

# Dunedin Causeway and Coastal Waterway Committee

## April 9th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:02.

Members present: John Hoopes, Jeffric Gazlay, Manuel Farinas, Frank Vanore, Glen Steinke, Anita Apley, Jim Runyon, Dennis Alspaugh, Kathleen Sands Martin

Absent:

City Staff: Lanie Sheets

Guests: Sheriff's Deputy Berezney, Sandie Selvaggio, Kim Begay, Ron Matuska, Jill Gunn

Minutes from March meeting approved.

John opened meeting by reading definition of Committee duties from Resolution 13-44.

New Business: Committee requires a new member that is an active boater.

1- Causeway Report- Lanie reports no new information. Garbage cleanup is going well. Mondays after Holiday weekends look better than ever. State money for a 3rd toll booth lane on Honeymoon Island may not be allocated due to hurricane damage in the panhandle. The County has installed steel cables between bollards on NE beach without the City's previous knowledge.

2-Concessions- Glenn reports a large pothole by public bathroom has been filled. Business couldn't be better, best year ever. Island Earth Day is April 13<sup>th</sup>. Glenn reported that a Jeep drove between his business and the water in an unsafe fashion. Sherriff's office was notified.

3- Storm Water: No report

4- Boating report- Navigation aids seem to be working and no problems reported with markers or buoys.

5-CEQ Report: Blue Jays stadium will not have solar power features as had been requested by CEQ. John requested if CEQ could provide best practices for recycling of plastics.

6- Ad Hoc Bridge Report – Consultant has been tasked to complete PD&E portion of bridge build to determine true cost, etc. State money currently not present to start construction on the mid-span bridge.

OPEN FLOOR: A letter to the committee from Sandie Selvaggio has been reviewed in reference to the NE end of the Dunedin Causeway. The two primary issues brought to attention are sea grass health and personal safety. Kim Begay sent links of videos to committee members purportedly showing unsafe boating practices. To adequately address these concerns the Committee needs to determine if safety is being compromised by having this area designated a mixed-use waterway area. Also, tidal flat and sea grass flat areas need to be defined to determine if powered boating activity in this area is causing damage. Discussion will be tabled until further research can be done on both of these issues. John Hoopes reviewed the City's Epic Goals reviewed and stated that, as a Committee, we should focus on helping achieve these goals moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 am