

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**February 6, 2006**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 6, 2006, in the parking lot of the Nassau County Building in Callahan, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. No quorum of members was met.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chairman Jim Wildes called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed Treasurer Winifred Stephenson will send Melinda the treasurer's report.

**2005 ANNUAL REPORT**

Former Chairman Chip Campbell said he completed the 2005 Annual Report can email to the committee.

**2006 RIVER CLEANUP**

The 2006 St. Marys River Cleanup will be on March 18, which is the third Saturday in March. Dean Woehrle, the lead organizer, could not attend the meeting tonight but relayed to Jim that he will call all the site captains and possibly schedule a site captains meeting at White Oak.

**NASSAU COUNTY 25 FOOT SETBACK BUFFER**

Winifred Stephenson updated the group on the 25 foot setback adoption by Nassau County A letter referencing the committee's work regarding the conservation overlay will be drafted and sent to the Nassau BOCC in opposition to their adoption.

**GA WATER MEETINGS**

Trish Gramajo with The Nature Conservancy updated the committee on the GA Water Meetings GA DNR is coordinating for all river basins in the state. She attended the initial St. Marys, Suwanee, Satilla meeting in Waycross on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and reported the next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Waycross. The Basin Advisory Committees (BAC) for each basin will essentially review technical recommendations (for all water related issues such as conservation, quality, quantity, etc..) and give their input on how feasible each recommendation is. Trish also reported that there was no one from the St. Marys River basin other than herself and Jenn Hart and that the committee could provide helpful input into these water plans that will eventually go before the Water Council and the GA Legislature. The committee unanimously agreed it should be involved in these important meetings and designated Chip Campbell to represent them in the meetings. Chip will work with The Fanning Group (University of GA) and DNR to get nominated onto the BAC.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Jim Wildes informed the group that a new naturalist has been hired at White Oak and that she will be able to assist the SMRMC with grant writing projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.