

*Minutes approved by SMRMC on June 29, 2015.

St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

June 1, 2015

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on June 1, 2015, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

In attendance: Committee members by county:

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

Camden - John Myers (Co-Chair), Rick Frey (Secretary)

Charleton - Merrill Varn, Russell Barber, Chip Campbell

Nassau - Dean Woehrle, Earl Tindall

Non-voting Members - Geoff Sample, SJRWMD; Shelley Beville, Committee Admin.

Others: Al Crace

The following items were discussed:

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. The draft agenda was reviewed and approved. The minutes from April 6, 2015 and May 4, 2015 were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's Report: John Myers reported the bank statement hadn't been received yet.

Old Business

The Nassau County Commission presented an award of recognition to the Committee at their May 11th meeting, which was accepted by Dean Woehrle. The Camden County Commission will be presenting a plaque to the Committee at their May 5th meeting accepted by Dean Woehrle. There was discussion of having an awards page added to the website to display awards presented to the Committee.

KinderMorgan's (KM) request for eminent domain to install a pipeline was denied by GDOT. Dean Woehrle commented that KM is meeting with the entire Nassau County Board of Commissioners. The SMRMC would like to have KM address our questions and concerns. The committee will send a letter of invitation to speak at the August 3rd meeting that includes our questions regarding the pipeline. Shelley and Rick Frey will send the invitation.

John Myers relayed information regarding a USACOE Grant Program ("Silver Jacket") and confirmed Camden County has signed on for Phase I to identify potential projects.

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New Business

A sea level rise presentation by Kelly Spratt of MAREX has been scheduled for the June 29th meeting. Baker and Nassau need to work on possible presentations. Shelley will talk to DEP regarding river sampling for the Nassau County presentation.

John Myers asked the Committee about the USCOE waters of the U.S. ruling. The rule will be sent out to the Committee members. It identifies and includes a broad interpretation of what is considered "waters of the U.S."

Geoff Sample discussed the river gauge being planned near Trader's Hill that will record stage, rainfall and discharge. Camden County has committed half the funding, Nassau County has committed one-fourth, of the funding, and SJRWMD has budgeted one-fourth funding for each year, all subject to final budget approvals.

Baker County's Shoals Park is in limbo due to funding.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Government/River Issues:** none
- **Outreach and Education:** Rick Frey mentioned the Adopt-a-Stream program will be training teachers for Camden and Charlton counties on June 20.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2015.**

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