

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 19, 2023

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Water Quality Trends and Projects (Charlotte County)

Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager gave a brief overview of Water Quality Protection Activities, State Water Quality Assessments 2023: Nutrients, Areas To Watch: Nutrients, State Water Quality Assessments 2023: Bacteria, Areas To Watch: Bacteria, Water Studies and Improvement Projects: Water Velocity/Direction Monitoring Device, General Flow Conditions, Surge Flow During Hurricane Idalia, 24 Hours Post-Surge, 48 Hours Post-Surge, 72 Hours Post-Surge, and Policy/Planning Update.

Commissioner Constance discussed seagrass loss and human population density overlays, City of North Port, Cocoplum Waterway, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), projects, water quality and improvements, Hurricane Ian, State Water Quality Assessments 2023: Nutrients, State Water Quality Assessment 2023: Bacteria, natural background, positive and negative effects, core data, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), contribution sources, and Lake Okeechobee. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Areas to Watch: Bacteria, septic systems, State Water Quality Assessments 2023: Nutrients, threshold, and historical data. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned Areas to Watch: Bacteria, FDEP, Hurricane Ian, impacts, DeSoto County, City of North Port, septic systems, water quality, Charlotte Harbor, Peace and Caloosahatchee Rivers, Army Corps of Engineers, tributaries, data, Water Studies and Improvement Projects, wind direction, and Bayshore Park.

2. Water Restoration Process and Planning (Janicki Environmental)

Mr. Moody introduced Tony Janicki, PhD, Janicki Environmental President, responded to state funding sources, Reasonable Assurance Plans, opportunities, total maximum daily loads (TMDL), public input, and One Charlotte One Water Plan.

Mr. Janicki gave a brief overview of Florida's Water Quality Responsibilities, DEP – Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration Watershed Management Approach, Water Quality Restoration Process: DEP Regulatory Process, Stakeholder Driven Process, Benefits of an Alternative Restoration Plan, Reasonable Assurance Plans, Technical Framework Importance of Transparency and Documentation, Water Quality Targets, Loading Targets, Treatable Loads, Monitoring Compliance and

Reporting, Adaptive Management, Lessons Learned, and Current Reasonable Assurance Plan (RAP) Development.

Chair Truex spoke to projects and RAP. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to benefits, RAP, state funding, impairments, nitrogen, projects, cost, phased approach, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and data. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted RAP, Manchester Waterway Lock, environmental benefits, projects, water quality testing and monitoring, Mosaic Fertilizer, permits, discharges, FDEP, standards, data, TMDL, cost, and funding sources.

3. Place-Based Recreational Fishery Conservation (Florida FWC)

Mr. Moody introduced Corey Anderson, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Biological Administrator.

Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of Economic Impacts of Sport Fishing, Social Impacts of Sport Fishing, Holistic Fisheries Management Strategy, Building Foundational Knowledge, Leveraging that Knowledge, Complimentary Goal, Phase 1: A Co-Produced Plan, Phase 1: Plan Collaborators, Phase 2: Inform Local Conservation, Decision Support Tools, Applying the Research to (Local) Management, and Let's Continue to Work Together.

Chair Truex discussed partnership, Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Juvenile Tarpon Program Manager JoEllen Wilson, environmental changes, developers, conservationist mindset, wetlands, land acquisition, long-term effects, and projects. **Commissioner Constance** commented on Phase 2: Inform Local Conservation, recurring funding, partnership, development impacts, fishery life cycles, and recreational living. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to partnership, Phase 2: Inform Local Conservation, funding uses, staff efforts, reimbursement, conservation easements, land use decisions, habitat preservation, subdivisions, and property rights.

AA. County Administrator Comments - None

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Commissioner Comments

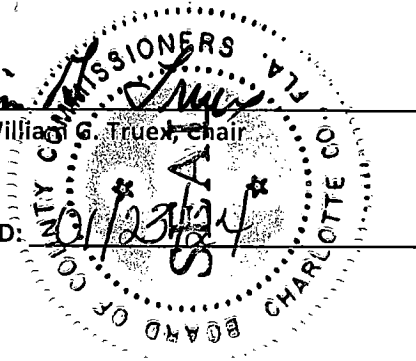
Chair Truex noted National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference and 2024 BCC Meeting Schedule. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) shooting range, homeowners association (HOA) emails, 2024 BCC Meeting Schedule, and boardwalk. **Commissioner Doherty** remarked on NACo Legislative Conference. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed 2024 BCC Meeting Schedule, boardwalk, CCSO shooting range, public records request, historical precedent, and unified response.

County Administrator Flores responded to CCSO shooting range, operating schedule, and HOA communication.

Assistance County Administrator Claire Jubb replied to 2024 BCC Meeting Schedule, CCSO shooting range, public records request, historical data, and noise.

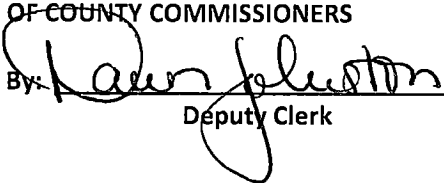
County Attorney Knowlton interjected on public records request.

ADJOURNED: 11:14 am


William G. Truex, Chair
DATE ADOPTED: 12/23/24

ATTEST:

ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Deputy Clerk