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St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

August 1, 2016

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on August 1, 2016, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

Committee members in attendance by County:

Baker – Chris Gazes (Co-chair), Ed Barber

Camden – John Myers (Co-Chair)

Charlton – Commissioner James E. Everett, Chip Campbell, Merrill Varn

Nassau – Earl K. Tindall, Al Manning, Jim Wildes

Non-voting Members –

Others Present - Rick Frey, St. Marys Riverkeeper; Shelley Beville Committee Admin.

A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The discussions began at 7:15 PM. The agenda for August was reviewed and approved. The minutes from July 11, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

The bank statements were reviewed: Currently there is \$6,825.38 in main account. \$506.50 earmarked for the management plan and the entire history of the funds are attached. \$751.00 are donations that have been earmarked for the Hap Harrigan fund and used to support education or water quality projects. There will be three disbursements this month one to John Myers for the webpage, one to the Administrative Assistant and a third to the St. Marys Riverkeeper.

Old Business

John moved to revise the motion from last month from donating \$510.00 in honor of Hap Harrigan to donating the entire amount of \$751.00. These funds are to be used for the educational programs being implemented by the St. Marys Riverkeeper. The motion revision was approved.

Merrill pointed out that the committee has not received the annual funds from Baker or Camden counties.

Rick Frey reported that he was meeting with Camden county August 2 about the possibility of the county applying for a 319 grant to continue work on the Horsepen Creek area. He invited

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any SMRMC members who were available. Merrill Varn reported that Ryne Nimmo will make a presentation to the Charlton County Board of Commissioners about the process for getting state funding to remediate 303 waters. SMRMC members hope that he will be able to get them to approve writing a watershed plan for Spanish. Merrill also reported that Reid Jackson with the Water Quality division of EPD had said that they may be able to do additional monitoring if it could be shown that it would help with water quality projects in the community.

Chip Campbell and the St. Marys Riverkeeper (Rick Frey) met with the Chesser Island Landfill operator to ask questions and get more information about the vanadium reports. There are many measures in place to ensure safety and security of ground and surface waters. The committee will continue to monitor the quarterly reports of the landfill.

New Business

John Myers brought to the attention of the committee that Southern Utility & Power had bought an interest in natural gas pipelines owned by Kinder Morgan and suggested that the purchase could impact the issues of private vs public ownership of the proposed Palmetto Pipeline. Keith Tindall added that it was possible to ship multiple products through a single pipeline. The committee will continue to monitor the situation and its implications.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Government/River Issues**
- **Outreach and Education:** none.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2016**