

*Minutes will be reviewed by SMRMC on January 9, 2018.

St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING

December 4, 2017

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on December 4, 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 – John Myers (Co-chair), Chris Chauncey, Jim Wildes

Charlton – Commissioner James Everett

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

Non-voting Members – Shelley Beville, Admin Asst.

Visitors – Rick Frey, St. Marys RiverKepper

A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The discussions began at 7:10 PM. The agenda for December was reviewed and approved. The minutes from November 6, 2017 were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was postponed until the next meeting as Treasurer was not present.

Old Business

Annual Report has not been presented to the Nassau Board of Commissioners. Dean Woehrle will try to make the December meeting.

New Business

John Myers made a motion to allow a resolution to pay Shelley, Admin Assistant, \$459.35 for work in November and December. The motion was seconded and approved.

There was discussion of the Spanish Creek water testing completed by EPD from five sites on Spanish Creek during 2017 along with the historic data. Questions arose about the Spanish Creek sewer plant discharging into the creek. It seems like the rain events and the septic systems caused the increase in fecal coliform numbers.

The annual report will need to be worked on in January and Shelley will send previous years report to the Secretary. The nominating Committee will meet and name possible names for officers in January.

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Commissioner Spicer brought up the help from Commissioner Taylor Representatives Bird, Bean and Nelson and Rutherford as well as the Duval and Nassau County Commissioner Boards in their work to get Nassau County waterflow study. Based on the study, the USACE will lead the project to dredge and widen Thomas Creek, about 49.8 miles of the waterway. Commissioner Spicer will also work with Representative Bird and Representative Rutherford's office to try and get a speaker at the committee meeting in 2018.

Baker county representatives inform the committee that Shoals park is hiring a part-time law enforcement officer. Interviews are scheduled in a week or two. The officer will not be housed on-site.

The Committee meetings for 2018 were scheduled: Jan. 9, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 9, May 7, Jun. 4, Jul. 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.

Public Comments

Rick Frey, St. Marys Riverkeeper informed the Committee about the 319 grant. Camden County Commissioners authorized the grant award from EPD. The preliminary work has begun and the weekly water quality testing in January. The letter of intent will be sent to the residents within a 100-foot buffer of the creek will be sent out in January as well. If tanks need repair or removal, they will work with the homeowners. The community education program regarding the grant will also begin in January.

Discussion ended at 8:15 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2018**