

DRAFT MINUTES ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, February 13, 2017 – 9:30 AM.
 SWFRPC Offices
 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
 Fort Myers, Florida

Call to Order – Mr. Daltry called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM.

Attendance- As usual attendance was taken from the sign in sheet:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Tom Babcock	Beach Area Civic Association
Peter Cangialosi	ECCL
Brad Cornell	Audubon of Florida
Wayne Daltry	RGMC
Nora Demers	Happehatchee
Liz Donley	CHNEP (telephone)
Win Everham	FGCU
Lisa Kreiger	Lee County
Sean McCabe	Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Laura Miller	LWV
Cecil Pendergrass	Lee Board of Commissioners
Pete Quasius	Audubon of the Western Everglades
Lisa Richards	FGCU Student
Martha Simons	SWFRPC
Charlie Whitehead	Beach Area Civic Association
Patty Whitehead	Bonita Lion's Club Green Team

Staff in Attendance: Jim Beever

- 1) **Election of Officers** :Dr. Demers nominated Mr. Daltry for Chair, herself as continuing vice chair Nora, and Ms. Whitehead as Secretary. Ms. Simons also nominated Mr. McCabe for Secretary. The list of nominees was approved unanimously.
- 2) **Motion to Approve the Minutes** of the January meeting was made by Mr. Daltry and seconded by Dr. Everham. Approved unanimously.
- 3) **Approval of the 2017 Workplan** Discussion was held on the Workplan (attached). Win slowed work plan approval down to do introductions for new FGCU student member Lisa Rickards, graduate student examining sea grass beds in Estero bay. Small changes to the wording were suggested and approved by consensus. Motion by Mr. McCabe, second by Ms. Simons for approval of the revised Work Plan. Approved unanimously. A subcommittee was formed to work on implementation of the work plan.

- 4) **Review of absent memberships.** the EBABM reviewed cases of absent membership. The Port Authority, Vester Lab and SFWMD did not attend in all of last year. Darren Rumbold no longer director of Vester Marine Lab. It is now Mike Parsons, Dr. Everham is concerned that FGCU would look like a voting block with so many seats on the EBAM. Mr. Beever will reach out via letter that also tells them they can attend by phone. Ms. Simons asked that the letter contain information about why we want them to be at our table. Ms. Simons also mentioned that Bonita Springs has a zoning meeting schedule conflict that they may change. Mr. Daltry will be willing to help draft the letter. Motion to send letter by Ms. Simons, second by Charlie Whitehead. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) **Old business-** Mr. Cangialosi has asked Chip Block with Lee County about the status of projects in the DR/GR. Update:
 - a) Wild Blue- no current activity.
 - b) Place at Corkscrew- under construction,
 - c) Pepperland Ranch-(1:10 to 1:1) zoning case tentatively set March 23rd zoning May 4th before hearing examiner. Asked for comprehensive plan amendment for some sort of environmental zoning overlay to increase density. Cecil met with them, he suggested they meet with Estero group also. Cecil would not support transmittal until they met with other groups, and after traffic study was at least started. (East Corkscrew alliance). Traffic study scope postponed until March. Cecil- property already zoned for mining claims a decrease in nitrogen load to convert to residential, Martha remarks that better to do restoration of land than to convert to residential. Adjacent to Pepperland
 - d) Verdana 1425 homes was found insufficient, response due March 10th.
 - e) Corkscrew crossing in Estero.
 - f) Troyer Bros mine insufficient.
 - g) Old Corkscrew plantation- insufficient. Response march 21st.
 - h) King Ranch, no response.
 - i) Ms. Simons discussed the mine in Bonita Springs titled Bonita Grand Aggregate of 1300 acres trying to de-annex form Bonita Springs to Lee County in order to obtain less restrictive standards.. They were denied extension of mining rights by the City of Bonita Springs.
 - j) Edison Farms is looking for offers for purchase of the property. The Lee Count Commission approval for purchase will being discussed on March 13th. Appraisers going to parcel this week. All will be expedited. The proposal is to purchase all of it. Lee County is making it a priority to purchase. Mr. Daltry said it is a good idea to resend the letter- purchase of all 4000 acres and land in conservation in perpetuity. Commissioner Kiker is going to Villages of Estero and City of Bonita Springs to discuss. Motion by Mr. Quasius, second by Dr. Everham. Approved unanimously.

- 6) **Emerging Issues** included Charlie Whitehead- current zoning and comp plan proposal pending on San Carlos Island for high rise parking lot. (current is water-industry overlay). Request is for central urban designation –which could lead to proliferation of central urban request along that area. There is undeveloped, and underdeveloped all along there that may change if this designation changes could impact the Estero Bay itself. Motion by Dr. Demers, second by Mr. McCabe Passed unanimously to ask County Staff for presentation about Central urban designation and alternative designation and its potential impacts. There is interest to get planning ahead of the development in this situation. Southern end of Estero bay facing similar situation with high rises. Ms. Simmons suggest Beach folks may want to coordinate with the(Village of Estero and City of Bonita Springs. Mr. Babcock wanted to know if there is a correlation between density limits and flood maps? Mr. Beever stated that no there is not right now, but it is a problem Mr. Daltry stated that central designation is supposed to pull in people from elsewhere.
- 7) **Announcements** included South Lee County watershed initiative with Steve Sentes second meeting March 2nd. Objective to look at projects in DR/GR that will benefit looking at funding sources to provide collaborative opportunity to seek funding for projects that will benefit watershed. Sean will send information around. Lee County looking at comp plan. These work sessions are not involving the public like before. Village of Estero is doing a stormwater management study Gopher tortoise day is April 10th. Registration for the FGCU biodiversity conference Mar 7-9 is filling.
- 8) The **next Meeting Time and Place**, for EBABM is March 13, 2017 9:30 AM, SWFRPC
- 9) The **next IAS and Workplan Implementation Subcommittee Meeting** is Monday, February 27, 2017, 1:30 PM, SWFRPC
- 10) **Adjournment** was at 11:37 A..M.