

**THE CASEY KEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
CASEY KEY LIBRARY BUILDING
September 10, 2018**

Board Members Attending in Person

Mike Thomas, Deborah Beacham, Dan Simmons, Lisa Napolitano, Tekla Dragon

Members Attending via Telephone Conferencing

Bob Lumpkins, Don Casto, Dawn Doughty, Bob Metzger, Ping Faulhaber

Homeowners Attending

Jo Hale

Peter Plotkin, 2411 CK

Diane McNeel Plotkin

Lynn Bogner, 3250 CK

Charlie Colladay, 3606

Nanette LaSalle

Carla McGill, 1216

Tim McGill

Dale Ragone, 1214

Terry Dixon, 560 N Casey Key

Ashley Dixon, 560 N Casey Key

Hank Tafaro

Mario Messina

Zoe Moore

Call to Order

President Mike Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The May minutes were received by the board members via email and approved via email on 06/01/2018; motion to approve was made by Don Casto, seconded by Lisa Napolitano and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jean provided the updated report via email before traveling; the report was unanimously approved with motion made by Dan Simmons and seconded by Tekla

Dragon.

President's Report

Mike presented the repaving recommendation from the county which is to repave the road during night time hours from 8 pm to 5 am. This is based on the safety concerns and the logistics and quantity (as many as 25-30 at a time) of the dump trucks that will be required; normal deliveries of FedEx, UPS, USPS would be interrupted if the repaving were done during the day. The entire process is projected to take 4 to 6 weeks. There will not be one lane available for traffic as had been suggested prior to this. We have 5 different widths of roadway. The county surveyed the entire road a few weeks ago, which is part of the RFP requirement. The county has asked Mike to write a letter of our support with the new plan of repaving at night. Discussion ensued after which Don Casto made the motion to approve; Bob Metzger seconded the motion; motion was carried with no opposition. Mike will send the letter so it can be presented to county commissioners for approval. There is no specific date to begin but it is anticipated to be January 2019.

There will be a meeting October 25, at 6:00 pm at the Hotel Venezia with the county presenting the update/results of the shoreline protection in the 2100 block, an update on the rock revetment integrity in the 500 block of North Casey Key, as well as the repaving project schedule. The county will give us the link to their site with notices of the schedule of which blocks in the road are to be repaved; homeowners will be required to postpone lawn maintenance trucks for the time the paving is done in order for the asphalt to "cure" properly.

Red Tide:

Discussion ensued regarding paying the county for cleaning the beaches of dead fish; there is no way for the county to account for accepting money for this. The sheriff will not allow prisoners to do the cleanup at this time; our best way is for our homeowners to cleanup, but they have to agree and be present to take care of it.

Mario Messina has met with Mote Marine to discuss their plans regarding phytoplanktons and whether anything had been done to mitigate the red tide. Basically, he got no answer other than where the blooms are occurring; copper sulphate will kill it according to Messina. His idea will be presented on 09/24/18 and will be meeting with scientists to see their methodology; he wants to treat red tide breakouts offshore; fertilizer plant runoff is contributing to the algae blooms; there are certain types of clays

that are absorbant and organic chemicals can be chelated to the algae (Osprey Biotechnic company may get involved to brainstorm ideas); Mike offered that EPA, Coast Guard, state approvals would be required to make any remediation steps and the time it will take to come up with a remedy will be long.

Archie Urciuoli (past president and resident) sent an email that he requested be added to the minutes. Following are Archie's suggestions and comments:

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- 1) The red tide is an environmental, health and economic disaster, make no mistake.
- 2) We have to get government action on red tides.
- 3) Prevention, not reporting or clean up, should be the main focus.
- 4) Mote Marie is useless for this effort. The President & CEO, Michael Crosby, is a very nice person, but is comfortable with things as they are, and spends much of his time traveling abroad. (Bob Essner, Chairman of the Board, seems more responsive to public attitudes). Mote's mission is to protect sea life, not human health or our economic well being. In practice, this means research, monitoring and reporting, NOT prevention. They use red tides as a funding opportunity, not as a problem to prevent.
- 5) This needs to be a joint effort, enlisting the support of as many affected communities and businesses as possible, to get the attention and action of our politicians. Otherwise, the many big voices in opposition to any serious effort will drown us out. Can state government agencies which promote health, business and tourism be solicited to help?
- 6) The State and County clean up public spaces after hurricanes and other natural disasters; why don't they clean up the public beach spaces (below the mean high tide line) after the red tide natural disaster?
- 7) When the CKA solicits dues via letter, email or website, why not also ask for voluntary contributions to our legal fund and/or beach clean-up fund?
- 8) Communicate. Unless we regularly inform our members about what we are doing, the assumption is that we are doing nothing.

Many thanks to the CKA board for all that you do, and many thanks for listening.
All the best—Archie"

Committee Chairs/Reports

Membership

Bob Metzger reported at the end of June he sent out a letter to non-members offering the \$50 offer for balance of year; sent out letter to advertisers; Lisa sent out membership renewal notice. Renewals are trickling in.

Communications/Website

Mike Thomas made the decision to make the Casey Key Facebook page private and this has been done in the past week. Everyone attending the meeting seemed to be in agreement.

Old Business

The erosion in 2100 block has been monitored closely by the county, and the north area of the key where the step revetment is in place, is going to require repair; the concrete slabs underneath the road [it is anticipated it will be 18 months to complete]. This will also be discussed at the October 25 meeting. Mike meets with the county every third Wednesday monthly; Tom Stuhley and Dennis Doughty are part of this group. The county has hired a marine engineering company with a range of possibilities and this has been reviewed by the CK committee; one idea was to extend the existing seawall south of 2108; rock revetments have been suggested to break up the wave action and this would be preferable. The sand moves north and south; the marine engineers will determine the best ways to protect the shoreline without exacerbating the properties south.

Mario Messina gave a brief explanation of how the shoreline can be protected by growing corals on tubes that lie on the ocean floor and act as speedbumps to break up the sand; you can potentially create reefs seeded with coral. Mike offered that it has been discussed and that the county has indicated it would be agreeable to approving the coral idea. This would be a good agenda item for the Barrier Island League to consider.

New Business

Bob Metzger will spearhead reconvening the Barrier Island League, to continue to the red tide discussion. He has been in contact with Siesta Key Association and Manasota Key Association.

Diane McNeel asked about the “no fishing” on the Dryman bridge; children are sleeping on the bridge; can we approach the county to post signage on this bridge?

Adjourn

There being no further business to conduct, Tekla moved that the meeting adjourn. We adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah

Deborah Beacham, Secretary