



## MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 12, 2025

**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 Darden** called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. Roll Call - Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.  
Sign In Sheets attached.
3. Chairman's Comments
  - A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A sign in sheet is provided on the table for your convenience.
  - B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION 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.
  - D. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE KEEP CONVERSATIONS TO A WHISPER DUE TO THE RECORDING SYSTEM PICKS UP ALL VOICES/NOISES WHICH THEN THE AUDIO IS NOT CLEAR FOR THE RECORD.
4. Changes to the Agenda – None.
5. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items –  
**Jeannine Polk**, Punta Gorda City Council, I am here to represent District 1, spoke about the storm damage, anchoring issues, the derelict vessels, damages to the homes from the boats.  
  
**Chuck Witzke** from Buena Vista spoke about MSBU along with the sand on the beach and explains the history of dredging, survey, dates and pricing with the Beach Complex.  
  
**Stephen R. Deutsch** spoke on the beach complex as well, boats to be removed, and that he requested at the last commission meeting that the county start taking money out of the reserves and prioritize doing the Charlotte Harbor Beach Complex and open up a part of the beach as soon as possible and also Englewood Beach.
6. Regular Business –
  - A. Derelict Vessel Report – Liz Eastes



**Liz Eastes** spoke about her report with the members and a discussion ensues.

B. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and City of Punta Gorda Police Dept. – Marine Updates

**Charlotte County Sheriff's Office**

**Sgt. Kris McRae** spoke about the boats, Memorial Day weekend, working with Englewood Fire, FWC and the Coast Guard and discusses with the members. Informs that Detective Richard Nelson will present his power point presentation.

**City of Punta Gorda Police Department**

**Officer Russell** spoke about the boat which says removed but it is still there, and piggybacks offs of CCSO for all the same. Talks about the boats in Laishley, on July 4<sup>th</sup> will kick off with Freedom swim route has changed and fireworks.

C. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from June 5, 2025.

Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

**Betty Campanella** made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Bob Mayes**. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

D. FY25/26 Fiscal Reports/Grants – Debbie Thibideau

**Debbie Thibideau** spoke about her report and discusses the balances, extension requests with the members

E. MSBU Update – DeWayne Nodine



**DeWayne Nodine** spoke on his report and a discussion ensues.

F. Community Services Update – Tina Powell



**Tina Powell** spoke on her reports and a discussion ensues.

7. New Business –

A. New Anchoring Law – Venice, Ashlee Castle presentation.

**Ashlee Castle** from Venice gave her presentation along with **Paul Joyce** from Vencie Police Department to speak on the law – Statute 327.4108 and a discussion ensues.

B. CCSO – DV Detective Richard Nelson Presentation

**Det. Richard Nelson** gave his presentation and a discussion ensues.

C. Sunshine Law and Roberts Rules Video will be postponed to after the meeting on 09/11/2025.

8. Old Business –

A. Dredging Process and Challenges – DeWayne Nodine

**Mr. Nodine** spoke on this with the members and a discussion ensues.

9. Citizens Comments –

**John Osanitsch** and **John Peterman** spoke on dredging and a discussion ensues with the members.

10. Member Discussion –

**Mr. Eckert, Chair Darden** and **Mr. Lombardo** spoke about making a motion or recommendation for a working group and **Mr. Killion** joins the discussion. Additional members join the discussion.

**Ralph Lombardo** made a motion to ask legal services or County Attorney if sub-committees are allowed within committees and how does that impact the Sunshine Law, seconded by **Noel Hyde**. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mrs. Sargent** will get with the County Attorney regarding this.

**Chair Darden** said we will table this for now.

11. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 4, 2025 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, September 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in **Room B-106 in Murdock Building B**.

12. Adjournment

**Ms. Campanella** made a motion to adjourn and seconded by **Mr. Lombardo**.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Sargent, recorder

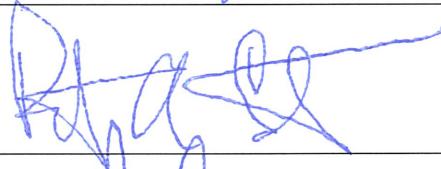
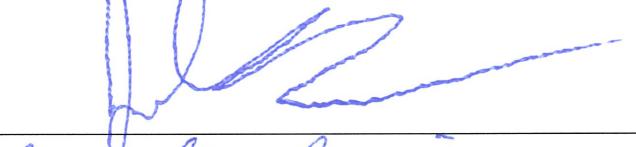
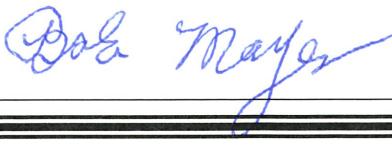
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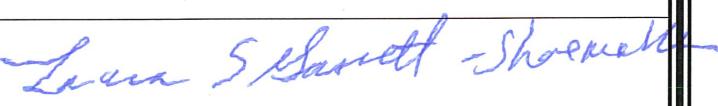
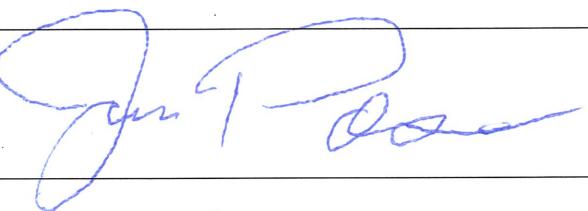
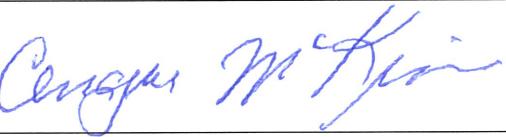
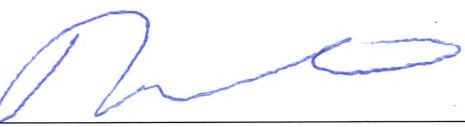
Jim Darden, Chair

**Sign-In Sheet**  
**MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEMBERS - Agenda**  
**June 12, 2025**

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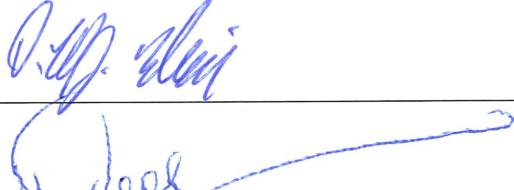
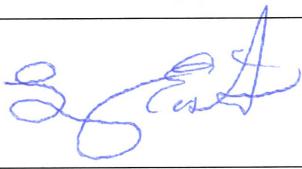
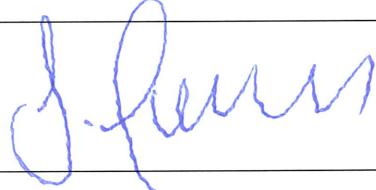
Jim Darden, Chair Member-at-Large	
Hank Killion, Vice-Chair Member-at-Large	
Betty Campanella, Secretary America's Boating Club - Peace River	
Robert Eckert U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood	
Jenna Ginsberg South Gulf Cove Yacht Club	
Robert Magliozi Member-at-Large	
Richard Russell Member-at-Large	
Robert Hickey Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance	
Dave Vigne Pirate Harbor Yacht Club	
William H. Kumm Punta Gorda Boat Club	
Bob Mayes Punta Gorda Isles Fishing Club	

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<b>Mike McIntosh</b> <b>Punta Gorda Sailing Club</b>	
<b>Michael Walsh</b> <b>Harbor Heights Yacht Club</b>	
<b>Laura Gassett-Shoemaker</b> <b>U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Cape Haze</b>	
<b>Jim Pase</b> <b>Isles Yacht Club</b>	
<b>William F. Moran</b> <b>Burnt Store Isles Boat Club</b>	
<b>Angus McKinnon</b> <b>U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor</b>	
<b>Zach Gloer</b> <b>Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club</b>	
<b>Noel Hyde</b> <b>City of Punta Gorda</b>	
<b>Ralph Lombardo</b> <b>Member-at-Large</b>	
<b>Vacant</b> <b>Port Charlotte Yacht Club</b>	

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**STAFF - Agenda**  
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<b>DeWayne Nodine, Dredging Project Manager</b>	
<b>Debbie Thibideau, Grants Analyst Budget &amp; Administrative Services</b>	
<b>Liz Eastes, Marine Environmental Specialist</b>	
<b>Matthew Logan, Projects Manager Engineering</b>	
<b>Tina Powell, Parks &amp; Natural Resources Manager Liaison</b>	
<b>Robert Campbell (Eric), Signing and Marking Coordinator, Public Works</b>	
<b>Matthew McElroy, Deputy Chief Charlotte County Fire and EMS</b>	
<b>Chris Mott, Battalion Chief Charlotte County Fire and EMS</b>	
<b>Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney Office of the County Attorney</b>	

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**MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**GUESTS**  
**June 12, 2025**

**Please PRINT Your Name and Affiliation**

NAME	AFFILIATION
K. McRae	Charlotte Co Sheriff
R. Nelson	Charlotte Co Sheriff
Paul Joyce	Venice Police
Ashlee Custer	City of Venice
Jeannine Birk	Punta Gorda, Dist. 1 City Council
John Osanitsch	SGCYC
John Peter Mora	Citizen
Bob S. Grift	Citizen
Chuck Witzke	Buena Vista
John Thompson	Buena Vista
Sandy Brandt	Citizen (HPGCA)
Jim Round	Citizen PG
Kaylee KWEK	FBEP