**St. Marys River Management Committee**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**July 6, 2020**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on July 6, 2020, via a zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee members in attendance by county:

**Baker –**  Commissioner James Croft, Ed Barber

**Camden** **–** Johns Myer,Elizabeth King, Rick Frey

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

**Nassau** **–** Earl K. Tindall, Dean Woehrle

**Non-voting Members** **–** Alice Vick, Geoff Sample

**Others Present** – Anna Laws, Katie Peay

A quorum was present.

**Presentation**

Status of Stormwater Management in Nassau County

Katie Peay Stormwater Engineer for Nassau County Public Works presented information regarding Stormwater program for Nassau County. The Department just got fully staff in June 2020. They have reviewed the 2008 Stormwater Management Plan and the projects and models with maps which were created in 2012, and rain gage data.

The information was reviewed by committee and The Advisory committee is trying to develop a cohesive Nassau County plan with the cities. They have created lot grading regulations and are able to review some plans in-house, they have created an internal tracking system with mapping for drainage complaints so they can keep track of problem areas and resolutions to address them. They are developing modelling and standard stormwater guidelines which will be reviewed by committee.

The committee had some questions including:

Are there gray water guidelines for homes? Katie said there are major constraints within the building department guidelines, but the submittals will be looked at on a case by case basis.

What are the regulations for setbacks. The stormwater management plan has regulations for setbacks from roads, but relies on the SJRWMD 25 foot buffer setbacks related to wetlands. There was further discussion about the issue of setbacks and Keith was asked to look into the situation of setbacks in Nassau County.

**Call to Order and Housekeeping**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm the July agenda was approved. The June minutes were approved with the suggested corrections. The balance in the bank account was reported as $7456.37. There is one outstanding check for the River Clean up. Anna Laws will look into it.

**New BUSINESS**

Introduction of new Camden County Members: 1) Elizabeth King is a new Camden County member she has lived on the St. Marys River for over 20 years. 2) Rick Frey was a member previously and has returned to the committee after being the St. Marys Riverkeeper.

***Land Use (including public access)***

Commissioner Croft reported that the boat ramp at the Boyscout camp is under review by the engineers and will be sent out for bid selection. He also reported that the Shoals fence has been contracted to be taken down, but the timeline is not yet known.

The Nassau County purchase of property for a park along the River was not approved.

***Water Quality***

Horsepen/Temple Creek 319 Septic Project- Temple Landing Park the old restrooms had a drainfield issue contacted EPD and secured permission to use fund at park. Next phase is to move farther along the river.

City of St. Marys 319 SHRIMP Project- No update.

Spanish Creek Nine Point CIG Project- No updates.

NPDES permits- Riverkeeper has sent a letter to DNR requesting that the reissued permit include more stringent reporting. It will be reissued for 5 and not 3 years, but still in comment period.

***Water Quantity (Flooding and Water Removal)***

Four County Stormwater Management – Speaker moved to August.

***Federal, State and Local Regulations and County Comprehensive Plans***

Update on No-Wake Zone Signage Nassau County- There was a question about the application fee John will check with the County Attorney regarding the fee.

***Partner Reports***

Twin Pines update- No update.

SJRWMD – no updates

EPD – No updates

Riverkeeper – the River Clean-up has been postponed and is up in the air.

***Administrative***

**Public Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2020. Via zoom meeting\*\*