

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: August 25, 2016

**Called to Order:** 11:00 am

**Attendance:** Darrell Brand called the meeting to order and shared the historic Rivers League briefcase and its history with members. The Guardians of Martin County were introduced and Darrell called for a vote to accept their membership application: the vote was seconded and passed unanimously. Roll was called and quorum was established.

**In attendance:** Shari Anker, Marty Baum, Stuart Rod and Reel. Flyrodders, George Jones, Jim Moir, Darrell Brand, Charles Grande, Mark Perry, Alan Herskowitz, Joanne Swann, Nic Mader, Gayle Ryan, Mike Conner, Dennis Phelan, Richard Erth, Todd Weissing, Kenny Hinkle Jr., Jill Pinkham, Steven Anderson, Mark Boston, Mike Littell, Wayne Kuster, Jackie Trancynger, John Fallon, Pat LaSusa, David Carlson, Annie Potts, Paul Gray, John Malanchuk, Richard Mortensen and Linea Desmond are present. Elected officials and those running for office were acknowledged: Martin County Commissioner John Haddox, Sewall's Point Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow Lippisch and Mary Higgins. Brian Mast was also acknowledged.

### **Current Action Items and Special Vote:**

Darrell Brand read the Rivers Coalition Resolution in support of Joe Negron's Land Purchase Proposal, this was discussed by members and moved for a vote. The Resolution was seconded and passed; J. Trancynger abstained. Algae updates were provided by Mark Perry. Todd Thurlow was acknowledged for providing algae bloom updates via satellite images. Marty Baum also provided algae updates.

**Panel Discussion:** Charles Grande, Gary Goforth, P.E., Ph. D., and Mark Perry provided presentations regarding Restoring the River of Grass Flow. A question and answer session followed. To view the entire discussion go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

### **River Kidz of Martin County:**

Nic Mader and Jacqui Thurlow Lippisch presented for River Kidz. Jacqui acknowledged River Kidz Evie Flaugh's participation at Senator Negron's Press Conference on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Nic presented a check from River Kidz to Florida Oceanographic.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Todd Weissing announced that he is available to arrange presentations if any organizations or groups would like the Speaker's Bureau to attend their meetings.

**Martin County:** Deb Drum presented a comprehensive update on Martin County and discussed the water quality. She announced the county is conducting weekly water inspections. To view Deb Drum's whole report go to: <http://riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/>

**Local Issues and WRAC:** Mark Perry presented regarding water quality and seagrass presence. He acknowledged the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Rally. Dr. Paul Gray also reported on the water conditions and potential changes with the upcoming weather system. To see the entire report, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

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**Indian Riverkeeper** Marty Baum reported. He thanked Dr. Ed Lippisch for providing aerial photos showing water quality changes. He also noted the success of the August 20<sup>th</sup> Big Sugar Summit. To see the entire update, you can go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.