

St. Marys River Management Committee
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MINUTES OF MEETING
Jan. 3, 2005

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 3, 2005, at the Nassau County Building in Callahan, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was present.

Chairman Chip Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Introductions were made of those in attendance. The minutes from the December 2004 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved. Winifred Stephenson presented the treasurer's report; the main account has a balance of \$10,906.24.

Chairman Campbell agreed to send a thank-you note to White Oak Plantation for hosting the committee's holiday party.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Request Subcommittee

Chairman Chip Campbell asked the committee members if they had any specific project requests that they wished to discuss. The members agreed that they had nothing new to add or discuss since the last meeting in December. Chairman Campbell inquired how the budget request would be formatted, and Melinda Granlund, St. Johns River Water Management District, responded that Kraig McLane, also with the District, would handle the formatting. Vickie Samus asked if the budget request was in line with the committee's mission, and Chairman Campbell said yes and explained the goal of the request. Chairman Campbell agreed to act as chairman of the subcommittee.

Vision and Direction Subcommittee

Rick Walsh spoke on behalf of the subcommittee and mentioned several areas within the full committee's bylaws that need to be changed, such as quorum, voting by proxy, and amendments. There was discussion about teleconferencing and using speaker phones to achieve a quorum. Vivian Ritsma said that Baker County would like the opportunity to host the full committee, and she suggested that might be an opportunity to get a quorum with Baker County members. Walsh said that the subcommittee needs to meet before the next regular committee meeting and he agreed to serve as chairman of the subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

2005 Committee Officers

The committee members formally approved the slate of officers for 2005, as recommended by the nominating committee. There will be no change from the 2004 officers: Chip Campbell will be chairman, Dean Woehrle will be vice-chairman, Melinda Granlund will be secretary and Winifred Stephenson will be treasurer.

2005 River Cleanup

Dean Woehrle said the annual river cleanup will be held on Sat., March 19. He asked for site captain requests.

Miscellaneous

Vickie Samus explained the process the committee should follow when approaching Nassau County for renewed funding.

George Varn suggested it would be an appropriate time for the committee to present its annual report to the county commissions. He also said it would be appropriate to explain to Nassau County that the committee is not a charity organization and therefore needs to become a part of the county's line-item budget.

Trish Gramajo said there was excess grant money from the U.S. Boating Safety grant and questioned what to do with it. Woehrle made the suggestion of purchasing trash bags with the committee's name printed on them to be placed at boat docks and kiosks.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.