

*Minutes will be reviewed by SMRMC on September 13, 2021

St. Marys River Management Committee
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Folkston, GA 31537-2872

MINUTES OF MEETING
August 2, 2021

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on August 2, 2021, via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee members in attendance by county:

Baker – Commissioner James Croft, Ed Barber, Danny Norton

Camden – Elizabeth King, Jay Smith

Charlton – Commissioner James Everett, Merrill Varn, Chip Campbell

Nassau – Keith Tindall, Dean Woerhle

Non-voting Members – Alice Vick

Others Present –

A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Housekeeping

Following the presentations, the meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. The August agenda and July minutes were approved as amended. The treasurer delivered the report via email and it was taken as a point of information.

Old Business

Land Use (including public access)

Baker County Boat Ramp – No update

Camden County Access at the Blue Bridge – Bord of Commissioners passed resolution to proceed using eminent domain to acquire the adjacent property for the upgrades.

Charlton County Access Points- No update on Camp Pinckney boat ramp. No update on Traders Hill. No update on the property along 94.

Water Quality

Horsepen/Temple Creek 319 – Jay has a call in to Scott Brazell with the county, but no updates.

NPDES permits- no updates

Water Quantity (Flooding and Water Removal)

Nassau and Charlton County Stormwater- no updates

Georgia Water Council – no update

Federal, State and Local Regulations and County Comprehensive Plans

Update on No-Wake Zone Signage Nassau County- Dean is speaking with Mike Mullins regarding the signs this week. Keith brought up that there will be no wake zone signs installed from US1 to Scotts landing.

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Letters of support for reclassification of St. Marys River as recreation-primary contact (swimming) in GAEPD 2019 Triennial Review of Designated Uses- no updates

Governing Documents- Interlocal Agreement was distributed to the county managers. The committee county representatives were asked to get with the Board of Commissioners regarding the Interlocal to discuss that we are only changing the financial paragraph and making it easier to appoint committee members.

Dean will discuss with Mike Mullins for Nassau County

Eb Barber and James Corft will check with Sara Little and add to August BOC agenda for Baker County.

Merrill and Chip have on BOC agenda this week in Charlton County.

John Myers is handling in Camden County.

New Business

Alice Vick reminded everyone about the funding opportunity for improving WQ.

Partner Reports

Riverkeeper- Chip reported that there are no updates on Twin Pines or the living shorelines dock. The Riverkeeper is advertising for an Executive Director. to build a pier where the Riverkeeper had installed part of their living shoreline in Fernandina. The Riverkeeper had sent a letter of concern.

UGA- Laurie Fowler was not able to present this month and will present when she is next available.

SJRWMD – no update

EPD – no update

County Reports

Baker- No update

Nassau-No update

Camden- No update

Charlton- No update

Administrative

Covid response

Do to resurgence of Covid cases in all counties the SMRMC is review the meeting schedule and will be using zoom at least until September.

File Storage

Due to poor connection for report, Shelley will provide a written report on the website and file storage for the next meeting.

Public Comments

None

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 via zoom**