

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike McIntosh, Chairman
Norman Ashworth, Rick Daugherty,
Sean Harrigan, Charles Longenbarger

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Keeney, Public Works Director
Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Katrina McIntosh, Bob Fritz, Edward Novak

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. McIntosh called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. December 8, 2020

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 13, 2020
- Mr. Harrigan MOVED, Mr. Longenbarger SECONDED approval of the October 13, 2020, minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Finance Reports – September and October 2020
- Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, stated the Finance Report denoted in the agenda material reflected final expenditures for fiscal year (FY) 2019/2020.
- B. Budget Utilization Report - October 2020
- Ms. Miller drew attention to the October 2020 report, noting same was for budget year 2020/2021. She stated funds had not been spent as of yet; however, work commenced in Burnt Store Isles (BSI) as of this week. She explained the amounts denoted under Seawall Replacement Permit and Rip-Rap Permit were BSI's contributions to obtain both permits.
- C. Seawall Replacement Status Report - October 2020
- Ms. Miller reported as of November 1, 2020, there were no seawall replacements in BSI; however, same had commenced this week.
- D. Permits Authorized by City Staff - October 2020

- Ms. Miller announced 6 permits were authorized in October 2020.
- E. BSI Capital Improvement Status Report – Update
- Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, stated recommendations for the Seawall Materials & Methods Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study) from both Canal Advisory Committees were received, advising same would be presented to City Council in January 2021.
- Mr. McIntosh explained he had distributed a letter relating to the Feasibility Study prior to same being presented to City Council, noting the Mayor acknowledged his intent was to keep the community informed.
- Mr. Disher then reported the BSI Inlet Widening Project’s consultant had responded to a question from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on November 3, 2020, expressing uncertainty as to when the NMFS would conclude review of the response.
- Ms. Katrina McIntosh confirmed the widening would be a total of 42 feet, which would double the current size.

NEW BUSINESS

- No items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No items.

STAFF COMMENTS

- None.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Bob Fritz suggested exact costs be estimated and publicized for the BSI Inlet Widening Project and BSI Channel Corner Widening Project, opining staff should be prepared to convince property owners of the projects’ benefits.
- Discussion ensued regarding BSI’s proposed projects as well as staff’s previous and current processes for maintaining and replacing seawalls.
- Mr. Longenbarger then questioned whether funds had been budgeted for widening the Rim Canal, noting mangroves were encroaching on the navigable channel.
- Ms. Miller replied mangroves required mitigation when removed and same was costly.
- Mr. Disher explained mangroves were maintained annually, noting previous aerial studies revealed same did not encroach on the navigable channel. He then displayed an aerial view which included imagery of the mangroves’ growth over a period of time, concluding the study found the boundaries of the mangroves were satisfactory in keeping the canal as originally intended at that particular location.

- Mr. Edward Novak inquired where he could find additional information on justification for the proposal to widen the lock.
- Ms. Miller replied the Committee had been discussing widening the lock for a lengthy period of time, noting rational included safety issues and barge access to the BSI canals. She stated she would email Mr. Novak with the construction plans for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Mike McIntosh, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary