

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 3, 2009**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 3, 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 not present.

**Call to Order**

Committee co-chairman Dean Woehrle called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Treasurer's report was not available. Minutes from the July 6, 2009 meeting were distributed for review.

**New Business**

Woehrle announced that Amy Haddock resigned from the committee, and the Nassau County Commission has appointed Jeremy Flood, Land Management Coordinator with TerraPointe Services, to fill that vacancy. Dr. Rick Walsh, committee secretary, resigned from the committee. Karen Chisholm will fill that vacancy.

Under St. Marys Fisheries Restoration Committee Update, Committee co-chairman Chip Campbell informed the committee about a meeting that he had attended recently in Bear Bluff, South Carolina. The Atlantic sturgeon restoration project continues to move forward. The USDA proposal has been approved. There is a possibility that American shad and striped bass will be looked at in the future for restoration.

Under Septic "Think Tank" Report, Merrill Varn announced that next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Laurie Fowler of the University of Georgia will be leading that meeting; Walter Fufidio (Nassau County Planning) has had to step aside due to other responsibilities. A grant request has been submitted. Bruce Foisy (Georgia DNR) distributed a document about onsite sewage disposal systems ("Model On-site Disposal System (OSDS) Maintenance Ordinance"). He offered to present it at the next meeting.

Merrill Varn announced that the Suwanee/Satilla (Georgia) regional water planning council will hold its next meeting September 22 in Douglas. The St. Marys River basin is split between two councils. (The Coastal Georgia council meets in Richmond Hill.) Their goal is to complete the regional water plans by June 2011.

John Henry November, a recent graduate of the University of Florida law school, provided an update on collaboration between Florida and Georgia on water quality monitoring. There was discussion of a summit meeting.

Ken Hase asked about Hap Harrington's data. Discussion ensued about preserving Hap's materials, and the possibility of developing an observatory in the Boulogne welcome center site.

Geoff Sample mentioned that photographer John Moran had recently visited the St. Marys River to do work on a project and had indicated there may be a possibility to work with the committee to provide some images for the committee's use in some way.

It was determined that the committee should look into hosting the annual meeting in December at White Oak Plantation on December 4, 2009. Dean Woehrle will contact White Oak to investigate.

The next meeting will be August 31, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.