

St. Marys River Management Committee
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MINUTES OF MEETING
December 5, 2005

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 5, 2005, at the White Oak Conservation Center in Nassau County, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chip Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m. Committee member and White Oak staff member Jim Wildes formally welcomed those in attendance, and members and guests introduced themselves. The minutes from the months of Aug., Sept., Oct., and Nov. were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

WELCOME CENTER PROPERTY

Chairman Chip Campbell explained the committee's interest in the former welcome center property in Nassau County. The committee had previously discussed paying the yearly lease payment of \$300 on behalf of Nassau County. The committee took a formal vote to approve the current and future payments.

Vice-chairman Dean Woehrle said the committee would try to raise funds for the welcome center in Nassau County for one year. After a year, the issue will be reevaluated and the committee may consider leasing property available in Charlton County.

SMRMC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chairman Campbell highlighted the accomplishments of the committee over the years, with a focus on those achieved during 2005. The committee's recent achievements include: adoption of the committee's conservation/septic tank overlay by the river's four surrounding counties; hosting a public forum at White Oak Conservation Center to discuss ordinances affecting the river; funding, through the water management district, for stormwater master planning for Baker and Nassau Counties; annual river cleanups; and monitoring the establishment of the TMDL for the St. Marys and Nassau river basins.

Future efforts of the committee will include the possible development of an educational center and continued monitoring of the TMDL process.

NEW OFFICERS

Chairman Campbell presented the slate of new committee officers, as recommended by the nominating subcommittee, for a formal vote. The following members were approved as officers for 2006:

Jim Wildes and Dean Woehrle – Co-Chairmen

Winifred Stephenson - Treasurer

Melinda Granlund - Secretary

ADULATIONS

Co-Chairman Dean Woehrle presented an engraved gavel to outgoing Chairman Campbell, thanking him for his three years of service as Chairman to the committee from 2003 to 2005. Woehrle also mentioned that the committee had a framed picture of the St. Marys River to be presented to former member Vivian Ritsma for her years of service. Unfortunately, Ritsma was called away at the last minute and was unable to attend so the picture will be given to her at a future date. Woehrle recognized several other dedicated committee members who have served in various ways over the years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.