

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY , JANUARY 14, 2020

ATTENDANCE: LeeAnn Kluepfel, Diana Bolton, Bill Brennan, Buzz Herrmann, Bruce Zingman, Tim Glover, Bruce Sabol, Bob Stephen, Mark Bondy. Guest-Dr. Graham Cox.

President Glover opened the meeting at 4:01 pm at the Ranger Station Donald MacDonald Park.

Call for Additions /Deletions

Bondy informed the board of the lawsuit Corrigan Ranch has brought against the Sebastian River Improvement District. SRID is denying Corrigan his right to release water from their mining operation into the canals that flow into the Sebastian River.

Dr. Graham Cox informed the Board of the first of two City of Sebastian integrated plant-pest plan workshops, the first one being held Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, the second workshop January 23, 1:30 pm. Dr. Cox is asking FSSR to wait until the workshops have concluded before taking any action such as letters to the editor and public demonstrations but he encourages attendance and comments at the workshops.

The Board agreed that Board members working as independent individuals need to monitor City Manager Carlisle and his dealings with the pest management program. If satisfactory plans to deal with the management of the plant-pests in the City are not formulated, then the Board, acting as independent individuals shall inform the City Council of their displeasure with City Manager Carlisle's lack of sustainable planning and methods that will be presented at the Public Input Workshops.

Herrmann informed the Board that they need to determine the goals that Manager Carlisle need to address and if not addressed, informing the City Council of the lack of satisfactory progress from the Manager. Some of the goals that were mentioned - 1. no chemical controls, 2. manual clearing of properties in need, 3. maximize bioremediation, including fish and insects to accomplish some goals, 4. apply to every grant possible to help defray the cost of instituting the new plan and methods.

Brennan asked the question "Do we need to hire the personnel to do the job that the present manager is not able or unwilling to satisfactory address the public's goals."

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND CORRECTIONS:

Corrections accepted, Bruce Sabol was in attendance, Herrmann moved that the minutes be accepted, Bolton second, passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Glover has taken over the Treasurer's position. Brennan reported we now have approximately \$10,000 in assets. Brennan stated we have become somewhat financially stable by donations to FSSR from the public.

Brennan while Glover temporarily fills the Treasurer's position, he may be able to audit our financials. The Board thanked Brennan for his diligent and timely financial reports for FSSR. Bondy moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Stephen seconded, passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Herrmann reported we desperately need to fill the Treasurer's, Publicity and Membership Chairperson positions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ryall Home: Moving forward but slowly, still could be 60-90 days out

Yard Sale: need donations, tables and stakes and caution tape.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of support for Kilroy funding motion by Bolton, second by Brennan, passed unanimously.

Herrmann motioned for a letter of support for Florida Forever , Bondy Seconded. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Herrmann and Sabol spoke on the Railroad Expansion and the Sebastian River crossing, along with communicating with Larry Reisman from the Press Journal.

Motion by Herrmann, second by Bolton to reimburse Stephen \$25.00 for the Easel Pad passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to Lisa Weiss informing the Board at the February BOD meeting of some proposals.

Herrmann presented the Board with the Slate for the Election at the January Annual Meeting of Bondy, Bolton, Sabol; new: Julia Held, Carol Lynn Peterson and made the motion to accept, Bondy second, passed unanimously.

Next BOD Meeting February 11, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted Mark Bondy Secretary