

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 at 4PM

The FSSR Board of Directors Meeting was held at Buzz Herrmann's house. President Glover called the meeting to order at 4PM. Present were: Glover(P), Herrmann(VP), Greene(T), Peterson(S), Bolton, Bondy, Stephen. Absent: Sabol and Zingman. Guests: Graham Cox, Peter Hinck and Sandy Peterson.

Minutes from the Nov. 9th meeting: Motion to approve with Powell spelling correction – Greene, second by Herrmann, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: received \$500 donation from Kimberley Maxwell for the Schum scholarship fund. Motion by Herrmann to accept report, second by Stephen, approved unanimously.

President's Report: Glover and Greene visited the Ryall house. Pump is located behind house. Toys in shed to be discarded. County had a person clean the house. Decking is still a problem. Locks on gate are used by various government entities.

- Roseland Community Center: Glover to get permission from County and Roseland Women's Club to eradicate air potatoes and other invasive plants. Depending on liability, maybe high school students can assist.
- City of Sebastian/management of waterways, ref. FL Statute 68F-20 excerpts – see agenda packet; herbicide application notice changed to City website posting, only; Cox to speak with George Glenn, attorney, about requirement for herbicide application permit for government entities.

Unfinished Business

- Glover to contact Save the Manatee Club who are working to restore seagrass
- St. Johns River Water management District does not issue permits for herbicide application. The FL FWC is the agency to issue those permits. Cox to speak with George Glenn about possible inquiry re. permit requirements. Cox & Glover to write letter to The Indian Riverkeeper organization.
- Rights of Nature – Bolton discussed the matter. Bolton to work on additional information re: this topic and have it pertain to the County and St. Sebastian River. Motion by Herrmann, second by Bondy to have Cox, Glover and Glenn discuss, approved unanimously.

New Business

- Motion by Bondy, second Stephen for Larry Reisman/Press Journal to receive our 2021 Environmental Enhancement Award, passed unanimously. This and our 2020 Award to Glenn will be presented at our January Annual Meeting.
- City Stormwater Dept. – Kathy miller was appointed as the Stormwater Engineer. Cox briefly spoke with her.

Committee Reports

Advocacy

- SJRWMD permit - Emerald Lakes. Phase 1 West, pp. 11-12 AP, new development located off new I-95 exit in Micco, no action.
- IRC Utilities, septic to sewer status update, pg. 13 AP
- Brevard IR Lagoon Coalition – FSSR signed up to be a "partner," signed onto manatee letter to Gov. DeSantis, pp. 14-15 AP
- MRC requesting for City to rezone their properties (7.88 acres) on the South Prong from low density residential to Conservation, pp. 16-19 AP.
- Herbicide Treatment – Glover comments to Dr. Gilmore on C-54 herbicide treatment at Fellsmere Canal

Education/Outreach

- Planting a Refuge for Wildlife book – Fish and Wildlife Foundation of FL selling copies, awaiting wholesale pricing info
- Color Your Way Through Wild Florida coloring book, pg. 24 AP, motion by Herrmann, second by Greene to have Bondy negotiate price for 50 copies, approved unanimously.
- Project Wet Activity booklet – Estuaries & Bays and The Water Story, motion by Herrmann, second by Greene to purchase 100 copies each for 79 cents per copy wholesale, approved unanimously.
- Robin Pelensky, landscape architect planned for March meeting.

Financial

- Greene to complete all end of year financial forms/reports.

Governance

- Herrmann asked all to read Robert's Rules Guide, pp. 25-31 AP. Any questions please contact him

Information

- Glover, no update, still in process

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at (?) by Herrmann, second by Greene, approved unanimously. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!

Next Board meeting will be January 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Buzz Herrmann
Sec Pro Tem