

Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management met on Monday, January 13, 2020 at the 9:30 AM at the SWFRPC offices.

The draft minutes are as follows:

MINUTES ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, January 13, 2020 – 9:30 AM.

SWFRPC Offices
1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 1
Fort Myers, Florida 33907

Call to Order – Dr. Demers called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

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

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Peter Cangialosi	ECCL
Dave Ceilly	Citizen Scientist
Brad Cornell	Audubon Florida
Ms. Phoebe Clark	FGCU Student
Nora Demers	RGMC
Win Everham	FGCU
Jennifer Hecker	CHNEP
Roger Jacobson	Pelican Landing Com. Assoc.
Kelly McNab	
Laura Miller	LWV
Cecil Pendergrass	Lee County Commission
Pete Quasius	Audubon of SW Florida
Heather Stafford	EBAP

Patty Whitehead	Beach Area Civic Association
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Staff in Attendance: Jim Beever, C.J.. Kammerer, Rebekah Harp

Guests: Marsha Ellis- Inner Loop Working Group, Serge Thomas- FGCU

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting was made by Ms. Whitehead and seconded by Ms. Miller. Approved unanimously.

Election of Officers for the year 2020. Nominations were made for the following officers: Nora Demers, Chair, Patty Whitehead, Vice Chair, and Laura Miller, Secretary. Nominations were closed motion was made by Dr. Everham, seconded by Mr. Quasius. Passed unanimously. Officers were voted as nominated, motion was made by Ms. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Cangialosi.

Appointment of New member Consideration- Roger Jacobsen. Mr. Jacobsen introduced himself. His career had been as an environmental officer, and then as the mayor of Green Wood Lake. After that, he had 16 years as the City of Naples Harbor Master, and he now is the Island and Marine Operations Manager for Pelican Landing. Their boat shuttle takes 87,000 people per year across Estero Bay to the Big Hickory Island Beach. The nomination was made to accept Mr. Jacobsen as a member of the EBABM representing marine trades. Motion was made by Dr. Everham and seconded by Dr. Demers. Passed unanimously.

Marsha Ellis - Inner Loop Working Group: Improving Citizen Engagement and Community Collaboration. She discussed a proposed trash transfer station that was to be located at the curve on Alico Road. The citizens of the area considered the site inappropriate for environmental and traffic safety reasons. A land swap for this land which was Conservation 2020 property was done and it is the opinion of her group that it did not go through the proper protocols. Currently the project is on hold and Lee County is looking for an alternate site for the transfer facility. A copy of her presentation is available at <http://www.swfrpc.org/programs/ABM/> .

Status of the Cela Tega Plans and Linking it to the AWRA Conference. Discussion ensued regarding program structure and agenda. A copy of the final agenda can be found at <https://www.fgcu.edu/cas/celatega/> .

Status of Funding for the Cela Tega. Mr. Beever reported that so far \$3,790 had been collected for the Cela Tega. Although he did not read out the specifics, this included \$1,000 from the FGCU Foundation, \$1,000 from The Water School at FGCU, \$500 from the CHNEP, \$400 from the League of Women Voters, \$250 from the Responsible Growth Management Coalition, \$250 from Natives of Corkscrew, \$120 from Walter and Gayle Corbin, and \$100 from Ms. Judy Ott.

Old Business. No further old business was discussed since it had been addressed in prior items.

New Business. Discussed a vision on downtown Estero and there is a concern as to whether they intend to dredge the Estero River as part of that plan. Dr. Everham would like to see the question of how well protected Conservation 2020 lands are from other conservation land uses.

Emerging Issues. It is requested that a presentation be obtained from Lee County on what land uses are allowed in the DRGR currently and what changes are anticipated in the future.

It was requested to obtain a presentation from the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding future road projects in the Estero Bay watershed.

Announcements. No announcements were made.

The **next Meeting Time and Place**, for EBABM is February 10, 2020. 9:30 AM, SWFRPC.

Adjournment was at 12:15 P.M.