

**St. Marys River Management Committee**  
P.O. Box 251 Folkston, Georgia 31537

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 12, 2005**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 12, 2005, in the parking lot of the Nassau County Building in Callahan, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was not present.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chip Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The minutes from the Aug. 1, 2005, meeting were reviewed and corrected, but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum. Treasurer Winifred Stephenson was not in attendance, so the treasurer's report was not presented. Introductions were made of those in attendance, and Trish Gramajo introduced a new staff member, Jennifer Barnett, with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Barnett will be assisting TNC with land management issues along the St. Marys River.

**Septic Tank Overlay – Update**

Chairman Campbell and Vice Chairman Dean Woehrle presented the committee's conservation overlay (septic setback) recommendations to the Baker County Commission on August 2. The commission formally approved and adopted the committee's recommendation and the overlay language will be incorporated into the county's ordinances. Chairman Campbell said there was no opposition to the recommendations.

**St. Marys Shoals Property – Update**

Chairman Campbell said that Baker County Commissioner Fred Raulerson spoke to him at the August meeting of the County Commission and reiterated that the county is very interested in the input and assistance of the SMRMC as the county develops the Shoals property. Melinda Granlund, of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), informed committee members that Nels Parson, an SJRWMD land manager, had volunteered to be a liaison between the committee and the county regarding the Shoals property. Parson is participating in the county's regular management plan implementation meetings and giving suggestions on the development of the property. Parson says he plans to visit the Shoals property in the near future and map Global Positioning Satellite coordinates to help develop a trail system for the property.

**Review of Committee Strategies**

Chairman Campbell distributed a copy of the committee's established river protection strategies and led the members through a review and discussion of what the committee has accomplished to date. (See "Protection Strategies" document.) Chairman Campbell encouraged members to think about what they want to achieve next and the direction in which they want to move.

### **Coastal Georgia TMDL Development**

Melinda Granlund distributed a letter that was sent from the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center (RDC) to Kraig McLane of the SJRWMD. The letter asked for McLane's assistance in summarizing water quality data along the St. Marys River. Granlund informed the committee that McLane had contacted the RDC and explained that he would not be available to provide the assistance they were looking for. McLane also informed the RDC staff that they could not rely on the SMRMC for water quality monitoring or TMDL implementation, as was indicated in the letter. Chairman Campbell volunteered to send a letter to the Coastal Georgia RDC, explaining the committee's role and clarifying McLane's comments.

### **Miscellaneous**

Chairman Campbell read a letter from SMRMC member Vivian Ritsma, announcing her resignation from the committee. He asked current members to think about possible replacements for Ritsma and Vickie Samus, both of Nassau County.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.