

NORTHEAST HURRICANE BAY
Minutes Meeting April 8,2009

Members Present: Jerry Kraft, Dennis Krsnak, Jon Hazelbaker, Randy Woods, Mike Morgan, Joe Vecchio

Absent: George Cummings

Also Present: Donna DuBerry - County MSTU Coordinator

Chairman Hazebaker called meeting to order and read minutes of last meeting.

Upon motion made by Vecchio and seconded by Kraft the minutes as grammatically amended were unanimously approved

An extended discussion took place with reference to the condition of the channel as the Chairman indicated that at one low tide this winter his vessel had touched bottom in three spots. Comments were that the turn into the main channel might eventually be the most troublesome area.

A cost estimate for a Bathemetric Survey of the channel had been obtained from Coastal Engineering. The estimated cost of such a survey was \$5,662.

Discussion ensued as to whether spot dredging was necessary at this time. It was the general consensus that dredging and the Bathemetric Survey be postponed until after the next Hurricane season. If conditions deteriorated, a special meeting would be called to deal with same.

Time lines for spot dredging where the cost is less than \$100,000 merely requires three quotes and it was estimated that such work could be started within three months; if the cost exceeds \$100,000 then formal bidding would be required thereby extending the time for approval and completion of such work.

Upon motion duly made and seconded reconsideration of any spot dredging and performance of the survey was deferred until the next regular meeting in April of 2010.

An issue was raised with reference to discussions between members in the event an emergency dredge was necessary. Ms. DuBerry advised that members could engage in fact finding - such as examining the condition of the channel, and engage in informational discussions under the Sunshine Law, however, no decisions or conclusions should be reached at other than a duly convened and noticed meeting. In addition the notice provisions have been relaxed. To convene a regular meeting there need be only seven days notice as follows: 1. Posted on County web site; 2. Posted in a conspicuous place(s) in the taxing district. With our district it was opined that a notice should be posted at Bayside, Tip Top I, Isles Of Palms, and on San Carlos Blvd. for the commercial properties in the district.

The next item which was discussed was the budget for the ensuing year. The County Commissioners mandated that the millage rate remain at .5604 in 2007 and 2008. According to the property appraisers office - property values fell 15.37% in 2007-2008. (See work sheet exhibit 1). It is anticipated that a similar decline in value will occur in 2008-2009.

Ms. DuBerry advised that members the Committee should contact the County Commissioners in order to request them to increase the millage rates for the MSTU, so that we can meet expenses and build necessary reserves. We did not meet our goals for last year because the Commissioners froze the millage rate.

It was noted that the County projects all budgets based upon a 95% collection rate, giving an allowance for 5% delinquencies. At present, due to the severe economic climate, the present delinquency rate for the MSTU is approximately 10%.

The line item - Improvement Construction of \$45,000 was discussed. It was the general consensus that the same sum be used for the ensuing year in the event that a survey and spot dredging became necessary.,

prior to April 2010.

Again the general goal is to establish an adequate reserve in order to do a complete dredge if necessary.

Vecchio moved: To raise \$80,000 for the ensuing fiscal year and adopt the budget as set forth on Exhibit 2 annexed to the minutes and signed by all of the attending members.

Seconded by Kraft, and unanimously adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Vecchio
Secretary