

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

MINUTES OF MEETING
May 1, 2006

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 1, 2006, 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 not present.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chairman Dean Woehrle called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum. Treasurer Winifred Stephenson was absent.

INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE/FUNDING for GRANT WRITING

The topic was delayed until a future meeting when Jim Wildes, co-chairman and White Oak Conservation Center employee, could participate in the discussion.

FOAM / BARGE CLEANUP

Co-chairman Dean Woehrle explained the current status of the derelict barge and foam debris cleanup, including a potential breakdown of funding. There was discussion that the committee should contribute a contribution toward the cleanup. Asserting executive privilege, Woehrle committed that the committee would contribute \$1,000 toward the foam cleanup. Woehrle agreed to follow up with the director of Keep Nassau Beautiful to inform them of the committee's decision.

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Secretary Melinda Granlund provided copies of the committee's 2005 Annual Report, produced by former Chairman Chip Campbell. The members reviewed the report; the suggestion was made to add language regarding the stormwater master planning efforts of the committee and the St. Johns River Water Management District. Granlund inquired about whether the reports should be mailed or formally presented. It was agreed that the reports should be mailed to each county administrator, with a cover letter that offers a presentation on the report if there's interest.

The letter and accompanying report will be sent to the following officials:

Camden County – David Rainer, BOCC
Charlton County – Steve Nance, County Administrator
Baker – Alex Robinson, BOCC
Nassau – Mike Mahaney, County Administrator

SMRMC WEB SITE

Melinda Granlund provided an update on the committee's Web site. She explained that the District had made contact with the site's current administrator, inquiring about whether they would sell the domain name. As of this date, we have not heard a response. If the current owners won't sell, or won't sell at a reasonable price, then the District will inquire about creating a new domain name. There was discussion about possible names, including "saintmarysriver.org" and "stmarysriver.gov."

MISCELLANEOUS

Committee member Merrill Varn provided an update from the Northeast Camden County Infrastructure Project meeting. The report discussed wastewater treatment options and growth and development. A statistic shared at the meeting was the fact that approximately 30% of the septic tanks are failing in the county.

There was discussion among the members about the increasing growth in Camden County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.