

St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

September 8, 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 could not be called to order as a quorum was not met. The agenda items were discussed.

- Treasurer's Report: John Myers reported the main account has \$6,038.47, the HH Fund has \$506.50 and Baker County has met the Agreement payment of \$500.00.

Presentation

Adopt- a- Stream Monitoring with St. Marys River Management Committee – Jessica Warren, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent for the University of Georgia, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Camden County Cooperative Extension.

The Adopt-a-Stream program is a volunteer led Water Quality monitoring program. It is not a regulatory program, but volunteers collect and submit quality data to be utilized in monitoring water quality of an area. The volunteers are trained in different water quality standards that best fit the area to be monitored. There are chemical, bacterial, macroinvertebrate and visual assessment trainings. The volunteers are tested and must pass written and field tests so that quality assurance and quality control measures are met. This program could be utilized to supplement and incorporate tributaries to the extensive St. Marys River monitoring that both Georgia and Florida are conducting.

Old Business

The calendar for upcoming speakers was reviewed, and Al Crace will be contacted regarding both the October and November presentations.

The website payments have been addressed and John Myer was able to switch the payment method.

The contact list will be sent out to the members to add/revise contact information.

New Business

John Myers mentioned three items: 1) September 20, Satilla River Paddle call Ashley at 912-510-9500 for information. 2) September 25, Senate Committee Meeting at the Capitol discussing the aquifer Storage Plans on the legislative agenda 3) The Erosion and Sedimentation Act (ENS) development code will also be addressed legislatively either in the ENS or in the Coastal Marshland Protection Act

Rick Frey reported on The Wilderness Act Celebration at Cumberland that was on September 6th was attended by over 500 people. There were over 100 booths, our booth was well received and 60 flyers about garbage in the river were taken.

Subcommittee Updates

Water Quality/Quantity – The committee met before the meeting. Each sub-committee member is meeting directly with their county representative to address issues in their county.

Land Use Planning – None.

Public Outreach/River Clean up – None.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.