# Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee

**Murdock Administration Building, 18500 Murdock Circle,**
**Building B, Room B-106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

| Board Members: | District: |
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| Robert Hancik | District 2 |
| Ralph Lombardo | District 3 |
| Robert Wibbeler | District 1 |
| Wendy Lang Vice, Chair | District 5 |
| Stas Matias, Chair | District 4 |
| Vacant | Member-at-Large |
| Hank Killion | Member-at-Large |

## MINUTES

**March 6, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.**

1. Call to Order:

Wendy Lang called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Robert Hanick asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call / Determination of a Quorum

Upon Marie Valeus calling roll, it was noted a quorum was present.

## Present

Robert Wibbeler
Robert Hancik
Ralph Lombardo
Wendy Lang

4. Approval of Minutes
   - Approve the Minutes from February 6, 2025

Robert Wibbeler motion to approve the February 6, 2025, minutes, seconded by Ralph Lombardo, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Changes to the Agenda

6. Citizen Input on Agenda Items

7. New Business

None offered.

8. Old Business

- Brandon Moody, Water Quality Manager

Mr. Moody gave update on the first One Charlotte One Water public meeting, there will be another meeting March 27, 2025, at 3pm at Ann & Chuck meeting center. Trying to wrap up the findings to submit them to the Commissioners for acceptance. Brandon is expecting updated seagrass surveys soon. Last survey was January 2024 before all the hurricanes. Swiftmud does biannual surveys Aquatic Preserves do regular assessments. Swiftmud does aerial fly overs, and they go on the ground to compare to their images. Brandon said the harbor is bad, it has more algae coverage than seagrass. The hurricanes pushed a lot of sediment and buried a lot of stuff.
Carol McCoy, from Aquatic Preserves said they are doing their seagrass assessment in August.

- Public Works Update

Matt Logan- Stump Pass bid project is happening; Milton pass will not be closed with the Stump Pass project like the original intent. They are going to include that with The Manasota Key Beach & south beaches project. The bid that came in was denied because it came in way over budget. Hoping to get bids in September or November. The mitigation reef is still out there and it's ok. It is so far out that its ok. Recovery operations- Englewood Beach was destroyed, the sand recovery is done all the sand has been placed back on the beach; there was about 110-130 thousand cubic yards of sand put back. The south end of Manasota Key, the resort area, was not done. We are hoping for a quiet season, so they don't get any further damage. We are waiting for some bird monitoring to finish up so they can relocate the sand screening operations to Don Pedro Island, try to place a berm along the shoreline until the can get there to build back the beach.
Robert Wibbeler asks a question about dredging for the boat ramp, there are large rocks present. According to the report it says that area was not cost effective. Matt says he will look into it and ask DeWayne Nodine for an update. Mr. Wibbeler asks about Placida Park mangrove site assessment. Jaime Scudera says mangroves will be removed for the expansion project.

- Parks and Natural Resources Update

Alexandria Grant, Natural Resources, says shore birds are not nesting yet. They are keeping an eye on it. They did get pre-posting at the Manasota Palm Island resort, ready for the birds to arrive. Staff is concerned about over wash this season, just waiting to see what happens. Carol McCoy is now the main permit holder for the area; she took over for sea turtle nesting. Not sure what will happen with the sea turtles, we have to wait and see if they come back.

Elizabeth Eastes gives report for derelict vessels. There are 7 open cases, 5 removed in the last month, 14 are ready for removal.

9.Correspondence and Communication

Ralph Lombardo asks us to provide pier repair report showing cost and estimates. He also asks about piers being put on the back burner until FEMA money comes. Jaime says the directions that they were given by the Commissioners is to wait for FEMA. Wendy Lang speaks about them coming together and writing a letter to submit to the Commissioners. Matt Logan says FEMA business is operating the same and we will start to see progress, they are just following the process. Wendy

10. Public Comments

Citizen- Larry Benjamin District 1 applied for member at large position. Mr. Benjamin introduced himself.

Carol McCoy expresses concern for having Water Fest. Asking why have it as the beach is not open, we have projects going on, turtle season.

11. Comments by Administrative Staff or Consultants

None

12. Member Comments

Robert Hancik asks about taking a tour. Wendy Lang addresses that the topic and says it never happens because of the Sunshine Laws and the complications that could arise. Shaun Cullinan says it's difficult and the County Attorney advises against it. We would need to have recording equipment; it seems it's always been more difficult than it's worth. Wendy Lang asks for this issue to be put on the agenda for the next meeting for more discussion.
Ralph, states that nothing is happening with the pier. He asks if outside funding can be given to fix the pier or must we wait for FEMA money? Because nothing is happening. Ralph says in the report it says stop and don't do anything. Jaimie says things are happening, but they are not prepping or doing anything until FEMA money comes. Assessments and engineering happened, now they are waiting for FEMA. Things that are shut down are not safe for the public. We wait for FEMA now.

13. Sunshine Law- It was determined that all of the board members have seen the Sunshine Law video. The pamphlet was passed out and paper was signed for receiving the pamphlet.

14. Next Meeting

- The next Regular Meeting of the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee will be **Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-106 Port Charlotte unless otherwise announced.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45