

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District

Tween Waters Inn, 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, Florida 33924  
December 10, 2014 @ 1:00 P.M.

**Commissioners Present:** Jim Boyle, Chairman; Doris Holzheimer, Vice Chair; Harry Kaiser, Secretary; Dave Jensen, Treasurer; Mike Mullins, Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Kathy Rooker, CEPD Administrator; John Bralove, CEPD Assistant to the Administrator; Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson and Associates

**Stroemer & Company:** Jack Alexander

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:00 P. M.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll was called and the results are outlined above.

**3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Mullins moved and Commissioner Kaiser seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and approve them as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public to be Heard**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. Financial Report**

**a) Budget Performance Ending November 30, 2014**

Regarding the General Fund, Treasurer Jensen reported an increase in ad valorem tax revenue is expected now that the tax bills have gone out. In the Capital Fund, Commissioner Jensen reminded the Commissioners that over 50% of the taxpayers paid their special assessments in one lump sum rather than opting to pay over seven years. Chairman Boyle asked whether there have been any complaints now that the taxpayers who did not choose to pay their assessments up front had received their tax bills. Ms. Rooker responded that CEPD had not received a single complaint. Commissioner Mullins asked what the loan balance is now. Chairman Boyle responded that the original loan of \$9.6 million has been paid down to a balance of \$4.2 million.

**6. Old Business**

**a) Permit Status**

Chairman Boyle reported that the DEP had received no public comments by the deadline date of December 5. CEPD should receive the new permit by the end of the week. It is good for the next 15 years. He added that the Federal piece of the permit has been held up by the Federal Fish and

Wildlife Service because a bird, the Red Knot, has been newly designated as a threatened species. They will need an additional 3 months to revise their part of the permit.

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Acceptance of DEP 12LE2 Grant Amendment**

Chairman Boyle said the purpose of this amendment was to move \$145,000 from funding for design work that had not been spent to construction, allowing CEPD to apply for additional construction funding in the amount of \$145,000. Commissioner Mullins moved to accept the amendment and Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **8. Administrator Report**

### **a) FEMA Update**

Ms. Rooker reported that CEPD had received a written request for information from FEMA and responded to it on November 19. The written response is contained on Pages 26 through 29 of the Agenda Materials. FEMA has 60 days to respond. Commissioner Kaiser asked how much money was involved. Ms. Rooker responded that it was about \$2.0 million. She explained that DEP's share would have to be subtracted and the remainder split between Lee County and CEPD.

### **b) Beach Tilling**

Ms. Rooker reported that a signed contract and proof of insurance certificates have been received from Advantage Construction. They will start work on Sanibel on January 5 around lunch time, starting at the south end and working north. It is expected that Sanibel will be done the same day and operations will move to Captiva. Work there will start at Hagerup Beach and the entire tilling project should be completed in a week, weather permitting. Ms. Rooker added that Advantage will till from dawn to dusk and will work around crowded areas. Chairman Boyle said a BeachBrief will be sent out to keep the community informed. Ms. Rooker said she will follow-up with Judie Zimomra to give her the specific date for tilling on Sanibel.

Ms. Rooker also reported on the Florida Strategic Beach Management Plan Webinar conducted by the DEP in which she participated earlier today. This plan, she said, has not been updated since 2000. Written responses and suggestions are due by January 15. She will work with Steve Boutelle (Lee County) and Tom Pierro (CBI) to respond to CEPD's areas of concern. The response will come from Steve Boutelle as Director of Natural Resources for Lee County.

Chairman Boyle called Commissioners' attention to the final 2015 meeting calendar, specifically mentioning that April 15, July 15 and November 10 are exceptions to the traditional meeting dates of the second Wednesday of the month. Ms. Rooker said that since CEPD was getting away from the traditional dates, a special effort would be made to remind people of the dates.

## **9. Public to be Heard**

There were no comments from the public.

## **10. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Mullins urged that as many people as possible attend the Tourist Development Council Meeting that is being held on Captiva at 'Tween Waters Inn tomorrow starting at 2:30.

Commissioner Kaiser complimented the Commissioners on the success of the project, saying he had not heard any complaints.

Chairman Boyle said he had heard positive comments from residents about sticking with the rolled-back rate.

Commissioner Jensen asked that CEPD get prices for replacing the fence post rope protecting the dune plantings since it had begun to deteriorate. Commissioner Mullins mentioned that it was intended to be temporary until the plants and grasses were well established but he had no problem with making it permanent. Commissioner Jensen said the fencing should be permanent since not everyone knows to stay off the dunes. Chairman Boyle asked Mr. Wilson to recommend the kind of rope that should be used and CEPD would get prices.

Chairman Boyle wished everyone a Happy Holiday and healthy New Year

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chairman Boyle adjourned the meeting at 1:23 P.M.