

# Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes: June 2017

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Darrell Brand called the meeting to order at 11 am and completed roll call. In Attendance: Dr. Paul Gray, Nic Mader, Mark Perry, Richard Erth, Jackie Trancynger, Charles Grand, Martha Boston, George Jones, Toby Oberdorf, Darrell Brand, Jill Pinkham, Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, Kenny Hinkle Jr., Allen Herskowitz, Joanne Swann, James Harter, Richard Mortensen, Paul Laura, Marcy Pitkin,

**Chairman's Comments:** Darrell Brand welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 11 am.

**Current Action Items and Voting:** Mark Perry gave an update on SB10 and passed out Sierra Club outline of SB10.

Please continue with letter writing and calls to our legislature.

**River Kidz of Martin County:** Nic Mader reported. She introduced Karessa Kernan, she is helping out with RK Summer Celebration on the Indian River Lagoon Event July 8. She also announced the C4CW Beach Cleanup and BBQ on June 24. Jacqui passed out Handbooks for kids from the Florida Senate.

**Government & Agency Progress Reports:**

- **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).
- **State and Federal Agencies and Issues:** Mark Perry reported.

**Special Presentations:**

"Martin County Environmental Projects Updates" by Deb Drum, Manager - Ecosystem Restoration & Management Div.

And

"Future of Lake Okeechobee Water Management" a report by Dr. Paul Gray, Audubon Florida Science Coordinator

**Coalition Reports:**

- **Rivers Coalition Defense Fund Update:** RCDF President Charles Grande reported that we can celebrate a win with the passing of the bill.
- **Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:** Mark Perry reported.
- **Speaker's Bureau:** Darrell Brand reported. If any organizations or groups would like the Speaker's Bureau to attend their meetings, please contact Todd.
- **Member Comments:** George Jones introduced Wayne Mills, former president of Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Current President of ORCA's Board. Mark Perry announced "Rally For The River" at Flagler on August 5<sup>th</sup>, Details to follow.

To view the presentations and all reports: Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 pm.