

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 29, 2012

Called to Order: 11:05

Attendance: Karl Wickstrom, Ted Guy, Jim Harter, George Jones, Rick Hartman, Shari Anker, Joanne Swann, Mark Perry, Charles Grande, Marge Ketter, Todd Weissing, Rob Ranieri, John O'Brien, Douglas Ashley, Tom Tomilson, Max Quackenbos, Darrell Brand, Liz Elliott, Bob Pearson, Jim Moir, Lisa Fiore

Chairman's Comments:

Mark Perry announced new member for the group to vote in. Liz Elliott with Junior League of Martin County. Ted Guy made motion, Joanne Swann seconded, motion passed.

Mark Perry announced that George Jones will now be the representative for the St. Lucie Issues team.

Guest Speaker:

David Guest, Earth Justice. See video and PowerPoint at www.RiversCoalition.org.

David Guest suggested that the Rivers Coalition and the general public speak to political leaders & focus on the hard issue that it is hurting property values, health and economy.

Legal Update:

Karl Wickstrom announced that the RCDF is working closely with EarthJustice to see if there are any other actions we can explore.

River Kidz:

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced that the River Kidz have produced an Art book and the Our Sick friend's book. The River Kidz art collage is now displayed at the City of Stuart. River Dayz at Sewall's Point April 21st.

Speakers Bureau:

Todd Weissing announced that it was a busy month with 2 presentations. St Lucie Sailing Club and Leon presented to the Environmental Studies Center for the MARS lecture. 60-70 people attended each event.

Local Issues and Water Quality:

Mark Perry announced that the weekly water quality is looking good. There is still silt and sediment in the bottom of the River. Oyster restoration is still going.

WRAC "Water Resources Advisory Commission":

Mark Perry, March 3rd meeting they spoke about source control, ASR and BMP's. George Jones announced that sending water south is now in discussion.

Federal & State Issues-CERP/IRL:

Mark Perry announced that the C-44 is still coming along.

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ROGER:

Ted Guy announced that the coordination with the West Coast has been very successful and ROGER will continue to work on conjunction.

Max Quackenbos feels like we are not putting enough emphasis on the cleanup of the C-23 & C-24.