

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2016

Called to Order: 11:00 am

George Jones called the meeting to order, acknowledged the attendance of local officials and called roll. Attendance: George Jones, Mark Perry, Jim Moir, Jill Pinkham, George Jones, Todd Weissing, Paul Gray, Charles Grande, Shari Anker, Nic Mader, Richard Erth, Kenny Hinkle Jr., Nic Mader, Don Voss, Allen Herskowitz, Kenan Siegal, Marty Baum, Bob Voisinet, Frank Pryzbylski, Gayle Ryan, Todd Weissing, James Harter, Mike Littel, Joanne Swan, Bob Pearson, Ted Weinberg.

Current Action Items:

George Jones opened with introducing Current Action Items and details regarding the NEP (National Estuary Program).

Special Presentation:

George Jones introduced guest speaker Edie Widder from ORCA who presented a power point covering the Anatomy of a Fish Kill. You can watch the presentation here:

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

Gary Goforth presented a power point regarding Sorting out the Facts in the Media. You can watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

River Kidz of Martin County:

Jacqui Thurlow Lippisch presented information regarding how students can join River Kidz. Nic Mader also presented for River Kidz. She announced the River Kidz upcoming events this summer. June 25th there will be an event at the US Sailing Center. On July 7th, there will be a turtle walk at Sewall's Point Park.

Speakers Bureau: Todd Weissing gave an overview of the Lost River Fishing Tournament. He announced that the Rivers Coalition was the beneficiary of this event. The next Speaking Engagement is for the Rotary Club in Fort Pierce on June 2nd. All groups were welcomed to arrange Speaking Engagements.

Martin County: Deb Drum presented a comprehensive update on Martin County: Go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/ for the full report.

WRAC: Mark Perry reported regarding water quality. He announced the SFWMD meeting June 9th.

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

Indian Riverkeeper: Marty Baum presented regarding the Miccosukee healing ceremony for the river and the Youth Driven Cinema success. Over 200 people attended. To read Marty Baum's update, you can go to www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/.

Announcements: The next Rivers Coalition meeting is June 29th at 6:00pm.