

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021, 4PM via Google Meet

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. In attendance were Herrmann(vice-pres.), Greene(treasurer), Peterson(secretary), and directors Sabol, Stephen, and Zingman. Dr. Graham Cox also participated.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (AP, pp.2-4)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Bruce Sabol, that the Minutes from March 9th and March 23rd be approved; all voted to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT (AP, pp.5-11)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that the report be approved in its entirety; all voted in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--Tim reported that the April 5th septic to sewer workshop at Sebastian City Hall was well-attended. The invasive plant workshop and two field trips have been completed with excellent attendance in all three; the invasive plant brochure still needs to be finalized and reprinted. All are part of the FLEPPC/Burks Grant project. Our new office space at Powell-Ryall home should be available by early October; executive council will meet soon to discuss insurance and move-in concerns. Finally, a replacement sweet bay magnolia was recently planted at Dale Wim brow Park in honor of Rudy Dykes, with his wife present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Exec. Comm. to meet to consider logistics for new office space; IR county working on facility agreement--no update.

NEW BUSINESS:

1)Election of Officers--Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Bob, that we re-elect the four named/current officers; all voted in favor.

2)Gen. Liability insurance renewal--Tim paid the \$587 bill, which was an approximate \$100 increase over last year. Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that we accept the new amount; all voted in favor. Buzz also suggested that we seek out a replacement company in light of the increased amount.

3)American Rivers donation--last, \$25, July 2019--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that we renew our membership for \$25; all voted in favor.

4)George Schum award recommendations--Tim will present \$500 awards to each of the two recommended recipients--Kaden Funnell and Kalena Rutledge-- at the Sebastian High School awards ceremony on Thursday, April 15. Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, to accept the Awards Committee recommendation of these two deserving candidates; all approved. Buzz also recommended that we send notes of thanks to Sherry and Kathy for all that they do; Tim added that we should also send a thank-you note to Janice Broda for leading the invasive plant workshop and other efforts, as well as to Richard Baker from Audubon who offered a free plant to participants in the final walking tour at Oslo. Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that we send \$50 to the ELC to thank them for providing us with a location, free Zoom access and recording for the invasive plant workshop; all agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVOCACY--Herrmann

~SJRWMD permits--no report

~ACOE permits--Bruce Sabol gave an update--hangar expansion at airport; commercial maintenance off Roseland Road; Larry Reisman will write an in-depth report in the Press Journal on lead paint chips falling into the SSR after Bruce took him in a boat to view the railroad bridge from the underside.

~Manatee deaths, action?(AP, pp.24-52)--Discussion ensued as to whom we should contact re our concerns--Earth Justice and Save the Manatee Club may be contacted. Terry noted that the lack of seagrass is clearly a main cause of manatee deaths. Should Sebastian accept responsibility for unclean water? How can we put an end to unsafe toxic spraying? Much discussion ensued.

~Port St. Lucie canal maintenance--Graham--couldn't report due to microphone issues. Graham finally connected by phone to add to what Tim was able to share. They both visited reps. at the City of Port St. Lucie, which uses the same contractor as the City of Sebastian for control or plants in canals/waterbodies, to see what success they were having with controlling algae blooms and other water issues. Probiotics are being used in canals – ones viewed had no retaining walls; Sebastian will try the same approach over the next 12 months in the Garden Club pond on Barber Street.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH--Bolton/Stephen
Planting A Refuge for Wildlife booklet--no info. yet

FINANCIAL--Greene--Tim and Terry will do FSSR corporate filing by May 1st. Terry plans to start using the computer in person rather than virtually.

GOVERNANCE--Herrmann- no report

INFORMATION--Glover, website update--new trail tours pages--www.fssr.org/tours.htm, no changes/still in process

MEMBERSHIP--Herrmann--Exec. Comm. to meet to review/update membership program and to consider Diana's request to allow for lifetime memberships.

PUBLICITY--Held, Facebook stats--no report

VOLUNTEER--vacant

Terry made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 PM; all voted in favor.

Next BOD meeting--May 11, 4PM--possibly online or in Dale Wimbrow Park--tbd

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson
FSSR secretary