

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 27^h, 2015

Called to Order: 11:00am

Attendance: Leon Abood, Mark Perry, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Kenny Hinkle Jr., Shari Anker, Donna Teuscher, Jackie Trancynger, Jill Pinkham, Mike Littell, Joanne Swann, Jim Harter, Don Voss, John O'Brien, Paul Gray, Karl Wickstrom, Charles Grande, George Jones, Steven Lake, Linnea Desmond, Becky Bruner, Frank Pryzbylski, John Fallon, Richard Erth, Donna Teuscher, Pat La Susa, Dennis Killila, Jim Moir, Darla Carter, Nic Mader, and David Carlson.

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman Leon Abood called the meeting to order and noted that quorum has been met.

Special Presentations:

Tom Kenny, from Caulkins Water Farm & Jeff Sumner, PE, from the SFWMD gave separate presentations on water farming. You can watch their presentations here:

www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition .

River Kidz of Martin County:

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch announced the River Kidz took part in an Economic Council luncheon. Nic Mader reported upcoming dates for River Kidz events: 9/19/15 International Coastal Cleanup with Ohana Surf Shop, 9/26/15 IRL Science Fest and 10/17/15 Lines in the Lagoon Fishing Tournament.

Martin County:

Deb Drum gave a comprehensive 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 bacteria levels are in a good range. The estuary had a good grade overall, but the South Fork represents a problem area. Lake Okeechobee is currently at 12.68 feet, with an inflow of 500 cubic feet; and an outflow of 100 cubic feet. The next WRAC meeting is September 3, 9:00am at Stuart City Hall. His update can be watched here: www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition

Indian Riverkeeper:

Darrel Brand read Marty Baum's update, you can go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/ for the full report.

Additional Business:

Kevin Henderson acknowledged the Rivers Coalition for its collective efforts and success in having more water sent south this part year than any other previous year.

Leon Abood announced his retirement as Chairman from the Rivers Coalition and announced that he will be choosing a leadership team to succeed him.