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St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

October 5, 2015

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on October 5, 2015, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

In attendance, Committee members by county:

Camden – Rick Frey (Secretary)

Charlton – Chip Campbell, Russell Barber

Baker – Chris Gazes (Co-Chair), James Croft

Nassau – George Spicer, Earl K. Tindall, Dean Woehrle, Al Manning

Non-voting Members – Al Crace, Charleton County, Shelley Beville, Committee Admin.

A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. The draft agenda was reviewed and approved. The minutes from August 31, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer not present; will review statements next month.

Presentation

Kelly Spratt of University of Georgia Marine Extension (MAREX) presented information on Coastal Communities preparations for resiliency plans for coastal and inland communities, specifically how MAREX assisted Tybee Island and St. Marys develop long term comprehensive plans utilizing institutional knowledge. MAREX considers storm waters, river surges, tidal influences. Once the ideas have been developed, they then assist communities in the Community Rating System Application, which allows residents to see a return on flood insurance programs.

Models for Georgia rivers include the Coastal Hazards portal, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography and Georgia Flood Mapping (<http://www.georgiadfirm.com/>) .

Old Business

- Kinder Morgan has not responded to the Committee's letter for response to our questions.
- Al Manning was appointed to fill the vacancy in Nassau County and was welcomed by the Committee.

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- Rick Frey is moving forward in applying to Water Keeper Alliance for a St. Marys Riverkeeper, not associated with the Committee. James Croft asked if the committee and a Riverkeeper can co-exist. Rick Frey and Chip Campbell cited examples for the St. Johns River and Satilla River, stating that the Committee and Riverkeeper have different missions and purposes.

New Business

Dean Woehrle brought a picture as a possible picture to be printed on the River Celebration t-shirts (photos attached).

Subcommittee Updates

- **Government/River Issues:**
- **Outreach and Education:** Rick Frey reported that water quality testing with the Camden High School and Charlton Environmental Group has begun in Brown Town area. Hoping to work with school boards to get buses funded for the next school year.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2015.**