

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes

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Date: January 26, 2016

Called to Order: 11:am

George Jones called the meeting to order and completed roll call. In Attendance: Dr. Paul Gray, Mike Conner, Ted Stevens, Mark Perry, John Bobb, Richard Erth, Marty Baum, Todd Weissing, Jim Moir, Jackie Trancynger, Gayle Ryan, Peter Fiori, George Jones, Darrell Brand, Linnea Desmond, Jill Pinkham, Bob Deppmeyer, Joanne Swann, James Harter, Richard Mortensen, Annie Potts, Paul Laura.

### **Current Action Items and Voting:**

Darrell Brand presented new member applications. Treasure Coast Democratic Environmental Caucus, Motion by George Jones & seconded by Jim Moir, motion passed unanimously. Treasure Coast Unitarian Universalist Church, motion by George Jones & seconded by Jim Moir, motion passed unanimously. Membership Roster Sharing, motion not to share contact information by Jackie Trancynger & seconded by Todd Weissing, motion passed unanimously. Jackie Trancynger/ Maggie Hurchella: Small Wetlands Forum. Darrell announced that Charles Grande is the new President of the Rivers Coalition Defense Fund and Thanked The Stuart News and those that donated to Rivers Coalition for 12 Days of Christmas.

### **Special Presentation:** *"FY 2017/2018 Legislative Session: How the sausage gets made."*

*George will guide us on how to navigate The Florida Legislative roadmap.*

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

Jacqui Thurlow-Lippish and Nic Mader presented for River Kidz. River Kidz Thank Tyler Treadway and The Stuart News for making River Kidz a part of the 12 Days of Christmas; donations are rolling in. They also Thank Blessing of the Fleet for making River Kidz the beneficiary of the event. The third edition of "River Kidz Workbook" will be coming out soon. Thanks go out to Knopf Foundation and Advocates For Love Foundation for posters. A "Don't Trash It" event is coming up this spring. Thank you to Indian Riverkeeper for including River Kidz in the VICE-TV event. Gayle Ryan announced that Sandy Van will be leading the St. Lucie River Kidz and Thanked City of Stuart for providing calendars for everyone to give to kids to learn/teach others about the environment.

**Speaker's Bureau:** Todd Weissing presented: Jim Harter spoke at Gold Coast Fly Fishers in Pompano Beach. Kevin Henderson spoke at Ballentrae Angler's Club. Commodore George Hohenstein presented Rivers Coalition with a donation from Circle Bay Yacht Club where Kevin also spoke recently. If any organizations or groups would like the Speaker's Bureau to attend their meetings, please contact Todd Weissing.

**Martin County:** Deb Drum presented a comprehensive update on Martin County and discussed the water quality. Go to the following websites for water quality updates: [www.martin.fl.us](http://www.martin.fl.us) ; [www.martin.floridahealth.gov](http://www.martin.floridahealth.gov) ; [www.dep.state.fl.us](http://www.dep.state.fl.us) and [www.reportalagalbloom.com](http://www.reportalagalbloom.com).

To view Deb Drum's report go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

**Local Issues and WRAC:** Mark Perry presented regarding water quality, oyster and seagrass presence.

To see the entire report, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

**Indian Riverkeeper** Marty Baum reported. To see Marty's update, you can go to:

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Meeting Adjourned: 12:35pm.