

**BURNT STORE ISLES
CANAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hughes, Chairman
John Forr, Sean Harrigan,
Mike McIntosh, Jack Pryor

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor
Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager
Bob Fritz, C. J. Metcalf

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. February 12, 2019

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Mr. Bob Fritz expressed concern related to expenditures for mangrove trimming and the cost of consulting services for the Seawall Maintenance Alternatives project.
- Discussion ensued regarding the project's intent and associated costs.
- Ms. Cathy Miller, Canal Maintenance Supervisor, stated she would address Mr. Fritz's budgetary concerns under Reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 11, 2018
- Mr. Harrigan MOVED, Mr. McIntosh SECONDED approval of the December 11, 2018 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS

- A. Marine Patrol Update - December 2018
- Mr. Hughes briefly reviewed the December 2018 Marine Volunteers in Policing Report, as delineated in the agenda material, confirming members had no objection to him expressing the Committee's appreciation to the Marine VIP Coordinator for continued patrols of canals in Burnt Store Isles (BSI).
- B. Finance Reports - December 2018
- Ms. Miller explained how to read the reports for December 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, prior to reviewing same.
- Members' discussion confirmed the following: the mangrove trimming contractor would soon address BSI; staff had opted to allow the current mangrove trimming contractor additional time for completion as the second lowest bidder was significantly

more expensive; Mr. Pryor would attend the review of mangrove trimming work with staff.

C. Budget Utilization Report - December 2018

- Ms. Miller announced no seawall cap replacement work was scheduled and would most likely be phased out. She then requested members notify her of any areas in need of dredging. She noted the “Irma Seawall Replacement” scheduled work had decreased and the “Seawall Replacement” scheduled work had increased as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would not reimburse certain expenses, adding FEMA had submitted paperwork regarding the Hurricane Irma-related seawall repairs to the State.
- Mr. Harrigan questioned when the next annual sonar seawall assessment would be completed.
- Ms. Miller replied that assessment would likely be completed in December 2019 or January 2020.

D. Irma 17 - Production Levels December 2018

- Mr. Gary Disher, Mapping, Permitting and Compliance Manager, drew members’ attention to the report for December 2018, as delineated in the agenda material, offering to answer any questions.
- Members’ discussion confirmed the following: the contract for Hurricane Irma-related seawall repairs in BSI had an end date of October 2, 2019, but completion of the repairs was expected in April 2019; small repairs would continue to be made to seawall caps; seawall cap failures of 40 feet or more would require replacement of the entire seawall.

E. Seawall Replacement Status Reports - December 2018

- Ms. Miller drew members’ attention to the reports for December 2018, as delineated in the agenda material.

F. Permits Authorized by City Staff - December 2018

- Ms. Miller announced four permits had been issued.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Hughes noted Mr. Pryor’s term would end in February 2019.
- Discussion ensued regarding the appointment process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hurricane Irma Seawall Failure Updates

- Mr. Pryor questioned when bids for the BSI Inlet Widening project would be sought.
- Mr. Disher replied the contract for engineering and permitting of same was currently out for bids.

- Discussion ensued regarding the particulars of the project, with members confirming the consultant would accommodate the turn radius required by barges.
- Ms. Miller announced pleadings had been filed by both parties in the lawsuit related to canal maintenance assessment methodology, noting the plaintiff was attempting to schedule a motion hearing in late February 2019 or early March 2019.
- Mr. Hughes inquired as to the status of the Punta Gorda Code Chapter 6 rewrite.
- Ms. Miller replied Ms. Macalle Finkle, City Paralegal, was working on the re-write of Chapter 6, Article I, adding staff would discuss issues related to Article II on January 11, 2019.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. C. J. Metcalf spoke on behalf of Mr. Mark Wilson and Ms. Deb Wilson of 3600 Di Leuca Street, expressing dissatisfaction with dredging and the navigable channel along their properties.
- Discussion ensued regarding a rock ledge Ms. Metcalf observed extending into the navigable channel, the viability of installing markers in the channel and dockside dredging, with members confirming Mr. Disher would investigate the issue prior to the Committee's next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Bill Hughes, Chairman

Sara Welch, Recording Secretary