

The Casey Key Association
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
April 3, 2023, 4:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Lisa Napolitano, Dan Deems, Chris Tribelli, Maryanne Andrews, Janet Schwartz

Absent: Dawn Doughty

CKA Residents in Attendance: Terry Dickson, Michael France, Michael Turillo, Clayton Taylor (end of Meeting)

Call to Order Lisa Napolitano

Lisa Napolitano called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm

Minutes - Lisa Napolitano

- Lisa asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes of the 3/6/2023 meeting and if there were any changes. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes. Janet Schwartz approved and Dan Deems seconded.
- Lisa asked if anyone would be interested in being the Secretary to take Minutes for today's meeting (4/3/2023). Lisa Napolitano agreed to take the minutes.

Review Finances - Chris Tribelli

Chris reported that the association has \$12,014.55 in our checking and \$205,297.22 in our Money Market account. Chris indicated the CKA generated \$562.00 in interest

Chris recommended the CKA move funds into a 9-month CD at the market rate. A motion was made to move \$100,000 from the Money Market account. It was unanimously approved.

- Budget versus Actual – Chris reported expenses were in line with budget. Major expense for the month were security, printing, and postage. Motion made to approve Treasurer's report, Janet and Dan approved and seconded.

Membership – Janet Schwartz

Current Membership – Janet reported we have 267 members, we have a few who have rejoined since the last meeting.

CKA Directory – Due to timing, the Directory will not be printed this year.

The Casey Key Shoreline Resiliency Program

CKSRP has made a request to hire Dr Stronge to act as Agent for the CKA for the economic and impact study.

Rationale: The Casey Key Shoreline Resilience Program (a.k.a. Casey Key Ecosystem Project) has reached a point where we need to explain the potential benefits of implementing the program more fully to a wide selection of stakeholders – County elected officials, County staff, Casey Key residents and the general public. To do this, we intend to enlist the services of William B. Stronge, PhD, to conduct a thorough economic and social impact study that will present the benefits of implementing the program and the lost opportunities if the program is not carried out. Dr. Stronge has been involved in the analysis of the impacts of beach restoration and protection programs for more than 30 years. He is a Senior Fellow and Professor Emeritus of Economics at Florida Atlantic University and has provided such studies for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, and the Island of Captiva.

Dan Deems asked that we discuss the letter, because we need to separate and clearly delineate the 2 organizations: the CKA and the CKSRP. There are some shared interests, but that is not the case for everyone.

His opinion and comments:

1. The CKA should not speak on behalf of the CKSRP. Their boards, missions, finances and projects should be kept separate - it is our fiduciary responsibility.

CKSRP response. This is a not being funded by the CKA, and is funded solely by residents' contributions to the donor fund thru the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

2. There are Casey Key residents who have contributed to the CKSRP who are not CKA members (~10% per Dennis' discussion at our **2022** Annual mtg), and many CKA members who have not contributed to, and who do not support, the CKSRP. CKA membership is down in 2023, in large part because of the CKA speaking on behalf, and seemingly fully in support, of the CKSRP mission.

Response: Question was posed to the Membership Director, and it was noted there were approximal less than 5 people who have not renewed due to their views on the CKSRP.

3. Dan wanted to remind the Board that at the SRQ county meeting Nov 16, 22 Rachel Hermann presented the county survey results showing that more than three-quarters of those who responded TO THE COUNTY SURVEY were not in

favor of the resiliency project moving forward (for reference see https://sarasotacounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=48&clip_id=5894 minutes 17:00 to approx 25:00, and attached picture). There certainly was not a majority of those responding to that survey who were in favor, and in fact, many who are vehemently opposed.

4. At that meeting the commission was clearly perturbed by the CKSRP (thru the CKA), sending out its own survey and instructing participants how to answer. The county chose not to move forward with further budgeting discussions. This can disaffect *Good Will* with the county, and potentially delay the critical north and mid-key road and seawall projects.

Response: The CKSRP provide the context of the Alternate Survey which was a direct replication of the County Survey which was done to allow our CK residents the opportunity to provide comments, which the County survey did not. It was the intention to assist the County in obtaining factual information. The County, not the CKA and its working group, chose to exclude those properties south of the 100 Casey Key. The Phase II of the CKSRP includes ALL of Casey Key to the North Jetty.

5. There is an absence of transparency. An RFP was sent, Dr. Stronge engaged and his signature obtained, on a letter that specifically states: “...**the CKSRP of the Casey Key Association...**”, which is not the case.

Response: The CKSRP is a working group of the Casey Key Association, as approved by the CKA Board of Directors on March 16, 2020.

After much discussion, a motion was made to approve and support the **Casey Key Shoreline Resiliency Project “Impact Study” by Dr. Stronge. Vote was 4 to 1 in favor.**

Other Business

All Faiths Foodbank. Lisa indicated that All Faiths Foodbank would be hosting their annual turkey drive on Casey Key. Terry Dickson has offered her property for the event which will be on November 11, 2023. Details are still in process, but it will be called “Friends FULL of Giving” with approximately 150 guests.

It was suggested the CKA Picnic (rescheduled) would be a nice option to host on November 12. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2023 at 4:00 pm