

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2018

There was a Candidate Meet and Greet from 5:15pm to 6:00 pm. Jim Moir called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 157 people were present. Members In attendance: Jim Moir (MRC), George Jones (ORCA), Mark Perry (FOS), Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch (River Kidz), Charles Grande (President's Council of Hutchinson Island), Darrell Brand (Palm Cove Yacht Club), Marty Baum (Indian Riverkeeper), Pat Eltz (St. Lucie Sailing Club), Kenny Hinkle (River Warriors), Linda Grand (American Assoc of University Women), Paul Gray (Audubon), Paul Laura (TC Dem Environmental Caucus), Toby Overdorf, Jim Skeoch (Venture Harbor), Regina Wood and Diana Karol (MC FL Native Plant Society), Jackie Trancynger (MC Conservation Alliance), Greg Braun (Guardians of MC), Bob Voisinet (Cocoanut Yacht Club), Shari Anker (Conservation Alliance of St. Lucie County), Dianne Hughes (MC Water Quality), Jennifer Brand, Merritt Matheson and Becky Bruner (Stuart City Council), Matt Theobald (Candidate for State Rep), Michelle Byriel (FOS), Joe Banfi (Candidate for County Commission), Tony Polito (TCDEC), Roseann Ryba (MCDEC), Robert Ryba (Joe's Pont HOA), Marcy Pitkin (TC Unitarian Universalist), Rich Dickerson (Stuart Flyrodders), Nic Mader (River Kidz), Dan Merritt (Seagate HOA), Kim Streiber (Toxic#18), Michelle Weiler (TC Rowing Club), Cyndi Lenz, Alex Gillen (Bull Sugar), Stacey Hetherington (Candidate), Rob Levy (Candidate), Dr. Joe Gilio (scientist), Gayle Harrell (Candidate), Dr. Rob Levy (Candidate), Douglas Ashley, Ed O'Connor (Candidate), Wayne Kuster (Four Winds Condo Assn), Pam Keith, Maggy Hurchalla.

Chairman's Comments: Jim Moir led the flag salute, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Candidates present introduced themselves and spoke briefly. Mark Perry read the 5 questions to ask the candidates

Current Action Items and Voting: . Jim Moir bought up the discussion of HR 6700. There was opposition by Marty Baum, Indian Riverkeeper and support of HR 6700 by Alex Gillen of Bull Sugar. A quorum was present and the vote was 16 yea, 6 nay and 1 abstention to write a resolution by the Rivers Coalition in support of HR 6700..

Special Presentation: Dr. Leesa Souto of Marine Resources Council gave the Final IRL Report Card. To view the presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>.

River Kidz of Martin County: \$700 raised from paper shredding event

Speakers Bureau: n/a

Government & Agency Progress Reports:

- **Martin County:** Dianne Hughes' report was read by Jim Moir. To view Dianne'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:** n/a
- **Rivers Coalition Defense Fund Update:** n/a
- **Local Issues & Estuary Water Quality:** Mark Perry gave the water quality report
- **Indian Riverkeeper Update:** n/a
- **Member Comments:**
JTL encouraged people to attend WRAC meeting at SFWMD. Regina Wood of Native Plant Society informed us of their program coming up. Shari Anker of St Lucie Conservation Alliance spoke of "The Plastic Ocean" movie to be shown on October 26th.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM