

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM  
ONLINE VIA GOOGLE MEET

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance were Herrmann(vice-pres), Greene(treasurer), Peterson(secretary),and directors Bolton, Bondy, Held, Stephen, Sabol, and Zingman. Dr. Graham Cox was also in attendance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA--None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS--(AP, p. 2)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Diana, that the Minutes from the December 8th Board meeting be approved; all agreed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--DMD Park Office Space--Tim reported that he recently attended a get-acquainted board meeting of the IRNA, the first advisory meeting of 2021. He also noted that Ted Beck may not be able to do drone work for the virtual trails tours due to health concerns; another volunteer is being sought.

TREASURER'S REPORT--(AP, pp. 3-11)--Terry reported that we received a refund from Barnes & Noble for the defective copies we received of Carson's Silent Spring. In the meantime, Tim purchased replacement copies himself and donated them to the Friends' lending library. We also made \$132.04 in 2020 in net income. Terry made a motion, seconded by Mark, that we use a \$500 donation from Kimberley Maxwell toward the George Schum award; all voted in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--IRC/Powell-Ryall home office--no update.

NEW BUSINESS--

1) Invasive plant brochure/workshops grant --(AP, pp.12-14) Bob made a motion, seconded by Mark, that we accept Janice Broda's recommendation of requesting from the grantor to do one workshop at the ELC and four hands-on workshops at ELC, Powell-Ryall House, Sebastian Stormwater Park, and ORCA; all voted in favor. Bob also noted that we should ask Janice to request Jane Schnee's participation in these workshops.

2) City of Sebastian--new herbicide contractor/resumption of canal spraying (AP, pp.15-44)--after considerable discussion on the subject of canal spraying being injurious to one's health, Mark made a motion, seconded by Buzz, that FSSR use social media to share spraying dates and other pertinent info. with the public; all were in favor. Terry pointed out that we need to flesh out the contents of our flyer and perhaps contact Larry Reisman of Treasure Coast Newspapers to write an Op-Ed; Graham suggested that we bring up our concerns at the next Sebastian City Council meeting; and Diana requested a copy of the permit between AVC and South Florida Water Management District.

3) Buzz made a motion, seconded by Mark, that Bruce Sabol be our FSSR rep. in all matters regarding railroad bridge advocacy matters; all voted in favor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy--Hermann

SJRWMD Permits-See #3 motion under New Business

ACOE Permits-none

Article by Sabol re RR bridge lead paint flaking into River, for the Pelican Island Audubon January 2021 newsletter, will be reprinted in the FSSR Jan. 2021 newsletter

Letter to Sebastian Mayor Dodd re resumption of canal spraying/IPM committee, comments from G. Glenn, Jr. (AP, pp.45-47)--see Tim's letter

Education/Outreach--Bolton/Stephen

Silent Spring --first order refunded, second edition received, "Property of" stamp enroute--Diana will pick up new stamp from Tim and hand out loan copies to those interested at Sebastian City Council meeting.

Buzz gave an updated report on the stormwater project with IRNA and welcomed helpful info./input. Updated canal spraying flyer (AP, p. 48) will be hand delivered by Mark and Bob to local residents.

Financial--Greene--Fl. sales tax paid. corp. filing due May 1st.

Governance--Herrmann--annual meeting/elections, exp. terms (Glover, Greene, Herrmann, Kluepfel, Stephen, Zingman). Buzz made a motion, seconded by Mark, that the annual January members' meeting be postponed until March; all voted in favor.

Information--Glover--Tim reported on the website update and the construction of new trail tours pages--[www.fssr.org/tours.htm](http://www.fssr.org/tours.htm), new photos added--still working on formatting and slideshow feature.

Membership--Herrmann--Buzz, Terry and Tim are working together on membership renewal reminder solicitation.

Publicity--Held--Julia shared an online pic. of our Facebook stats with Board members and reported that we have 684 followers on Facebook. She will check in with Holly Dill on how to handle publicity matters and how to share our flyer handout. She will also create a link on our Facebook page re IRL report card video on the Marine Resources Council.

Volunteer--vacant

Adjournment--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Buzz, that the meeting be adjourned; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM.

\*Next BOD meeting --February 9, 2021, 4 PM, online

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lynn Peterson  
FSSR Secretary