

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021  
ONLINE VIA GOOGLE MEET AT 4 PM

AGENDA

\*Before the meeting was officially called to order, Dr. Edith Widder of ORCA spoke to the directors for about twenty minutes and gave a brief history of ORCA and discussed its activities on the I.R. Lagoon and SSR. Presently, there are 18 Kilroys total in both bodies of water. (Cost per Kilroy =\$80,000; annual upkeep=\$30,000). Each Kilroy accumulates annual data on water pollutants, incl. the the presence of toxic algae blooms. The SSR falls in the mid-range for algae and has high phosphate levels. There has been an alarming number of manatee deaths statewide in 2021, most of them in Brevard County--10 in the SSR. The state is failing us by not performing necropsies on deceased manatees. According to pollution mapping sample analyses, the Lagoon also has high phosphate levels heading north. Dr. Widder concluded her remarks with an appeal for citizen scientists. Contact Missy Weiss for training session info. at mweiss@teamorca.org. Ten minutes of ques./ans. followed from Board members.

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM. In attendance were Herrmann(vice. pres.), Greene(treasurer), Peterson(secretary), and directors Bolton, Bondy, Held, Kluepfel, Sabol, Stephen, and Zingman. Dr. Graham Cox left at the start of the meeting.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(AP, pp.2-3)--Diana made a motion, seconded by Bob, that the Minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting be approved; all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT(AP, pp. 4-10)--Terry noted that membership dues and other fundraising monies have brought in \$421. Administrative expenses came to \$55.75. Total net income to date is \$363.47. He also noted that we should receive our state certification for solicitation of donations in a month or so. Terry made a motion, seconded by Diana, that his report be accepted; all voted aye.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (AP, pp.11-14)

Urban Waters sign-on letter--done by Tim

Schum award--Tim wrote a letter to Wendy Palmer at the SRHS to clear up the confusion re presenting the \$500 award to a deserving senior. We are officially on the list to receive applications.

FDEP Impaired Waters Rule update/change--The Dep has changed the process of testing state waters to determine impairment. Under a consent decree for the past several years, surface waters have been tested on a 5-year rotating basis, using 5 segregated basins. The state will now test all waters every two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--IRC/Powell-Ryall home office--Finally, good news. Beth Powell learned that we may be able to move in by the end of Sept. The second floor deck may be removed for safety reasons. The Executive Council will meet beforehand to discuss insurance issues.

NEW BUSINESS--

1) Annual Meeting, March 23rd, 7PM, online--approval of slate. Buzz made a motion that Glover, Greene, Herrmann, Stephen, and Zingman be approved, seconded by Carol Lynn. All voted in favor. Anyone choosing to join the BOD should contact Buzz soon.

2)CWC/PIAS/IRNA/ELC--Fl. Forever support letter--see addendum Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that FSSR be a signatory to the letter being sent to Grall and Mayfield outlining three top priorities; all voted in favor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ADVOCACY--HERRMANN

- ~SJRWMD permits--no report
- ~ACOE permits--no report
- ~Septic--IRC Utilities/V. Burke notice re North Sebastian sewer project update(AP,15)- Buzz referred to Mr. Burke's letter to property owners re the \$4.8 million grant funding awarded IRC for the septic to sewer project. A project update meeting will be held at IRC Admin. Building on March 9th, followed by a public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 in Vero Beach.
- ~SSR speeding boats/manatee deaths(AP, pp.16-22)--Perhaps sheriff volunteers might speak to boaters about speed control? Buzz suggested that we write letters to the appropriate agencies requesting necropsies on deceased manatees.
- ~SSR bridge status report and response to FDEP, re lead paint--Sabol(AP, pp.23-24) Bruce referred to the letter received by him from Ashley Evitt and his response in which he outlines in detail his concerns regarding lead contamination once the old structure is removed and replaced.

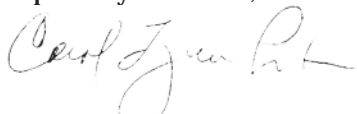
### EDUCATION/OUTREACH--Bolton/Stephen

- ~Attenborough, "A Life on our Planet"-(AP, p.25)-- This film can only be accessed via Netflix. How do we share it with the public? --perhaps in conjunction with ELC?
- ~ORCA--Missy Weiss--Please see her contact info. to become a citizen scientist--mweiss@teamorca.org.
- ~Alexis Peralta/storm drain art project (AP, pp.26-27)--Diana and Bob met with Alexis on March 8th. Even though she has overseen the painting of six storm drains with the words ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN in Vero Beach, she has not found any appropriate drains to date in Sebastian. Diana and Bob will seek out possibilities and send pics to Alexis. They may have scouted out four good locations already.
- ~Environmental Leaders Coalition of IRC/ Quarterly Meeting(AP, pp.27-40)--Terry attended the meeting and reported that the group has just produced their quarterly newsletter which highlights various environmental organizations in the area and underscores a consistent environmental message. Their next newsletter will focus on "Yards." They plan to create a public Facebook page.
- ~Planting a Refuge for Wildlife booklet(AP. p. 41)—Tabled, awaiting details on wholesale pricing.
- ~Financial--Greene—FL Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Service application for solicitation of donations submitted. Response receive requesting financial data for 2019 and copy of IRS 501(c)(3) letter.
- ~Governance--Herrmann, Directors' election--Officers' election at April BOD
- ~Information--Glover, website update, (AP, pp.42-45)—new Kilroy/SSR water quality page added
- ~Membership--Herrmann, new member gift/giveaways--keychains (AP, pp. 46-53). Various options were discussed, incl. car and/or fridge magnets. Most keychain orders require a minimum order of 250 items--no decisions made.
- ~Publicity--Held--Facebook stats--Julia reported that there have been 14 posts in the past two weeks, with 28 new followers and 35 "likes." She thanked Tim and Diana for providing her with material to post.
- ~Volunteer--vacant

ADJOURNMENT--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Diana, that the meeting be adjourned; all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

**\*\*NEXT FSSR BOD MEETING--APRIL 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM, online**

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson  
FSSR Secretary