter in another section that we are not covering helicopters. So, there is \$16,000 for a helicopter.

Mr. Darden right and that's a safety helicopter that they have out on the water to ensure safety. So that would not qualify for 100% funding under WCIND. We can't dismiss it out of hand because the criteria allows for a lot of the stuff that's within the request.

Mr. Ireland that was a question.

Mr. Welsh that's the point why are they coming back to us for money.

Mr. Darden it's the same question every year.

Mr. Welsh the other question I always have do they supply the county and the commissioners with the books of the event. So, we can see how much profit they make. Both discuss.

Mr. Wolley is this a registered non-profit and asks if registered 900 990?

Mr. Darden the sunbiz non for profit they all discuss.

Mr. Strube let's put this to bed, another question we are obviously going to consider this next month. Question can you put together not your recommendation but compliance with the law, they are asking for x amount and we give them the grant. They understand that these are the portions they have to pay 50% for. So ultimately, they finance this up front they get it back soon unless the county cuts a check for them. If the county cuts the check for them, then the county would cut the check for the grant less the amount that's in the column not funded. Several parties discuss this.

Mr. Darden asks do we modify what we have here.

Mr. Strube no that's not going to be covered, it's the matching funds. Tell them about the grant amount less than what they have to pay for.

Mr. Darden ok so what I can do is go back to these organizations and this is for grant, this is for match and that's for total. So obviously we have some holes in this application budget. They need to modify this budget and resubmit.

Mr. McIntosh talks of helicopter and something they didn't cover on this.

Mr. Darden that was for the rescue helicopter equipment that was associated with Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. This helicopter is being rented specifically for water safety during the event. It is water recreational. Explains the difference between the two helicopters one is for safety on the water and one is for on the land. They are not the same thing.

Mr. Welsh maybe we could ask the civil air patrol to do the patrol over the air since we are funding them and they won't need a helicopter. They have a small discussion.

Mr. Ireland ok University of Florida Sea grants see grass grant.

Mr. Darden the University of Florida had Betty and she used to apply for \$5,000 dollar grants to support the people that were out doing the seagrass stuff. She is trying to get that going again. Betty is not there but her predecessor is. Can you give me the specifics on the budget? It's kinda an outing for the people who volunteer and go out and do seagrass stuff and just trying to show their appreciation of the volunteers and they are asking for this money. Talks of the cooling swag, \$1,400 dollars' worth.

Mr. Wolley having volunteered for this organization and didn't get a sandwich, didn't get a neck gear, I didn't get a hat. But I jumped in the water anyway, you guys can go either way on this. But I have to say this one struggles to get volunteers to jump in the water and do this survey. We did a small portion of Charlotte Harbor survey because we just didn't have the manpower. Something that helps her to move that along to get people interested in my opinion is a small one.

Mr. Ireland that's a good point. Last one is Charlotte County Public Works.

Mr. Ireland states \$80,000 for fixing.

Mr. Darden tried to combine maintenance and navigation aids and new marine markers but, there is something in the projects they don't want to mix. So, I have to do them separately.

Mr. Ireland obviously we got major Hurricane damage and I asked Roger this earlier he said the marker situation is bad.

Mr. Darden to close this up if we all got, does everyone here get emails? It's really hard to get these loaded up to the website because it's outside of our office. We don't have control or the time and it took us a week to get this print up. I would like to as we get these new revised applications to do an email them to everybody and try to get them posted. But if you all can keep up that way it would save time.

Mr. Ireland that would work and let's make an effort to know as much as you need to know about any of these. You may have some questions next month, but we also have to vote accurately.

Ms. Bareither says the people who are here and don't go to the pre-agenda this would be the one time because were redoing these you need to show up to pre-agenda.

Mr. Darden Mark is going to send out an email to everyone and if you have questions post those questions to Mark and he will go out to the applicant, we will get the answer and we'll send it all out.

Mr. McIntosh next month will you have the totals at the bottom like you did in the past of what they asked for last year and for this year.

Mr. Darden said yes

Mr. Strube in that email to us can you suggest or attach the criteria stuff of what is actually paid by which organization.

E. MSBU Update – Matt Logan/Zach Patchell

Zach Patchell went over his report.

Ackerman Waterway: No active project at this time. Refer to Manchester Waterway.

Alligator Creek: CEC started design phase receiving initiation docs from county. CEC has drafted and submitted permit application to State and Federal agencies.

Buena Vista Area Waterways

- FDEP and ACOE permits have been received
- Design deliverables have been received
- Bidding of project is on hold until the next MSBU Advisory meeting when the board will decide on whether to proceed with the project. The AB is considering halting the project due to dredging prices. Recent hurricane impacts have been reported and discussed at upcoming meeting.
- A purchase to hire a firm for a post-storm bathymetric survey is with the purchasing department.

Edgewater North: No active project at this time.

Gulf Cove Waterways:

- The county has submitted a purchase request to hire a firm to perform a post- storm bathymetric survey. Project design will be adjusted as need be based off that survey. Application for FEMA funding will be made for any storm impacts to waterways.

Harbour Heights:

- No active project at this time.

Hayward Canals:

- Sea and Shoreline had dredged close to half the project before hurricane Ian. The project has been on hold since. The county had to initiate the emergency debris removal contract and clear the waterway before the project could resume.
- Post-dredge bathymetric survey results were just received and the county and contractor are working out details on resuming the project after a long delay due to hurricane Ian.

Manchester Waterway:

- Recently Atkins had a survey crew out to survey and collect data for the Manchester at Indianapolis WW, as part of the requested addition. There was no material above the target depth found within those limits
- Atkins submitted 90% deliverables to county staff, those documents were reviewed and sent back with comments.

Northwest Port Charlotte:

- This project (Interior Canal Dredge) was successfully bid to Arbor Tree and Land Inc. ATL was unable to mobilize in on the original notice to proceed date of 8-1-22 due to covid delays on other projects and then hurricane Ian impacts to the area. The County agreed to give additional contract time to move the project start into the new year. A new start date will be negotiated on Jan. 16th.
- The county has been reaching out to ATL about this project and they have recently been unresponsive.

Peace River Shores: No active projects at this time.

Pirate Harbor:

- Coastal Engineering has started the design phase of this project, submitting permit application to FDEP and USACE
- We recently received a permit from FDEP and still await USACE.
- A post-storm survey will be performed, and project data updated. FEMA aid may be applied for.

Southbridge Waterway: No active projects at this time.

South Gulf Cove: No active project at this time.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock:

- The design project is at 60 percent design and the Tender House design change order was just approved on the Sep. 13th
- The Tender House Design and Parallel Lock design components will be advanced together.
- DMK just submitted to the county the siting report for proposed Tender house and a new environmental report. Those reports will be submitted to permit agencies for review.

Suncoast Waterway: No active projects at this time.

Mr. Russell asks March 1st meeting are one of you folks going to be there, they discuss and talk about the deadline.

Mr. Logan speaks on Manasota Key, Stump Pass obviously we had two storms come by. It was reported that we had more significant erosion due to Nicole and Ian. So, we had coastal go out right after Ian unfortunately the process of coordinating with Sarasota County getting everything on board it's taking us some time to get the post Nicole work done. We are pursuing that and calculating sent up estimates for Nicole and Ian well calculated for Ian and estimated for Nicole. With both the State and FEMA luckily, the State has already taken those numbers run it up through congress. As of the special meeting they appropriated \$100 million of the requested \$205 million that Statewide requested for our shorelines for both storms. Hopefully at the next session they will approve the second half of that or a little over half the \$105 million. So statewide we are looking very good for getting some funding to help restore our missing shorelines. Coastal engineering is going out and they are trying to make this last push we have been notified that FEMA currently doesn't have us qualifying for funds for Nicole. However, there is a work around with that and we can contest the damage if beneath the threshold. Charlotte County is looking to pursue every possible scenario of receiving some funding through FEMA and the State to restore our shorelines on the beaches. We have talked about the Manchester cut through and this group for years we are at a point now where the County has taken, has moved forward with that. I am under negotiations with a consultant an engineer to push that forward. Now I am negotiating this scope of work and fees associated with trying to this permitted, designed and get it rolling. I will bring you up to date as this process processed with that.

F. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler

Roger DeBruler talks on his list and some of the boats are being removed. So far most of the boats have been from their owners. ACD which is American Casualty and Disaster is the lead on removing the Hurricane Ian boats from the water. They have subcontractors all over the place and they are removing

debris as well. Boats are moving forward they are removed it's taking a slow amount of time. But that's the process we have right now.

Mr. Darden asks Roger how are they funding the removal right now with the Derelict Vessels, are they using FEMA funding and charging it to those accounts or using the MAC funds.

Mr. DeBruler we are not using MAC funds, we are not using WCIND funds at this point in time it's all FEMA money. It's all coming out of the Florida Department of Emergency Management. They have hired this contractor American Casualty and Disaster and they have hired all of the sub-contractors and that kind of stuff. There has been some problems with some of the contractors, but at this point in time they all seem to know what they are doing. They are removing boats fairly decent schedule it's not as fast as what we would like to see. Obviously, the offices are getting telephone calls just like myself, having I got a boat in front of my house and it's been here for six months now. It's gonna be there for a while longer sorry to say that.

G. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Tina Powell went over her monthly report.

• **Ainger Creek Park:**

- o Park Redevelopment project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: No February update provided

• **Allapatachee Park:**

- o The erosion assessment project has been completed. Community Services is reviewing the repair options.

• **Anger Fishing Pier:**

- o Community Services is managing repairs to the sidewalk undermining and rock revetment; the design team is finalizing the permitting package for submittal this month.

• **Bayshore Live Oak Park:**

- o Fishing Pier replacement is being managed by Community Services; additional project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. The project is under review by the regulatory agencies; pier is currently closed due to unsafe conditions.

• **Boca Grande Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.

• **Butterford Waterway Park:**

- o Community Services is managing a repair project that includes repairs to the boarding piers, along with additional repairs at the El Jobean boat ramp and fishing pier; project is complete.

• **Cedar Point Environmental Park:**

- o Pier replacement is being managed by Community Services; minor repairs were completed in July. The design team has started data collection for the redesign and expansion.

• **Centennial Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.

• **Darst Park:**

o Community Services is managing the boarding pier replacement and seawall replacement along with ramp scour protection; the design is in progress. o HURRICANE DAMAGE may affect the status of this project moving forward.

• **El Jobean Boat Ramp:**

o Community Services is managing a repair project that includes repairs to the boarding pier, (along with additional repairs at Butterford and the El Jobean fishing pier); project is complete. o Community Services is managing a ramp scour protection project; the design is in progress.

• **El Jobean Fishing Pier:**

o Community Services is managing minor repairs to the fishing pier, (along with additional repairs at Butterford and the El Jobean boat ramp); project is complete.

• **Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park Fishing Pier:**

o Community Services is managing a repair project that includes repairs to the fishing pier at Chadwick, as well as to the boardwalk pavilions on the Englewood Beach portion of the park; the project is anticipated to work to start early April.

• **Harbour Heights Park:**

o Community Services is managing the seawall replacement project; permitting package has been submitted to the regulatory agencies.

• **Hathaway Park:** No projects at this time.

• **Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park:** No projects at this time.

• **Live Oak Point:**

o The erosion assessment project has been completed. Community Services is reviewing the repair options.

• **Placida Fishing Pier:** No projects at this time.

• **Placida Park:**

o 2014 Sales Tax project for the boat ramp expansion is being managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: No February update provided.

• **Port Charlotte Beach Park:**

o 2020 Sales Tax project for the Recreation Center is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following Sweet Sparkman is in the process of compiling the Schematic Design package for the project. They will be providing the following Site Plan, Building Plans (Ground Floor/First Floor), Building Sections, Building Elevations,

Digital rendering (1 design option), and prelim. building system narratives (Architectural, Civil, MEPFP, and Structural); including notes for three different exterior cladding options.

o Community Services is managing the T-dock replacement project; design team is in process of 60% design plans.

• **Riverside Park:**

o Ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels due to safety issues cannot be address via repairs. The project is being managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance; project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: Permit Status: FDEP- RAI #2 is with us and will be submitted later this week. We met with the FDEP a few weeks ago regarding the RAI comments and finally reached an agreement yesterday on the direction for stormwater management. USACE- The revised plans with the dock addition were submitted on November 7, 2022.

• **South Gulf Cove Park:** No projects at this time.

• **Spring Lake Park:**

o Community Services is managing the project that includes minor repairs to the boardwalk and boarding pier; work on boardwalk to start this month. HURRICANE DAMAGE may affect the status of the c/k launch boarding pier project.

o Community Services is also managing a ramp scour protection project the design is in progress.

• **William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park:**

o The trails, boardwalk, fitness equipment and signage project is being managed by Community Services; additional project information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. The project is approved by SWFWMD and under review by ACOE as well as the County DRC process.

o Community Services is also managing a repair project for the fishing pier; to start this month.

o The ADA canoe/kayak launch project is managed by Facilities Construction & Maintenance Department and have the following: No February update provided.

Mr. Russell asks about the boat launch, you have one of them shut down.

Ms. Powell at Port Charlotte Beach Yes, we are waiting to find out if we are going to get funding to do it internally or if we have to wait for a FEMA project.

Mr. Ireland asks is nothing else new? Ms. Powell answers nothing.

7. New Business -

Mr. Killion asks on the instruments on marker four haven't been working now for a couple of months. This was before the storm. Mr. Hickey we are aware of it. It's been a matter of the gentlemen who handles all that was out of town. He is back now and now it's a matter of who's got a boat. Michael was one of the boats with on Marker 2 it's out of commission. It's got \$12,000 dollars' worth of damage we are trying to get a boat to get to Marker 4, we are aware of it and

trying to get it done. We thought we would have it done last month and it didn't happen. Hopefully by next month we will have it fixed. Marker 2 is skewed just so your aware it's skewed 80 degrees. I can't believe that neither one of them didn't get ripped off the markers. They were working after the Hurricane and it failed since, Marker 4 and Marker 2 is squed because it was actually rotated by the wind. It's off 80 degrees and Marker 4 we are working on right away.

8. Old Business –

Mr. Hickey stated last month and brought this up with Commissioner Constance there is a dashboard that indicates what percentage the county is working on clearing the debris out of all the different canals. For one reason or another the Charlotte Park area isn't even on the dashboard, the county dashboard they call it. I want to know why and it still is not. Obviously, there is not a commissioner here to speak to it. But are they not part of the county? There certainly not part of city limits of Punta Gorda so, they must be part of the county. There is a lot of debris in the canals through Charlotte County.

9. Other Business –

Mr. Welsh just want to announce that there is a nautical flea market Saturday and the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. If you want to buy or sell, you can buy a booth. The city of Punta Gorda has seven and a half miles of seawalls collapse during Ian. They are in the processing of accessing and trying to start the repairs on that and saying it will probably 18 months before they get them all repaired. We finally after five years received permission to put rip rap on all the seawalls of Punta Gorda Isles and Burnt Store Isles because the Federal Environmental Agency was holding it up because of concern about danger to a fish.

Mr. Ireland speaks to him regarding this.

10. Citizen Comments –
None offered

11. Good of the Order -
None offered

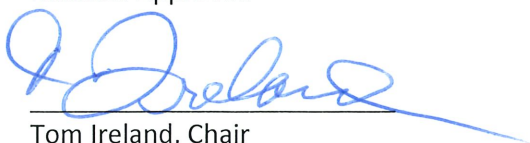
12. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held **Thursday, March 2, 2023** at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held **Thursday, March 9, 2023** at 9:30 a.m. at 18500 Murdock Circle 2 Story Building Room B-106, Port Charlotte.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ireland at 11:53 a.m.

Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair