

Minutes
Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 9:00 am
E. Jay Carlson Building
Planning and Zoning Conference Room
18400 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Dodd, Chairman
Nigel Morris, Vice-Chairman
Lindsey Harrington
Dan Ryals
David Kemeny

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mitchell Aman
Joel Beverly
Joe Powell

GUEST SPEAKERS

Joanne Vernon, County Engineer

STAFF

Commissioner Tiseo – Commission Liaison
Heather Bennett, Sr. Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Sue Hill
Amanda LaFond
W. Scott Schroeder

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The **September 9, 2021** the meeting of the ***Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee*** was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by ***Chairman Dodd***.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Dodd called for action on the minutes of the June 10, 2021 ANRAC Meeting. *There was a motion to approve with corrections by Lindsey Harrington, seconded by Nigel Morris; the motion passed unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

- **2022 Meeting Schedule**
- **Membership – Scott Schroeder**

Mr. Schroeder discussed his background.

Mr. Morris made a motion to forward this application to the BCC, seconded by **Mr. Harrington**. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Earthmoving Ordinance**

Joanne Vernon discussed the new version of the earthmoving ordinance. She wanted to remind them this is not a full commercial excavation application. We do have a large ag excavation permit which is easier. She said they made changes and sent them to SWFWMD. If you get a certified exemption from SWFWMD you can hand this back and you won't have to get a permit, you are exempt. You cannot haul the material off site.

Mr. Morris said he thinks the language gets it. I guess that should be a 2 at the start of that section, page 2, line 47.

Ms. Vernon said I think it's a J. It's I then J.

Mr. Morris said oh it's J.

Mr. Morris asked on line 52, the permit fee, is that correct? It's empty.

Ms. Vernon said we have to figure that out because they will have to submit their exemption, then a statement saying they are not hauling.

Mr. Morris said is there any chance to get that thing changed under water storage? He said he understand the intent to get the shell.

Mr. Morris thanked Ms. Vernon for working with them regarding this Ordinance.

They went over a few pages regarding some typos. #491 does not exist.

Mr. Morris moved to endorse the changes made to the Ordinance presented by Joanne Vernon, seconded by **Dan Ryals**, with a unanimous vote.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Shaun Cullinan, Planning & Zoning Official, said last month we issued 302 building permits, the month before was a little less, 259, the month before that was 350. We have a lot of things going through. We have 19 items on next Tuesdays BCC agenda. 10 on consent, 9 items on regular agenda. PD finals, a few final plats, new PD's. (PD is planned development) A little bit of everything. They are discussing coastal high hazard areas regarding density.

Commissioner Tiseo said it looks like on the agenda, items 6 & 7, you jumped over (correspondence and communications and public comments, you jumped over them)

Mr. Dodd said he was sorry.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

Chairman Dodd said he has a note from Ralph Mitchell, County Extension Director and Horticulture Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Charlotte County Extension Service. He said they are in the process of hiring a new sea grant agent, they had a successful farm to fork exhibition on July 17th 439 participants. It was at Centennial Park in Murdock. They will be participating in an episode of Flip my Florida Yard, season 2 on the Discover Florida channel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Hill said she is a farmer and a geologist. She was curious what your group discusses. She never heard of ANRAC before. She was appointed to the Charlotte Soil and Water Conservation committee and they were talking about ANRAC.

Mr. Morris gave her a brief history of when ANRAC was started in the 1980's, under the Growth Management Act. This group was mainly to look after Ag's interest. Things were happening that were severely effecting agriculture. Dan's mom was on the committee and she said "if you do this, we won't be able to farm". They worked things out and they promote agriculture to the citizens.

Mr. Dodd said the primary roll is to let the Commissioners know what our opinion is for various things that are coming to them to have decisions made. We are an advisory committee.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Morris said the new equipment program is out with NRCS, they have funding for projects that qualify for funding to improve water quality. He has a client who is

upgrading from irrigation. We looked into it but it takes too long to approve it. He explained a little how it saves ground water.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Updates from the County

NEXT MEETING

- ❖ November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the E. Jay Carlson Building large conference room. (originally should be 2nd Thursday which is November 11th but the County is closed for Veterans Day) meeting moved one week to November 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dodd asked for a motion to adjourn. David Kemeny motioned to adjourn; seconded by Nigel Morris; the Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Andy Dodd,
Chairman

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Approved this 18 day of Nov. 2021.