

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25, 2016

Called to Order: 11:05am

Attendance: Jim Moir, Darrell Brand, Jill Pinkham, George Jones, Todd Weissing, Paul Gray, Charles Grande, Frank Pryzbylski, Don Voss, Mike Littell, Clint Starling, Kenny Hinkle Jr, Nic Mader, James Harter, Marty Baum, Charles Grande, Mike Conner, Gayle Ryan, Dennis Phelan, Tom Tomlinson, John Bobb, Annie Potts, David Carlson, Pat Lasusa, Peter Fiori, Jackie Trancynger. Co Chair Jim Moir noted that quorum has been met.

Other announcements: The Rivers Coalition will be composing a letter to the Governor regarding moving water south. Jim Moir welcomed guest speaker, Thomas Van Lent.

Special Presentation: Thomas Van Lent gave a special presentation regarding The Comprehensive Everglades Plan. You can watch the presentation here:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

River Kidz of Martin County:

Nic Mader presented information regarding the rally success from Sunday, February 21st; 130-140 attendees walked the Roosevelt Bridge. River Kidz have participated in oyster bagging and have sponsored a student for the Martin County Science Fair. The River Kidz recently visited Warfield Elementary School, where they presented their program to the 2nd Grade classes.

Special Vote: Jim Moir introduced Mark Perry who moved to draft a resolution to stop the discharges from Lake Okeechobee, utilize the Comprehensive Everglades Plan and Use Amendment 1 funds. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Speakers Bureau: Todd Weissing announced the Rivers Coalition's availability to present to the community.

Martin County: Diane Hughes presented a comprehensive update on Martin County and showed a tourism video: Go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates for the full report.

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

WRAC: Mark Perry reported regarding water quality.

Announcements: Vice Mayor City Commissioner Eula Clarke was recognized. Marty Baum announced: on February 25th 11:00am there will be a Press Conference and Riverwalk Stage in Downtown Stuart. Brevard County Lagoon Rally at Sandpoint is coming up this Saturday. Marty Baum will present for Florida Oceanographic at the Blake Library. Nathaniel Osborne's book about the Indian River is available for purchase. On 3/4/16, Nathaniel Osborne will have a book signing at the Sailing Center. On 3/20/16 there will be a march at the Everglades (entrance off of Krome Avenue) to protest fracking.

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Federal and State Issues: Paul Gray presented regarding the loss of vegetation at Lake Okeechobee. His complete report is available on www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition.