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St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 2, 2016

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on May 2, 2016, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

Committee members in attendance by County:

Baker – Commissioner James Croft, Ed Barber

Camden – John Myers (Co-Chair), Jim Wildes

Charleton – Greg Nelms (Treasurer), Chip Campbell

Nassau – Dean Woehrle, Earl Tindall

Non-voting Members – Beth Stevenson, GA DNR; Geoff Sample, SJRWMD; Shelley Beville
Committee Admin.

A quorum was present. **Call to Order and Housekeeping**

The discussions began at 7:03 PM. The draft Agendas for March and April were reviewed and approved. The minutes from March 7 and April 4, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Greg Nelms reviewed the bank statements: Currently \$7,147.20 in account. Chip Campbell mentioned that the Yulee bank office contacted him and asked the Hap Harrigan funds be moved to the main account because of inactivity.

Old Business

Dean Woehrle reviewed the results of the River Clean-up. The cost of the clean-up was \$2,071.93 and Dean was able to raise \$1,750.00. There were 750 volunteers and 39,850 lbs. of garbage were collected. There were 120 Airforce ROTC High School students from Callahan High School. First Coast Promotions printed the t-shirts. Roll-offs were donated by Keep Nassau Beautiful, Sandhill Recycle and State Line Advanced Disposal. White Oak donated lunch and had a head count of 427. Dean thanked all of the people and companies who contributed and donated to this years' River Clean-up.

Geoff Sample informed the committee that the Baker County Board of Commissioners approved the Annual Report with no comment.

New Business

Dean Woehrle suggested that the remaining "Hap Harrigan" funds be donated to the St. Marys Riverkeeper for a Hap Harrigan scholarship for students who participate in the WQ testing programs in Charlton and Camden county schools. There was discussion of the purpose and

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history of the Hap Harrigan fund and the need to review previous meeting minutes before making a decision about liquidating the account.

Rick Frey has resigned as secretary of the committee to become the St. Marys Riverkeeper, but he will continue to attend the meetings. John Myers reviewed updates of progress of the Riverkeeper. It has achieved 501c3 status and can begin accepting donations. They have established a website: *stmarysriverkeeper.org*. The website will be added as a link to the committee webpage. Baker County representatives have been added to the board of the Riverkeeper. They have formed three committees: fundraising, policy, and oyster restoration. They will have meetings every month on the second Monday at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department Conference Center.

Geoff Sample presented an overview of the development of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan. It is a 20-year plan that is updated every 5 years, projecting the amount of water needed by the north Florida region in various water use categories. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Government/River Issues:** Chip Campbell informed the committee that Charlton County Board of Commissioners approved the septic program posters and the posters have been put up around the county. The 319 grant is also being pursued based on requests by Valdosta Regional Development Committee.
- **Outreach and Education:** none.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2016**