



## MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 2022

**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 February 3, 2022  
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from February 10, 2022.  
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office – Marine update

**Deputy R. Carley** said regarding the derelict boats, we are currently working 11 derelict vessels. They are in various stages of the process, either just starting the process or waiting for the renewal process.

Sometimes people come down and are looking for a place to store their boat. They might not have anchored it properly, a storm comes through or the tide changes, so some of the boats get away.

D. FY22-23 MAC Grant Application Review – Jim Darden

**Mr. Ireland** explained that the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) provides recommendations for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) who make the final decision.

**Jim Darden** said hopefully everyone went through all the grant requests. He had them listed on the big screen and went over each one. Then a vote was taken separately on each one.

1. City of Punta Gorda - Dredge PG boat club basin (\$200,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
2. Civil Air Patrol - Sundown Flights (\$25,000)  
16 Aye / 1 Nay
3. Charlotte County Parks - Artificial Reef Monitoring (\$50,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
4. Charlotte County Public Works - New Marine Markers (\$50,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
5. Charlotte County Parks - Derelict Vessel Removal (\$30,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
6. Punta Gorda Police Department - Boats, DV removal, Holiday OT (\$82,325)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
7. Peace River sail and power squadron - Boater Safety materials (\$4,000)  
16 Aye / 1 recusal
8. Charlotte County Sheriff - Vessel, Motors, LE Equipment, OT and training (\$289,302)  
16 Aye / 1 Nay
9. Charlotte County Public Works - Marine debris removal (\$50,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
10. Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Environmental Education, Sign (\$47,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
11. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 87 - Class Materials and Equipment (\$3,850)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
12. Charlotte Harbor Youth Anglers - \$1 bill challenge (\$7,310)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay

13. City of Punta Gorda – Pump out boat (\$5,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
14. Learn to Sail - Docking Floats (\$39,120)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
15. Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing - Boaters Education Material (\$3,781)  
16 Aye / 1 recusal
16. Englewood Beach Waterfest - Waterfest Event Support (\$44,000)  
2 Aye / 15 Nay
17. Charlotte County Parks - Cedar Point Env Education Display App (\$20,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
18. Charlotte County Parks - Living Shoreline (\$30,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay
19. Charlotte County Public Works - Maintenance to Navigation Aids (\$80,000)  
17 Aye / 0 Nay

**E. MSBU Update – Zach Patchell/Matt Logan**

**Mr. Ireland** said Matt Logan could not attend today's meeting. Mr. Logan emailed in an update on Stump Pass. **Mr. Ireland** read the information on the email to the committee.

Pumping on State Park began at 11:30 on December 20, 2021. Areas of active construction will be closed to the public. To date the contractor has placed over 100,000 cubic yards on the State Park. The contractor has completed the sand placement and tilling on the State Park. They have mobilized to Don Pedro/Knight Island and resumed sand placement on March 4th. They are continuing to make progress dredging Stump Pass and anticipate completion of the dredging and sand placement on April 17th.

**Tentative Schedule for Project:**

Mobilization: November 29- December 15 Complete

Dredge/Sand Placement on Stump Pass State Park: December 20 - March 1 Complete

Mobilize to Palm Island: March 1-3 Complete

Dredge/Sand Placement on Palm Island: March 4 - April 17 Complete

**Zach Patchell** went over his presentation.

Ackerman and Manchester Waterway – no projects at this time – refer to Manchester waterway.

Alligator Creek – Most current bathymetry was reviewed with the MSBU Advisory Board, and they requested a maintenance dredge project to fall with a prescribed budget, which will allow for roughly half of the total yardage found within the system. The AB has elected to start work for access channel working inland. County Staff is working on preparing documents to enter a Request Letter of Interest with the purchasing department to secure an Engineering Firms services for designing a maintenance dredge event.

Buena Vista – Coastal Engineering prepared and submitted permitting plans to state and federal agencies. FDEP exemption status has been received. ACOE permit application submitted and awaiting the new Nation Wide 35 permit available after April 2022 to cover this project.

Edgewater North – Public Works staff is working to get the Edgewater North topic on BoCC agenda or discussion of bathymetry results and direction on whether to move forward with a dredge event.

Gulf Cove Waterways – A request letter of interest went out to engineering firms to complete the design of the Gulf Cove interior dredge project. Coastal Engineering was selected for the design project. CEC has received the most current bathymetric data and is currently working on reducing that data into a plan to submit to permitting agencies for a proposed dredge event. CEC has been communicating with FDEP in pursuit of authorization to perform work.

Harbour Heights – Johnson Engineering was selected 80% plans and documents to the County. A review was completed and input from the MSBU received. The proposed project limits have been updated and volume quantities are being updated. Johnson is preparing permitting plans and applications to submit to FDEP for exemption status.

Hayward canals – The County purchasing department has advertised the dredge project for bids with bid open scheduled for 3-2-22. After the successful bidder will need to be awarded the project. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled where a notice to proceed date will be agreed upon.

Manchester Waterway – The MSBU Advisory Board has recently requested that the County initiate an engineering design phase ahead of a dredge project for the Christopher, Knox and Bay harbor waterways. County staff has prepared and submitted documents to the Purchasing department for RLI's to select an engineering firm for the design work of the coming dredge event.

Northwest Port Charlotte – This project (Interior Canal Dredge) was successfully bid to Arbor Tree and Land Inc. and is awaiting the award meeting with the BoCC.

Peace River shores: No active projects at this time.

Pirate Harbor: Request for letters of interest went out to engineering firms for the design and permitting of a maintenance dredge project and Coastal Engineering was selected as the design firm. A PO has been issued. CEC is working on preparing documents to submit the proposed plan to agencies for permitting.

Southbridge Waterway: No active projects at this time.

South Gulf Cove: Marine Contracting Group is the successful low bidder for the maintenance dredge project of the access channel and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for 2-2-22, where a start date will be agreed upon. Spoil site set up is complete and floating turbidity barriers have been installed. Dredging has commenced.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock: Lock design working towards 90%. Awaiting ACOE response on permitting, EOR has requested updates, ACOE has provided they are waiting on US Fish and Wildlife approval. ACOE permitting may be further delayed due to a manatee death incident in early Oct. 2021 at the existing lock. US Fish and Wildlife is performing an investigation and will advise on manatee safety conditions. The County received and reviewed engineering scope for additional services to add a Tender House to the design. Comments and questions were given, and negotiations continue. Currently awaiting fees and a finalized scope. In regard to obtaining the ACOE construction permit, US Fish and Wildlife is requesting the County man the lock full time in addition to being a manatee observer. Charlotte County is reviewing this request. The consultant is looking into a manatee detection device that can be installed on the Locks.

Suncoast Waterway: No active projects at this time.

#### **F. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler**

**Roger DeBruler** said regarding his report, there is an addition. There is a 38 foot Well Craft that has been parked at Placida boat ramp. The CCSO officers found it. We are working with legal to determine what we can do with this vessel if an owner cannot be found. He was also given information about a floating shack at Cattle Dock Point. People are going out this morning to check it out and get pictures. Two boats have been relocated. The red sail boat is in Lemon Bay. AV-382 has been pulled off the sandbar and relocated by the owner. The Alsberg AV-377 was originally in Coral Creek. It has now been moved to Lee County and it is sunk.

**Susan Bareither** asked how many of the boats in Punta Gorda on the 30 list, are any derelict at this time?

**Mr. DeBruler** said he did not know because he has not spoken with the Punta Gorda person (Joe) in a while. They started out well, but currently, Joe is being moved to the road and schools, so I don't get good contact with him like I had been.

#### **G. Community Services Update – Tina Powell**

**Tina Powell** went over her report.

Ainger Creek – The park redevelopment project is managed by the Facilities construction and maintenance department. The most current information can be found on the County's Project Status Updates webpage. Facilities provided the following: Project is in negotiations with the design team.

Allapatchee – The fishing pier replacement design budgeted for this fiscal year; the construction bid is being awarded. Staff had pre-construction meeting in February. Project anticipated to start in June; A PSA will go out prior to work starting.

Anger Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Bayshore Live Oak park – Fishing Pier replacement design is starting with the design team in April.

Boca Grande Fishing Pier – no projects at this time.

Butterford Waterway Park – No projects at this time.

Cedar Point Environmental Park – No projects at this time.

Centennial Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Darst Park – No projects at this time.

El Jobean Boat Ramp – No projects at this time.

El Jobean Fishing Pier – No projects at this time

Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Harbour Heights Park – No projects at this time.

Hathaway Park – Design for the Hathaway Park floating dock and gangway is complete; the construction bid had one response that was significantly over budget; project to be re-bid.

Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park – No projects at this time.

Live Oak Point – Facilities Construction and Maintenance will be managing the sunken pavers and erosion issues. Additionally, they are managing the boardwalk that was damaged during the big windstorm in December.

Placida Fishing Pier – No projects at this time.

Placida Park – 2014 Sales Tax project for the boat ramp expansion is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department. Facilities provided the following: Design team is working on revised schematic design plans for cost saving alternative solutions.

Port Charlotte Beach Park – the 2020 sales tax project for recreation Center is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department. Facilities provided the following in their January project report: Kickoff meeting with design team is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. Construction Manager at Rick Negotiations are completed, proposal at Legal. Staff determined the feasibility of the addition of an ADA lift at this location was outside of our available budget.

Riverside Park – ramp has been closed due to safety issues for motorized vessels; due to safety issues, cannot be addressed via repairs. Ramp full redesign is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department. Design kick-off meeting occurred on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

South Gulf Cove Park – Repairs to the South Gulf Cove Park boardings are anticipated to begin April 4<sup>th</sup> and will require the boat ramp be closed for 2-3 weeks; a PSA will go out prior to work starting.

Spring Lake Park – No projects at this time.

William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park – grant for additional trails, boardwalk, fitness equipment and interpretive signs was awarded; ACOE and SWFWMD permits have been applied for. ADA canoe/kayak launch project is managed by Facilities Construction and Maintenance Department.

7. New Business -

**Steve Scott** asked Commissioner Deutsch if he wanted to mention the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Commissioner Deutsch** said at the beginning of the Commissioner meeting on Tuesday March 22, we will have the Coast Guard 501C3 Paddle for Heroes officially making their presentation to the Gaines Park. Somewhere around \$7,000 or \$8,000 and that money is going to pay for the rehabbing of the kayak relaunching of the park and making it handicap accessible. In connection with the County, and Tina's department and others, we have to do a lot of ground work to make sure it is ADA accessible.

8. Old Business –  
None offered

9. Other Business –  
None offered.

10. Citizen Comments –  
None offered

11. Good of the Order -

**Mr. Russell** asked Zach if Edgewater North was Elkcam and Sunrise, or one or the other?

**Mr. Patchell** said they are both part of it.

**Mr. Russell** asked if they have an MSBU?

**Mr. Patchell** said yes. Edgewater North waterway MSBU. He said they are working on getting the dredging done in that area. It will be going to the BoCC in the future.

**Mr. Vigne** asked on Pirate Harbor, how long until that might be dredged?

**Mr. Patchell** said probably about a year out.

12. Next Meetings

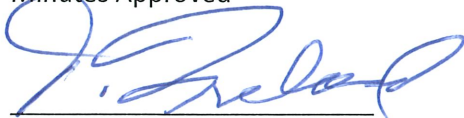
- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the **E. Jay Carlson Large Conference Room. (f/k/a Building Construction Services)**
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at 18500 Murdock Circle 2 Story Building Room B-106, Port Charlotte.

13. Adjournment

**Dr. Strube** made a motion to adjourn, second by **Mr. Hickey**, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Minutes Approved



Tom Ireland, Chair