St. Marys River Management Committee

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MINUTES OF MEETING January 9, 2018

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on January 9, 2018, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

Committee members in attendance by county:

Baker – Commissioner James Croft, Ed Barber

Camden – Chris Chauncey, Jim WIldes

Charlton – Merrill Varnes

Nassau - Commissioner George Spicer, Earl K. Tindall, Al Manning

Non-voting Members -

Others Present - Rick Frey, St. Marys Riverkeeper

A quorum was not present.

Call to Order and Housekeeping

The discussions began at 7:02 PM.

General Discussion

Draft Annual Report was discussed, and minimal change made and will be set out to the whole committee. The 2016 and 2017 Annual Report will be presented to the Nassau County Board of Commissioners in February 2018 by Earl Tindall. Shelley will send him the February meeting schedule for the BOCC and get him on the agenda. Merrill will review the treasurer information for the budget proposal.

County Updates:

Baker – No new updates

<u>Nassau</u> – Egans Creek e. coli issues, they have not been able to trace the source, DEP will continue to follow up. Commissioner Spicer will contact District 1 commissioner and invite to the Committee meeting and will coordinate with Shelley.

Al Manning brought up questions about Coal Ash going to the dump in Bostwick. The Palatka Power plant to close in Feb and sending coal ash to the dump.

Tree limbs were finally picked up.

<u>Camden</u> – 319 Grant meeting will be in Woodbine on January 10th.

*Minutes will be reviewed by SMRMC on February 6, 2018.

Mr. Lang is rebuilding docks and is currently in the permitting process.

Charlton – No county administrator at the moment

Subcommittee Updates

• Government/River Issues :

MS4 storm water process is determined by the population of an area. However, if the river is impaired the municipality can meet MS4 requirement. The Riverkeeper will try for an MS4 permit initiated for the St. Marys. Alice Vick will be scheduled to come talk to the committee about the MS4 process. The USEPA determines the impairment of the river using the 305 Clean Water Act.

• Outreach and Education:

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2018**