

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2017

Mary Perry called the meeting to order at 11 am and completed roll call. 100 people were present. Members In Attendance: Mark Perry, Darrell Brand, George Jones, Joanne Swann, James Harter, Richard Mortensen, Paul Laura, Marcy Pitkin, Shari Anker, Karessa Kernan, Becky Bruner, Mike Conner, Marjorie Shropshire, Steven Anderson. Irene Gomes, Cheryl Bryson, Robert Ryba. Bob Voissant, Mark Boston, Dave Carlson, Regina Wood,

Chairman's Comments: Mark Perry welcomed everyone and called meeting to order at 11 a.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Current Action Items and Voting:

Darrell Brand announced two new membership applications: Venture Three Communities (Cheryl Bryson) Motion made by Charles Grande, 2nd by Mark Perry and The Driftwood Motel (Irene Gomes). Motion made by George Jones, 2nd by Charles Grande; both memberships were approved unanimously. Darrell Brand spoke of the passing recently of Don Voss, a RC representative of their organization Marine Clean-up Initiative, Inc. A moment of silence was observed in Don Voss' honor.

River Kidz of Martin County:

Nic Mader reported that the 3rd version of the River Kidz workbook is due to be released in the near future. Karessa Kernan reported on the numerous well attended River Kidz events over the summer.

Speakers Bureau:

Jim Harter spoke of the recent speaking engagement at Ft. Pierce Yacht Club. FPYC presented RC with a generous check.

Special Presentation:

Ernie Marks, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District "Benefits of SFWMD Projects for the St. Lucie Estuary."

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Government & Agency Progress Reports:

- **Martin County:** Diane Hughes reported. To view Diane's report go to: www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/ Go to the following websites for water quality updates: www.martin.fl.us ; www.martin.floridahealth.gov ; www.dep.state.fl.us and www.reportalagalbloom.com.
- **State and Federal Agencies and Issues:** Mark Perry reported. To view Mark's report go to: www.riverscoalition.org/reports-info/local-updates/

Coalition Reports:

- **Rivers Coalition Defense Fund Update:** RCDF President Charles Grande reported
- **Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:** Mark Perry reported on the water quality and how it affects the oysters and seagrasses. See PDF's on www.riverscoalition.org .
- **Speaker's Bureau:** mentioned above
- **Member Comments:** Many members reported on upcoming events.
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Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 pm.