

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 at 4PM on 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 Sabol, Stephen, and Zingman. Absent were directors Bolton, Bondy, and Held.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA--None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(AP, p. 2)--Terry made a motion, seconded by Buzz, that the Minutes from the July 13th meeting be approved, as taken by Secretary Pro Tem Herrmann; all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT(AP, pp. 3-16)--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Bob, that the report be accepted for audit; all voted in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--

- 1) Ryall House office--Tim noted that the county is behind on everything, due to Covid and other extenuating circumstances, so we may not be moving into the new space until Nov.
- 2) Our insurance policy renews in the spring of 2022; we may receive a rate increase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Manatee lawsuit--Center for Biological Diversity(AP, pp.17-18)--Tim reviewed the contents of the latest August 16, 2021 release outlining the intent to sue by conservation groups USFWS for their failure to "revise critical habitat for Florida manatees." He also noted that the Sebastian City Council has never responded to our letter; under consideration is an opinion piece (650 word limit) to be sent to the Press Journal.

2)Membership Program update and Bylaws amendment, update parag.4.06--(AP, pp.19-24)--tabled until Oct. 12th meeting when Mark Bondy can attend, at which time we will address his concerns.

NEW BUSINESS--International Rivers--Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers sign-on opportunity, info:www.rightsofrivers.org (AP, 25-33)--we are now signed up for e-mails and will add our name to those fighting for the health and preservation of rivers worldwide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy--Herrmann

-SJRWMD permits and ACOE permits--Bruce gave an update on both from June 1st--present.

- 1) No new permits for Army Corps. of Engineers within watershed.
- 2) St. Johns Water Management--dozens of well permits and fewer consumer permits.
- 3) Environmental Resource permits--of concern is temporary access dock to go in between Outriggers and U.S. 1 bridge has been riprap -what is its purpose?- perhaps to remove

debris and serve as water access for bridge construction and dismantling of old bridge?

-Lead sampling at bridge with Press Journal--Bruce Sabol will meet shortly with Larry Reisman about soon-to-be-published results in the newspaper.

-Fl.5 org.--five conservation ballot amendments: right to clean water, iconic species protection, wetlands protection, ban on captive wildlife hunting and prohibition on toll roads on conservation and rural lands--we will have Julia add these to our Facebook page and cover them in a future newsletter.

-Bruce Sabol reimbursement for lead testing incidentals--costs involved will be added to next month's agenda.

-Clean Water Network EPA Clean Water Rule sign-on; signed(AP, pp.34-35)--Tim suggested that we add this to our list of sign-ons. Deadline end of Sept. No one objected.

-City of Sebastian waterways IPM, TC Palm story(AP, pp.36-37)--City will use best management practices and use least harmful pesticides in canals and waterways as needed. Bob raised concerns about whether they will follow guidelines or simply do as they please.

Education/Outreach-Bolton/Stephen

“Planting a Refuge for Wildlife” booklet--no update

ADIL of the IRL, Oct. 7--no kids may participate because of Covid. Missy Weiss will do water parameter sampling at Sebastian Inlet; Bob Stephen will assist her.

IR Lagoon Day, Nov. 13, Melbourne--we will participate and even take some items to sell.

Financial--Greene-very quiet month. We received \$2 in donations and Tim bought 4 new grabbers at Home Depot for cleanups.

Governance--Herrmann, see Unfinished Business, item 2, Bylaws Amendment--Buzz reported that he has nothing new to add.

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

Membership--Herrmann- Buzz will meet with Tim and eventually give a formal presentation to the Board.

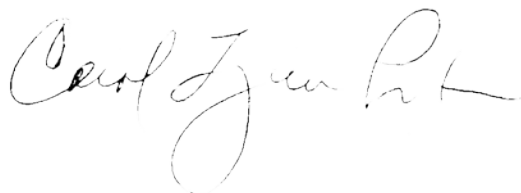
Publicity--Held, Facebook stats--no report

Volunteer--vacant

Adjournment--Buzz made a motion, seconded by Terry, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:36 PM. All voted in favor.

*Next BOD meeting Oct. 12, 2021 at 4PM on GOOGLE MEET.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson
FSSR Secretary