

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2012

Called to Order: 6:01

Attendance: Leon Abood, Karl Wickstrom, Ted Guy, Jim Harter, Frank Pryzbylski, George Jones, Joanne Swann, Darrel Brand, Mark Perry, Rob Ranieri, Dennis Fadden, Phil & Gerry Tafoya, Douglas Ashley, Paul Gray, Liz Elliott, John O'Brien, Todd Weissing, Jim Moir, Jackie Trangyner, Rick Hartman

Chairman's Comments:

Leon Abood announced Melissa Meeker, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District.

Special Presentation:

Melissa Meeker, PowerPoint. Go to www.RiversCoalition.org to view the presentation.

What can you do?

Herbert Hoover Dike Funding

St. Lucie River Issues Team Funding

C-44 Reservoir/STA funding for next contracts

Central Everglades

CEEP public workshop on May 9th.

Specific to do? Stay engaged, get involved in the CEEP process. Need the RC full support. Go to all of the meetings.

River Kidz:

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced that the River Kidz Poem & song on the MCTV.

Legal Update:

Karl Wickstrom announced that the RCDF has been keeping in touch with Earth Justice and other firms. The next RCDF meeting coming up in the next few weeks.

Speakers Bureau:

Todd Weissing announced Power Squadron speaker was Jim Harter.

Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:

Mark Perry announced water quality is looking good. Oyster restoration still coming along.

WRAC "Water Resources Advisory Council":

Mark Perry announced April 5th last meeting. May 3rd, next meeting at 10am.

George Jones announced that looks can be deceiving; the sediment is still a problem.

ROGER:

Ted Guy announced that the legislative push in Tallahassee should implement the polluter pay law.

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Martin County Updates:

Don Donaldson announced that there are 3 projects that Martin County is working on; Danforth Creek, South County, and Cypress Creek.