

# Rivers Coalition

## Meeting Minutes: July 22, 2021

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Mark Perry called the meeting to order at 11:02 am and led the flag salute.

**Members In attendance:** 54 people present, 20 members, Mark Perry-Anthony Brunet (FOS), Charles Grande (Pres. Council of H.I.), Darrell and Jennifer Brand (Palm Cove Yacht Club), Jim Moir (MRC), Todd Weissing (Lighthouse Point HOA), Eve Samples-Gil Smart-Allie Preston (Friends of Everglades), Joanne Swann (St. Lucie Sailing Club), Brittany Bearden (MC Farm Bureau), Walter Deemer (League of Women's Voter of MC), Ric Hall (River Warriors), Paul Laura (HIPI), Carol Ann Leonard (Martin County Democratic Environmental Caucus), Diane Goldberg (St. Lucie Audubon), Jim Skeoch (Venture Three), Don Wilson (Stuart Sailfish Club), Ken Parks (MRC),

**Non-members:** Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch (SFWMD), Eula Clarke-Merritt Matheson, Becky Bruner (Stuart City Council), Ben Hogarth-Caryn Hall (City of Stuart), Amy Gallante (Brian Mast Office), John Maehl-Dianne Hughes-Katie Bowes (Martin County), Mike Knepper, Craig Faucher, Matt Sczeny-Alex Hagen (WPTV-5), Eva Velez-Kim Taplin (USACE), Blake Faulkner, Paul Millar, Patricia Ellington, Craig Faucher, Chris Savits, Ray Denzel, David Foster, Blake Fontenay (TC Palm), Nicholas Twohey, Dave Young, Kathi Petteruk, Mary Starzinsler, Michael Cawley, Darren Dale-Mary Kindle-David Dyes (City of Stuart tech)

**Via zoom** Brian Mast (US Representative), Lisa Aley-Jessica Mallet-Cal Neidrauer (USACE),

**Special Presentation:** Speaking on Plan CC of LOSOM were:

U.S. Congressman Brian Mast (FL-18)

Kimberley Taplin, P.E. Strategic Program Manager Programs and Project Management Division USACE

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**Current Action Items:** Discussion regarding River Coalition Position statement on Plan CC alterations

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm