

## **Minutes**

**Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 9:00 am**  
**E. Jay Carlson Building**  
**Large Conference Room**  
**18400 Murdock Circle**  
**Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andy Dodd, Chairman  
Nigel Morris, Vice-Chairman  
Dan Ryals  
Joel Beverly  
Steve smith  
David Kemeny

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lindsay Harrington  
Scott Schroeder

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Brandon Moody  
Joanne Vernon

### **STAFF**

Commissioner Tiseo- Commission Liaison- Morgan cook  
Shaun Cullinan – Zoning Official  
Ralph Mitchell – Environmental & Extension Services  
Marie Valeus - Sr. Administrative Assistant

### **GUESTS**

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### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**September 8, 2022**, the meeting of the ***Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee*** was called to order at 8:59 a.m. by ***Chairman Dodd***.

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Chairman Dodd** called for action on the minutes of the May 12, 2022, ANRAC Meeting. Nigel Morris called to correct the word "insurance" to "assurance" There was a motion to

approve with corrections by Andy Dodd, seconded by Dan Ryals; the motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Water Quality Update- Brandon Moody**

Mr. Moody begins to speak about new projects, impaired water bodies, and assurance plan, vs TMDLs.

Mr. Moody states the monitoring plan kicked off late June. He begins using the map showing the data they were collecting; this is only the first iteration of the plan. This part of the plan is not final and not what they will be doing forever but it is the first cut. Soon they will look at the data they've collected and what they are seeing, what they are learning, and adjust. Mr. Moody goes back to the map and states they are going out every two weeks, starting from June 29<sup>th</sup> and will go monthly starting October 1<sup>st</sup>

While monitoring they found a couple of quality control concerns. They are going through with contactors once they get those resolved he will get all the data and officially hand over a report and it will then get posted online.

Nigel asks Brandon to slide the map over and asks about the East. Brandon states that The DEP has declared several areas had high levels of bacteria. Nigel asks if monitoring is still going on in Prairie Creek, and Brandon said, "yes, but they are going out bi-monthly"

Brandon talks about budgeting and his limit of monitoring and his plan on how to allocate funds for future monitoring.

The hope is to take the information and after a year/ year and a half of monitoring, see what we've got and start adjusting.

Morgan Cook ask Brandon if other organizations are monitoring as well? Brandon says yes and goes back to the map to show locations of other agencies that are also monitoring. Brandon explains the map and how you can click on the stars and get the information.

Steve Smith asks if they are focusing more on nutrients and less on bacteria? Brandon says they are monitoring both.

Andy Dodd makes a comment about the origin of bacteria.

Brandon talks about water bodies being impaired and having high levels of iron and needing to come up with a plan and goes back to the map. He indicates that organisms and bacteria are there. He points out that boats and dock could play a part of water getting stirred up.

Morgan Cook asks about dredging having an effect on samples. Brandon says he's not sure. Morgan also asks about septic/sewer playing a part of making water better? Brandon says not sure yet.



Andy asks, "are those drop structures out by Coco Plum", Brandon says, there are 16 points where water can enter from North Port. Andy asks if samples are being pulled from the downside and Brandon says both. Samples are being pulled from the downstream side and upstream side. Brandon stated they didn't have permission from North Port but now they do, so they are testing both. Brandon says they are doing a little study right now during wet season to see if the data on the downstream and the upstream side is enough to continue taking samples or if it enough. The goal to present the data to the public is a website where you can select a location, change the sample parameters and you see the results. A group of people in South Gulf Cove are going to do a test run. Brandon points out that there is no good, bad, red or green or any danger levels that will be on that site. He says that it's The DEPs job to decide danger levels, not him.

### **Excavation Ordinance Update Joanne Vernon-**

Joanne says there has been very little change since the last time she was at ANRAC. She said if there were any changes, she will allow them to look at them before they submit to the board.

Nigel asks for another look at The Ordinance before it is presented and Joanne says, of course.

Chair Dodd entertains a motion to accept the recommendations, Nigel accepts David Kemeny *made a second for the applicant to go to the BCC agenda, passed unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Nigel asks Shaun Cullinan, The Zoning Official, about AG Exemption on a 2 1/2-acre property and a structure. Shaun clarifies the process and what they have been allowing, working with Ben Bailey, himself and The Property Appraisers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ralph Mitchell- Farm City Week November 12-18, Kate Roe- the new Sea Grant Agent, New location at Centennial

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Andy Dodd- Nigel met with Brandon to talk about water flow

Steve Smith- ask for more information on the Sea Grant Agent

**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- Updates from Brandon
- FGCU Business

**NEXT MEETING**

- ❖ November 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the E. Jay Carlson Building large conference room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dodd asked for a motion to adjourn. motioned to adjourn; seconded by Steve Smith; the Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.



Andy Dodd,  
Chairman

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Approved this 9 day of MARCH 2023.