Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2011 Called to Order: 11:04

Attendance: Joanne Swann, Ted Guy, Charles, Grande, Jim Harter, Karl Wickstrom, Marge Ketter, Kevin Henderson, John O'Brien, Rob Ranieri, Max Quackenbos, Phil Tafoya, Jeff Stukel, Todd Weissing, Don Cuozzo, Michael Towner, Bill Thornton, Mike Myers, Bob Pearson, Jackie Trangyer, Leon Abood

Chairman's Comments:

Leon Abood; Reviewed the Organizational Policy, all members to please sign and return.

Committee Review:

Leon Abood; Membership Committee, no update. Public Outreach Committee will have an update in a few weeks. Recognized Marge Ketter for a great job on the Membership Task Force.

Guest Speaker:

Karl Wickstrom introduced Cris Costello. Cris Costello "Toxic Pollution Crisis"

Legal Update:

Karl Wickstrom; Legal action doesn't stand alone but also helps toward the mission. The appeal is underway.

WRAC "Water Resources Advisory Commission":
Mark Perry; May meeting cancelled and the next meeting is June 2nd.

ROGER "River of Grass Estuary/Everglades Restoration":

Ted Guy; Meeting and bringing issues from both coasts together

Water Quality:

Mark Perry reported good quality but we still have 8 million cubic yards of muck on the bottom.

IRL / CERP:

Kevin Henderson/Paul Gray; CERP- C-44 Reservoir starting should complete by 2015, have not committed to C-23 or C-24.

Martin County Updates:

Mark Perry; TMDLs by DEP are more restrictive than the EPA. There was a meeting yesterday to establish the BMAP and projects within 22 entities. Agriculture 21 times than any other at 1.4 millions pounds (697 Metric Tons) per year Nitrogen. Need 63% reduction.