

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 29, 2014

Called to Order: 11:03

Attendance: Mark Perry, Charles Grande, Todd Weissing, Marty Baum, George Jones, David Wisehaupt, Frank Pryzbylski, Jim Harter, Karl Wickstrom, Jim Moir, Pat Eltz, Jackie Tracynger, Robert Ryba, John Bobb, Rip Fisher, Donna Teusch, Toby Overdorf, Darla Carter, Beverly Poppe, David Lowe, Bob Pearson, Mike Littell, Nic Mader, Dan Carmody, Jill Pinkham, Don Voss and Mike Connor

Chairman's Comments:

Vice Chairman Mark Perry called the meeting to order, as Chairman Leon Abood is absent. Mark informed everyone of the letters that were sent to various elected officials in regards to the motions made during the April meeting. The letters can be found here:

www.riverscoalition.org/newsevents/letters-resolutions/

He also presented an application for new membership by The Garden Club of Stuart. Motion made, Marty Baum seconded and passed.

Special Presentation – Update on Estuary Woes:

Mark Perry, Karl Wickstrom and Kevin Henderson each gave a report on current conditions in the estuary and possible solutions for a flow way south.

The update can be watched at www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition

River Kidz

Nic Mader announced that the River Kidz participated in Paddlefest 2014 and were one of the beneficiares, the event was a success. The River Kidz are updating their workbooks, which were originally distributed to local children in both public and private schools, with the help of Valerie Gaynor and Crystal Lucas' class.

Speaker's Bureau:

Todd Weissing announced to new members how to arrange a Rivers Coalition speaker and the next speaking engagements are as follows: George Jones will be speaking on 6/3/14 to the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club at their clubhouse in Ft. Pierce at 7:30pm; Jim Harter will be speaking on 8/8/14 at the Manatee Center in Ft. Pierce at 12pm. Todd also announced the Rivers Coalition's participation as beneficiaries in the Lost River Fishing Tournament & Chili Cook-off.

Martin County:

Diane Hughes gave an update on Martin County: Go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/martin-co-sfwmd/ for the full report.

South Florida Water Management District:

Kathy LaMartina gave an update on the South Florida Water Management District: Go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/martin-co-sfwmd/ for the full report.

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Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:

Watch Mark Perry's report during the meeting's special presentation at www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition

WRAC - "Water Resources Advisory Commission":

Mark Perry announced that at the past District Advisory Board meeting, they decided to support CEPP, which wouldn't be a solution but a big help to get water moving south. WRAC put together a table illustrating current and planned projects and their current levels of funding and how much more is needed.

Indian Riverkeeper:

Marty Baum gave an update, you can go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/martin-co-sfwmd/ for the full report.