

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 24th, 2015

Called to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance: Leon Abood, Mark Perry, Gayle Ryan, Paul Gray, David Wischaupt, Richard Erth, Mike Conner, Charles Grande, Todd Weissing, Frank Pryzbylski, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Shari Anker, Donna Teuscher, Jackie Trancynger, James Harter, Marty Baum, Dennis Phelan, Don Voss, Steve Lake, John O'Brien, JD Giesler and Mike Glynn.

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman Leon Abood called the meeting to order. Leon reported on the outcome of the member vote via email regarding Mary Dawson's Plan. The vote was in favor of the Rivers Coalition Defense Fund researching the merits of the plan and Leon confirmed the Defense Fund is in the process of doing so.

Martin County:

Dianne Hughes gave a comprehensive update on Martin County: Go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates for the full report.

Special Presentation:

Dr. Paul Gray gave an excellent update on the current conditions of Lake Okeechobee and why it is South Florida's most important water feature, his presentation can be watched here: www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition.

River Kidz of Martin County:

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced the participation of both St. Lucie County and Martin County Rive Kidz at Paddlefest. Jacqui introduced -----, who is working with older students who wish to graduate from Kidz to "River Champions".

Speakers Bureau:

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

WRAC & Water Quality:

Mark Perry gave a comprehensive update on WRAC & local water quality. The water quality is coming back, thanks to the discharges being stopped these past few weeks and the salinity is currently at 22ppt, which is slightly below the target of 25ppt. Lt. Col. Jennifer Reynolds has replaced Lt. Col. Thomas Greco at our Florida ACOE. The next WRAC meeting is June 25, 9:00am at Stuart City Hall. His update can be watched here: www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition

Indian Riverkeeper:

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