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St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

August 3, 2015

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on August 3, 2015, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

In attendance, Committee members by county:

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

Charlton – Merrill Varn, Chip Campbell

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

Non-voting Members – Alice Vick, GADNR; Shelley Beville, Committee Admin.

A quorum was present 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 June 29, 2015 were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's Report was postponed until the treasurer is in attendance.

Old Business

Kinder Morgan was scheduled for a presentation, but had to cancel. Their representative contacted Rick Frey and mentioned rescheduling. Rick Frey proposed a motion to send Kinder Morgan a request for them to respond to our questions as well a chance to present at another meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Rick will draft the letter to send to Kinder Morgan.

The vacant spots on the committee were discussed. All of the vacancies were reviewed. Shelley will contact Nassau County and verify the status of Greg Sheppard and Mike Griffis. Mr. Porterfield was appointed to the Committee in May from Nassau County. Commissioner Spicer mentioned Mr. Al Manning for the Nassau vacancy. He was instructed that a letter proposing Mr. Manning to the position be written to the Board of Commissioners who will need to appoint him.

Shelley will contact MAREX regarding rescheduling the presentation for the October meeting. Review of possible presentations Nassau and Baker will be working on possible ideas.

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New Business

Dr. Josh Howard regretfully sent in his resignation from the Committee. A new vacancy in Charlton County is now open. Chip will speak to the County Commissioner about a possible appointee. In addition, the position of treasurer needs to be filled. John Myer said he will get with the Nominating Committee, but will try and pay the administrative assistant and send out the bank reports in the interim. Merrill Varn said she could fill in temporarily starting in October.

Alice Vick informed the Committee that the EPD rule changes on erosion and sedimentation are up on the website. There has been lots of positive feedback at the public meetings.

Jim Wildes offered to have the representative for the golf course at White Oak give a presentation to the Committee at the Aug. 31 Meeting.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Government/River Issues:** Keith Tindall asked about the flood gage at Traders Hill. John Myers informed the Committee that it should be installed before September. Chip Campbell will talk to Charlton County Commissioner regarding the 319 grant for Spanish Creek.
- **Outreach and Education:** Merrill Varn said the new brochure has been completed and she will provide to Shelley to share with the Committee. Discussion about the festival season coming up and which we should attend. Rock Shrimp in Okefenokee on Oct. 2nd and Catfish is on Labor Day weekend. Another proposal for preparing something as a tailgate for the Camden/Charlton high school game next year.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2015.**