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

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 6, 2018**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on August 6, 2018, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

Committee members in attendance by county:

**Baker –**

**Camden –** Commissioner Ben Casey, Chris Chauncey, Jim Wildes, Karen Chisholm

**Charlton –** Commissioner James Everett, Merrill Varn, Chip Campbell

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

**Non-voting Members –**

**Others Present -**

A quorum was present.

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

The discussions began at 7:02 PM. The June minutes and August agenda were approved. As of July 31, 2018, the account balance for the Committee was \$6378.21.

Commissioner Casey said there are no updates on Spaceport. There were updates on the Horsepen Septic Tank 319 grant. Commissioner Casey informed the committee that 30 systems were inspected and pumped, 15 need total replacement, 9 were in good operating condition, and 6 need minor repairs. He also said that according to Rick Frey, the Riverkeeper, results from fecal coliform water quality test reading were down significantly from before the septic tanks were serviced.

Chris Chauncey informed the committee that the City of St. Marys zoning was approved by the zoning council and the City Council are voting tonight, August 6, on whether to approve the new zoning ordinances.

Merrill reminded the committee members that MS4 presentation from July is on the website. She also contacted the census bureau and was able to get interesting information from their interactive website. She offered to show the committee how to navigate the interactive website. Merrill checked with Nassau County/Fernandina representative and was informed that Fernandina did not think they would require coverage by an MS4 permit because of the 2020.

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Merrill informed the committee that the Spanish Creek grant pre-application is finished and is being reviewed before submittal. She provided a copy to the committee to see at the meeting. The submittal is addressing the fecal coliform problems on Spanish Creek in Charlton similar to what was done on Horsepen Creek in Camden county a few years ago.

Jim Wildes, who is on the Advisory Committee for St. Marys Stormwater 319 Grant, provided an update to the committee. The updating of the stormwater system on the water front is being combined with a beautification project. Construction is starting near the old dock house. Currently stormwater drains are starting to be installed.

### **County Updates:**

Baker – No new updates

Nassau – No wake zone signs at Kings Ferry will be put in place. Dean mentioned that Nassau County is working on an application for an USACOE grant to clean portions of Thomas Creek.

Camden – No new updates

Charlton – Commissioner Everett informed the committee that the Traders Hill revamp has started with electrical upgrades to 50amp at campsites and the bathroom renovations. The current Host camper is leaving soon and the position will be open.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- **Government/River Issues :**
- **Outreach and Education:**

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2018\*\*