

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21, 2013

Called to Order: 11:05

Attendance: Mark Perry, Charles Grande, Marge Ketter, John O'Brien, Douglas Ashley, Rick Hartman, Jim Gilmore (Windjammer), Pat Elz, Jackie Trancynger, David Brown, Shari Ander, Darrell Brand, Joanne Swann, Frank Pryzbylski, Marty Baum, Jim Harter, Max Quackenbos, Jim Moir, Marty Baum, Lisa Fiore, Elisa Ackerly

Vice Chairman's Comments:

Mark Perry announced he will pass around a handout later. Estuary is looking good right now, local run off has been dry.

Mark Perry, announced Boyd Gunsalus with the South Florida Management District.

Special Presentation:

Boyd Gunsalus, South Florida Water Management District "Dispersed Water Management Program" Presentation can be found at www.RiversCoalition.org.

River Kidz:

David Brown announced

Martin County:

Deborah Drum announced:

- We continue to make progress on a number of water quality restoration projects, including Danforth Creek, Cypress Creek / Culpepper Ranch, and Kitching Creek. We are also looking at projects in Rio and Manatee Creek and are pursuing funding for these efforts.
- We have been pursuing water quality grants to help fund some of these projects, and are currently in a "waiting period" to find out if we will successfully receive those grant funds.
- We have been working very hard on the FDEP effort on the St. Lucie Basin TMDL / Basin Management Action Plan, which essentially prescribes projects to be built that help improve water quality to achieve the TMDL targets. This effort has the potential to require tens of millions of dollars to build projects that will achieve the targets, so we are getting very involved on the technical assumptions that were made to set the stage for compliance (basically to ensure that we receive due credit for projects that we have already completed that improve water quality).