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## **St. Marys River Management Committee**

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 7, 2018**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its noticed meeting on May 7, 2018, at the Callahan Volunteer Fire Department conference center in Callahan, Florida.

Committee members in attendance by county:

**Baker** – Ed Barber

**Camden** – Commissioner Ben Casey, Co-chair John Myers, Chris Chauncey, Jim Wildes

**Charlton** – Secretary/Treasurer Merrill Varn, Chip Campbell

**Nassau** – Commissioner George Spicer, Al Manning

**Non-voting Members** – Geoff Sample, SJRWMD

**Others Present** - Rick Frey, St. Marys Riverkeeper; Danny Notton, visitor

A quorum was present.

#### **Call to Order and Housekeeping**

The discussions began at 7:00 PM. The agenda for May was approved as amended. The April minutes were approved. As of April 30, 2018, the account balance for the Committee was \$6823.77. All counties are up-to-date in dues.

#### **Old Business**

Presentations slated for this year:

MS4 process – Merrill to present in June or July

Nassau County ENCPA – Shelley has been in touch with Mr. Mullens office and is waiting to hear about potential dates for presentation

Shoals Park update – Ed Barber will talk to Commissioner Croft

Egans Creek and E. coli – St. Marys Riverkeeper will present in August

Camden County Commissioner Casey updated the committee on the FAA public meetings for Spaceport Draft EIS on 4/11 and 4/12. The draft has been extended an additional 45 days to June 14<sup>th</sup> for comment period and written objections. The FAA's final record of decision is expected in the fall. If the project is approved, then it means the county can go ahead with applying for the site operator license. All of the information is available on the Camden County website (<http://spaceportcamden.us/>). A question was asked if Camden County would get a fee. John Myers informed the committee that there are several business and management

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models that are currently being reviewed. Jim Wildes asked about affects to Cabin Bluff and Grayfield. John says the EIS does not show any effects to either area.

### **New Business**

Rick Frey updated the committee on the St. Marys Riverkeeper:

- The River Clean-up resulted in 37,000lbs of trash, excluding tires, being removed by 700 volunteers. Hilliard tractor trailer took off the tires.
- The 319 Grant for Browntown has completed 24 inspections and 11 require total replacement and the grant budgets for 30. 7 were in good operating order and 6 need repair work.
- The Rivekeeper has been awarded a Georgia Coastal grant to hire a full-time employee who has been hired.
- Fernandina High School in August will train 3 teachers and classrooms for work on Egans Creek.
- There will be a May 31<sup>st</sup> fundraiser event at White Oak to help find donors and sponsors.

River keeper has responded to the Harriet's Bluff concerns. Camden County RVs are grandfathered in. Water Quality will be collected over a year. The Environmental Law Center is also assisting to make a plan and mitigate for the issues.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

**Government/River Issues:** Governor vetoed bill regarding wastewater into the aquifer. JEA will treat to drinking not aquifer quality.

Spanish Creek task force will get the budget for the CIG in June.

### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2018\*\*