

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**March 3, 2008**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 3, 2008, at the Nassau County Building, Callahan, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was present.

**Call to Order**

Committee co-chairman Dean Woehrle called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M. The Treasurer's report was not available. Minutes from the Jan. 7 and Feb. 4, 2008 meetings were approved.

**Discussion of St. Marys River Celebration**

Dean Woehrle gave an update on the upcoming river cleanup, to be held Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunch and distribution of T-shirts bearing the new logo for participants will be at White Oak Plantation, starting at noon.

A letter will be submitted to the Nassau County Commission, requesting that Barry Holloway be named as delegate to the SMRMC.

Teresa Monson needs articles and pictures for the upcoming issues of the POSM.

Ken Hase has been named by the Camden County Commission to replace Donnie Rominger as delegate to the SMRMC.

**Discussion of Florida Forever (Trish Gramajo)**

Trish Gramajo informed the committee of Florida Forever Day, March 18<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee. This is a program, supported by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), to raise \$300 million for land acquisition in Florida from doc stamp fees collected. She distributed sample letters to send to Florida legislators in support of this program.

**Discussion of Status of the 12 River Protection Strategies**

Chip Campbell led a discussion of the status of progress of the first four strategies listed in the River Protection Plan:

1. *“Establish consistent and adequate septic system setbacks on both Florida and Georgia sides of the river.”* Concluded that Camden, Charlton and Baker Counties are all consistent; Nassau has decreased lot size requirements. Also need Florida legislation to require septic inspection at purchase of existing properties.
  
2. *“Promote bank-to-bank legislation to unify recreation and wildlife management laws.”* SMRMC (via Donnie Rominger) has promoted boating safety courses in GA; FL Coast Guard auxiliary runs these regularly in Florida. Laws are as con-

- sistent as they are likely to get, as the states involved are not likely to change existing laws for this river only.
3. *“Establish a St. Marys River library/information clearinghouse/database for use by the SMRMC, citizens and local governmental agencies.”* Comment on feasibility studies in Baker County; SMRMC partnered with TNC.
  4. *“Monitor Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) programs in both states.”* This is an ongoing activity of SMRMC.

Campbell commented that strategies number 3, 5, 6, and 9 are the most critical to the success of the committee’s mission; discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Tom Logue, a member of the North Florida Paddlers, a recreational canoe group, was a guest at the meeting. He expressed an interest in the committee’s activities and requested some maps for use by his group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.