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

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**February 2, 2015**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on February 2, 2015, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

#### **Attendance**

Committee members by county -

[Camden] John Myers (Co-Chairman), Karen Chisolm, Jim Wildes; [Charlton] Dr. Josh Howard (Treasurer), Russell Barber; [Baker] Chris Gazes (Co-Chairman); [Nassau] County Commissioner George Spicer, Earl K. Tindall, Cory Black; Non-voting Members - Shelley Beville Committee Admin; Visitors – Al Crace, Steve Nance.

A quorum was present.

The following items were discussed amongst the attendees:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The draft agenda was reviewed and approved.

The minutes from January 5, 2015 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Myers reported the bank statement hadn't been received yet and that in handing over treasurer duties to Josh Howard, he will have the statements available for the March meeting.

In addition, John reported an amendment on the Budget for the upcoming year:

In calculating the allocated expenses for the Administrative Assistant the mileage was not included, as well as the monthly rate was changed from an average of \$164.00 to a base rate of \$175.00. This changes the total from \$1950.00 to \$2600.00.

#### **Old Business**

George Spicer mentioned that in order for the Committee to receive the missing county revenue an invoice will need to be sent to the County. Al Crace also stated an invoice is necessary for Charlton County as well. Josh Howard will be sending the counties an invoice.

Discussions about the presentations for 2014 took place. The presentation for the shoals will need to be moved to a later time and Rick Frey will be asked about a possible presentation for Camden County to present in March.

Jim Wildes stated that the date for the River Clean-up will be Saturday March 28, 2015 from 8-11 am. White Oak will be open at 11:30 am. White Oak requested the sturgeon touch tank

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that was available a few years ago, as well as offering space for displays and booths to be set up. Karen Chisolm reported that the tire disposal in Camden County is going to be available. Al Crace confirmed that if tires needed to be picked up, Charlton County had the capabilities, but last year all of the counties were able to take care of their own tire disposal. Since the March meeting is in the beginning of the month, Dean Woehrle will be able to provide the handouts, tickets, etc. for the clean-up to the committee members then.

Shelley Beville and Al Crace passed around a revised document for contact information and term limits for the Committee for the information to be confirmed by the members. This contact sheet will be emailed to the Committee once it is completed.

### **New Business**

Merrill Varn, not in attendance, emailed her notes and information from Coastal Septage Disposal Study Scope of Work by Katie Sheehan Hill of University of Georgia River Basin Center. She noted that an operator and a city manager have to be behind the idea. John Myers provided insight that Kingsland representatives have agreed with Camden County for the EPA 319 Grant – a final step in the management of septage disposal policy and practices.

Josh Howard reported that he received approval by the school board to use transportation for the students during school for the Adopt-a-stream program. He has ordered the supplies for the students as well. He is requesting the Adopt-a-stream representative come to the school to give the teachers and students the proper training before the program begins. He also needs sites for collections that are close enough for travel, collection and analysis during a 90- minute class period.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

Issues and Government – John Myer mentioned there is a development of regional impact statement out for a gas pipeline crossing the Satilla in two places and the St. Marys in one place. George Spicer offered to bring more information as well as the maps to the March meeting.

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2015\*\*