

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26, 2012

Called to Order: 11:03

Attendance: Leon Abood, George Jones, Ted Guy, Todd Weissing, Paul Gray, Mark Perry, Karl Wickstrom, Rob Ranieri, Marge Ketter, Donna Melzer, Jeff Stukel, Jim Harter, Sherri Anker, Douglas Ashley, Charles Grande, Phil Tafoya, John O'Brien, Greg Gardner, Darrell Brand, David Brown, Michael Towner, Don Kurtz, Jim Moir, Mike Myers, Joanne Swann

Chairman's Comments:

Leon Abood; introduced David Brown as the new River Kidz voting delegate and Darrell Brand with the Palm Cove Yacht Club.

Guest Speaker:

Leon Abood introduced Shannon Estenoz. Video posted on www.RiversCoalition.org.

River Kidz:

Nicole Mader announced that the River Kidz were filmed by the Everglades Foundation, they walked in the Christmas parade and spoke at the HB 421 press conference. Find the River Kidz on FaceBook and look on the Rivers Coalition's website to find all of the upcoming events.

Committee Reports:

Leon Abood Rob Ranieri is working on helping us launch a few things including a FaceBook page.

Legal Update:

Ted Guy; The Rivers Coalition Defense Fund's Federal District Court case in Miami filed with the Wildlife Federation by Earth Justice at no cost to us in the fall of 2008 vs. the EPA about EAA water quality is still stayed since the summer of 2009 pending outcome of an appeal in the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta of a procedural question, not involving us, with a decision from that Court expected next summer.

WRAC "Water Resources Advisory Commission":

Mark Perry, the next meeting is next week. The Central Everglades Resoration Planning Process will be a part of WRAC.

Paul Gray, Lake Okeechobee is at 13 feet now.

Water Quality:

Mark Perry, the Estuary is good, at an A grade, salinity is up.

Speakers Bureau:

Todd Weissing, last Wednesday, Bob Voisinet spoke to the Women's Club of Stuart. Thank you to all of our speakers. Please note that last year we spoke to the Palm Cove Yacht Club and today they have become a member. Please let me know if you would like us to speak to your organization.