

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26th, 2015

Called to Order: 11:02am

Attendance: Mark Perry, Richard Erth, Dennis Phelan, Gayle Ryan, Paul Gray, Jill Pinkham, Jim Moir, Dennis Killila, Jackie Trancynger, Joanne Swann, Karl Wickstrom, Stan Giesler, Donna Teuscher, David Carlson, John Racioppi, John Fallon, Marty Baum, Darrell Brand, Shari Anker, Nic Mader, Robert Ryba, David Carlson, Annie Potts, Shari Anker, Jim Harter, George Jones and Todd Weissing.

Chairman's Comments:

Vice Chairman Mark Perry called the meeting to order, as Chairman Leon Abood is absent. Two applications for new membership were presented by the Beau Rivage HOA and The League of Women Voters. Motions were made to accept, they were both seconded and passed. Mark announced our involvement in the 3rd annual BBQ and Blues Fest on Feb 28th – March 2nd in Jensen Beach. He also thanked everyone who came and participated at the Rally in Tallahassee.

Special Presentation:

Mark Perry, along with other Rivers Coalition members gave a special presentation regarding Amendment One and the EAA Land Purchase Option, which can be watched here:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

River Kidz of Martin County:

Nic Mader thanked all the River Kidz of Martin County and St. Lucie County who came and spoke in Tallahassee on the Capitol steps. The Kidz were able to meet and speak with different senators and representatives and give a speech in front of the Environmental Preservation Committee about the discharges from the lake.

Speakers Bureau:

Todd Weissing to new members how to arrange a Rivers Coalition speaker and gave a brief update on recent speaking engagements.

Martin County:

Deborah Drum gave an update on Martin County: Go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates for the full report.

WRAC & Water Quality:

Mark Perry gave a comprehensive update on WRAC & local water quality. The next WRAC meeting is on March 5th at 9am and the next SFWMD Governing Board meeting is on March 12th at 9am, both at SFWMD Headquarters in West Palm Beach. It can be watched here:

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Indian Riverkeeper:

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

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Lake Okeechobee:

Paul Gray announced that the lake is currently 14.7ft high and the ideal level is 12.5ft by June 1st for the start of the wet season. We are heading towards being in the same position as in 2013: going into the wet season with the lake level too high.