

\*Minutes as approved at SMRMC meeting on July 7, 2014.

## **St. Marys River Management Committee**

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**June 2, 2014**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on May 5, 2014, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed at the end of the minutes. A quorum of members was present.

The following items were discussed:

#### **Call to Order and Housekeeping**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The draft agenda was reviewed and approved.

- The minutes from May 5, 2014, were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: John Myers deferred the report, as he had not received the bank statements yet. He did mention several donation check that had been received, totaling \$1,450.00 and that \$3,000.00 had been spent. He also mentioned that Charlton and Camden counties annual payments are caught from last year, and Nassau County is a year behind. There was discussion about coordinating the committee's request for funding per the interlocal agreement with county budget cycles.

#### **Presentation**

Adopt-a-Stream

The scheduled presenter was not able to make the meeting and it will be rescheduled for later in the year.

#### **Old Business**

Future Meeting Topics

The calendar for upcoming speakers was reviewed, and possible revisions due to schedule conflicts were discussed.

Website

There was discussion that the committee website had been hacked twice. The host company has since moved the site to a new server with newer software and stronger security measures.

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### **New Business**

Annual letter for funding from counties

John Myers will be sending out the letter this month (mid-year for budget cycle). There was discussion about coordinating the committee's request for funding per the interlocal agreement with county budget cycles, and about the amount to be requested. Currently it is \$500.00 per year; the interlocal agreement states that it should be an equal amount for all counties.

Decomposition of Trash in River

A poster depicting garbage found in the river and the years it takes to decompose was passed around.

Storing Information/Providing Resources to Committees Members and the Public

There was discussion of a committee strategic initiative that calls for establishing an online library or access to information gathered by the committee members. There was discussion of how extensive it would be, organization, and maintenance.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Water Quality/Quantity – The subcommittee met before the meeting. They have had Nassau, Charlton and Camden agree to have their Health Department representatives attend a meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> to present the risk based operations and maintenance ordinances to see if there is any interest in St. Marys being a high risk area. Katie Sheehan, will present that information and the subcommittee has developed questions to generate discussion and interest in the program. Baker County has not yet agreed to attend. Commissioners can be invited to attend the meeting which is being planned, but time and location have yet to be determined.

Land Use Planning – John Myers discussed that Camden County land development regulations pertaining to coastal and wetland setbacks are under review. The subcommittee will monitor the development of revised setbacks for Camden County.

Public Outreach/River Clean up – None.

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.