

\*Minutes will be reviewed by SMRMC on January 9, 2017

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

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 5, 2016**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on December 5, 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)

**Charlton** – Commissioner James E. Everett, Merrill Varn (Interim Secretary), Chip Campbell

**Nassau** – Commissioner George Spicer, Earl K. Tindall, Cory Black

**Non-voting Members** –

**Others Present** - Shelley Beville, Committee Admin Asst.

A quorum was present.

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

The discussions began at 7:18 PM. The agenda for December was reviewed and approved. The minutes from November2, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

The bank statements were reviewed: Currently there is \$5,828.58 in the main account. \$506.50 is earmarked for the management plan. There was one disbursement this month to the Administrative Assistant for \$220.27, and one deposit from Baker County for \$500.00.

#### **Old Business**

Chip Campbell relayed the success of the St. Marys Riverkeeper grand opening and fundraiser. The event was sold out with approximately \$25,000 in donations. The next steps for the Riverkeeper is strategic planning.

Merrill reported that the pre-application for a CIG (Coastal Incentive Grant) for Charlton County was submitted at the end of November. The evaluation for a request for full application will begin January 6, 2017.

John Myers mentioned that the City of St. Marys grant for \$400,000 to install a permeable surface parking lot near the corner of Osborne and St. Mary Streets is moving forward.

#### **New Business**

The dates for 2017 meetings were set as follows: Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Jun. 5, Jul. 10, Aug. 7, Sep. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

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John Myers appointed Chip Campbell, Dean Woerhle, and Keith Tindall to serve on a nominating committee for 2017 officers.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- **Government/River Issues :**
  - Baker County reported that the contract on the Shoals park was renegotiated and they have applied for a grant to do trail work. Committee offered to help in clean up.
  - Baker County also mentioned that the Board of County Commissioners will update sand mining regulations in 2017.
  - John Myers reported that Camden Board of Commissioners will decide, at their next meeting, on a request to subdivide an 80-acre private property on Cumberland Island into 10 sub-parcels. There is no development proposed as part of the subdividing.
  - Nassau County reported on the Terra Point, a proposed stewardship district; the proposed legislation recently came before the Board and was approved with a 3-2 vote, so will now go to Tallahassee for decision. Cory Black, an employee of Rayonier Advanced Materials, answered some of the committee's questions regarding the changes since the project's inception in 2006. The Committee asked him to coordinate a presentation by the Terra Point project manager for the Feb 2017 meeting. Cory asked the Committee to send questions ahead of time so that Rayonier Advanced Materials would have time to collect the answers.
  
- **Outreach and Education: Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2017\*\*