

*Minutes were reviewed and approved by SMRMC on June 5, 2017.

St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 1, 2017

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on May 1, 2017, 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 – Commissioner Ben Casey, Chris Chauncey

Charlton – Commissioner James E. Everett, Chip Campbell,

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

Non-voting Members – Others Present - Shelley Beville, Admin Assistant; Rick Frey, St. Marys Riverkeeper; Michael Powell

A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The discussions began at 7:04 PM. The agenda for May was reviewed and approved. The minutes from April 6, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

As of April 3, 2017 there was \$6,148.87 in the account.

Old Business

The annual report has not yet been presented to any Commissioners. Shelley will work with John Myers to get the signed version of the report to all who are presenting to the Boards. Rick Frey updated the committee on the progress of the FEMA project reported by Karen Chisolm. The Riverkeeper took a boat ride with Dean and took 45 pictures of stumps in a two-mile length of the river from Scott's Landing to almost Orange Bluff. These were completely healthy vertical trees. The Committee is concerned with the fraudulent claims to FEMA as well as the timber poaching off private and state lands. Commissioner Spicer suggested contacting state and federal representatives to inform them of the incident. In addition, Shelley said she would contact action news and connect them with the Riverkeeper.

New Business

The River Cleanup was on Earth Day April 22. Rick reported it was a great success with 23 sites cleaned up, over 700 volunteers, 400 of which went to the White Oak event, and 40,000lbs of garbage collected not including 150 tires.

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Subcommittee Updates

- **Government/River Issues:** Ed Barber informed the committee that at the Nassau County Commissioner meeting there was talk about the domestic wastewater treatment plant. He said DEP was asked to attend the LPA meeting in Baker County by Greg Sheppard, the Chairman, to discuss wastewater sludge deposition and DEP permitting. the District Manager respectfully declined attending.
- **Outreach and Education:** Charleton H.S. has started their Water Quality testing.

Public Comments

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2017**