

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

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 6, 2009

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2009, at the Nassau County Building, in Callahan, Florida. 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 7:13 p.m. The Treasurer's report indicated \$6599.26 (with approximately \$1,000 not yet deposited) in the operating account and \$526.50 in the management account. Minutes from the December 5, 2008 meeting and the March 2, 2009 meetings were approved.

2009 River Cleanup

Dean Woehrle announced that the river cleanup (3/21/09) attracted the most participants ever (1,050 people); 565 participants were fed lunch at White Oak Plantation, for which the committee was billed \$1,000.00. Approximately 56,000 pounds of trash were removed from the river and surrounding areas. Special thanks were extended to Barbara Ryan and the St. Marys Earthkeepers (120 participants) and to Sand Hill and Stateline Disposal Services for providing roll-off collection bins. On the down side, the cleanup lost money (\$2003.58) this year, due in part to fewer financial contributors; the deficit will be made up from the operating account, as there is extra money from previous years' cleanups. A motion was made and passed to reimburse Woehrle \$321.08 for out-of-pocket expenses.

Other Items

Geoff Sample announced that the website is missing the minutes from the June 2008 meeting, and requested our help locating them.

Discussion was held about the proposed cleanout of Thomas Creek in Nassau County, part of the Mills Creek drainage system. A motion was made and passed for Dean Woehrle to write a letter on the committee's behalf encouraging this cleanout.

Geoff Sample announced "First Coast Reality Check: 2060" to be held May 21 at World Golf Village. The focus will be to plan for an additional 1.6 million people expected to reside in the northeast Florida area within the next 50 years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.