



AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2020

9:00 AM

Online Meeting via Zoom

Full Agency

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair

Mayor Woody Brown, Co-Chair

1. **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**

- **Attendees** Woody Brown, John Coasts, Barbara Sheen Todd, Alana Todd, Cara Serra, Vish Sathe, John Kiefer, Megan Nixon, George Isiminger, Daniel Huber, Sean Sullivan, Bruce Hasbrouck, Shawn Colledge, Jean Charles, Randy Deshazo, Vicki Parsons, Ann Paul, Tracy Muzyczka, Vivianna Bendixson, Kira Barrera, Ed Sherwood, Kevin Shelton, Rick Gorsira, Diego Guerra, Heather Maggio, Maya Burke, Christine Sciarrino, Karen Mullins, Ross Dickerson, Sally Thompson, Jordan D Miller, Robert McConnell, Kira Barrera, Libby Carnahan, Rob Brown, Joel Brown, Gary Raulerson

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None

4. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 FULL AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY**

- Approved by majority

5. **Piney Point Reservoir – John Coates and Vish Sathe, FDEP**

Summary: John and Vish, with the FDEP Division of Water and Resource Management, provided an update on the proposed actions to avoid spill impacts related to the Piney Point reservoir located in Manatee County

Comments:

- Ed Sherwood – how will HRK interface with the nitrogen management consortium? If HRK can secure funding for a project that would reduce the overall load over time they would share with the NMC. HRK does not currently have a project and funding which makes it difficult to engage them.
- Chair Todd – are there opportunities for state and federal support to fund projects for reducing load over time. FDEP will keep the ABM apprised if funding becomes available.
- Ed Sherwood - the ABM may consider expressing support to the State for this regionally significant issue and potential remedies in terms of funding that would prevent future nutrient load increases to Tampa Bay.
- There was a Piney Point task force. ABM will work with Ed to discuss next steps.

6. **Oyster Habitat Sustainability Index– Gary Raulerson, Ph.D., TBEP**

Summary: The TBEP has established a target of 50 acres of oyster reef restoration in the next 10 years within its 2020 Habitat Master Plan Update. The HSI combines multiple data layers that

are recognized as important factors to enhance or preclude oyster restoration success and creates a mapped scoring system that indicates more probable locations.

Comments:

- Sally Thompson – who should be involved in acquisition? Hillsborough County ELAP? List of current participants can be shared.

7. **Urban Stream Restoration – John Kiefer, Wood Group PLC**

Summary: John Kiefer, principal water resources engineer in the Lakeland office of Wood, an international consulting firm, is a pioneer in the field of hydraulic carving.

Comments:

- Libby (via chat) Have there been cases where homeowners initiated or paid for the project?
- John (via chat)- Community funded projects do occur. This can work best in small drainages in headwater positions. The issue is that the scale of the project has to meet the scope of the stress or else it will fail. Down valley drainage positions usually require more funding, design, and permitting than private communities can bite off. Sources of funding include stormwater utilities, SWFWMD, NOAA, HUD, NWIF, FDOT, environmental performance bonds...

8. **Douglas-Hackworth Property – Jean Charles, Suncoast Sierra Club**

Summary: Pinellas Community Foundation, in partnership with Pinellas County, the City of Dunedin, and the Sierra Club have started a capital giving campaign to raise funds for the acquisition of the Douglas-Hackworth property.

Comments:

- Chair Todd asked that the TBRPC staff continue to receive updates on the property.

9. **OTHER ITEMS**

- Introduction of TBRPC Environmental Planner – Alana Todd
 - i.ABM Survey
- Bay Soundings Article Ideas
- 2021 Meeting Dates (Full Agency)
 - March 11, 2021
 - June 10, 2021
 - September 9, 2021
 - December 9, 2021

10. **ADJOURN @ 11:25 AM**