

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PROJECT WIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Meeting of the Project Wide Advisory Committee was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of the District Office, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages Florida, 32162.

Committee Members present and constituting a quorum:

Peter Moeller	Chairman (District 6)
Ron Ruggeri	Committee Member (District 7)
Chuck Wildzunas	Committee Member (District 5)
Dennis Hayes	Committee Member, (District 8)
Steve Printz	Committee Member (District 9)
Don Wiley	Committee Member (District 10)

Staff Present:

Janet Tutt	District Manager
Sam Wartinbee	District Property Management Director
Barbara Kays	Budget Director
Jennifer McQueary	District Clerk
Brittany Wilson	Assistant to District Manager

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chairman Moeller called the meeting of the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) to order at 9:03 a.m. and stated for the record that a representative from each District was present representing a quorum.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of the Minutes

On MOTION by Steve Printz, seconded by Dennis Hayes, with all in favor, the Committee approved the Minutes from the Meeting held on June 6, 2016.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Engineering Review of Morse Bridge Embankment

Richard Busche, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (KHA) advised that the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) authorized KHA to commence with an engineering review for the slope stability analysis of the Morse Bridge Island, which was the result of Staff advising this Committee about concerns pertaining to erosion of the shoreline of the island. Since that time data has been compiled, field inspections have been completed, a geotechnical study was commissioned and analysis pursuant to the scope of services. Mr. Busche advised that KHA has produced and submitted its final report to the District and clarified for the record that KHA did not design or engineer the Morse Boulevard Bridge or the Morse Boulevard embankment.

Tim Fontaine, KHA Coastal Engineer, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the findings of the Engineering Report and advised that the goals and objectives of the project are to prevent any further erosion that has occurred during average wave conditions. The Engineers believe that the erosion was caused by typical weather conditions and not a result of major weather occurrences. Mr. Fontaine stated that the management to address the erosion will be natural and aesthetically pleasing, and provide minimal maintenance, but will not be designed to address significant storm occurrences. Information was reviewed about the survey data collected, the geotechnical field work completed, the fetch limits (distance wind is blowing over water) and the alternatives to address the erosion. Mr. Fontaine highlighted that the existing slope exceeds the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) minimum safety recommendation of 1.5 and the PSI determined erosion is not due to slope instability. The three alternatives presented to address the erosion are 1) rock revetment with fill and plantings which is the highest level of protection and the estimated cost is \$1.5 million with no maintenance requirement; 2) living shoreline with toe breakwater structure will offer a high level of protection and the estimated cost is \$1 million and will have a low maintenance requirement and 3) living shoreline is a lower level of

protection and the estimated cost is \$500,000 but will require the highest level of maintenance. Each alternative is expected to be permittable.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri requested clarification of when the Morse Boulevard Bridge was constructed and turned over to the District. Janet Tutt, District Manager, stated that the Morse Boulevard Bridge was constructed as part of the necessary infrastructure for District 5, Phase 1. Vice Chairman Ruggeri inquired about inspections completed on Morse Bridge. Sam Wartinbee, District Property Management (DPM) Director, advised that the necessary inspections have been completed, and prior to Sumter County accepting maintenance responsibility for the bridge, a load bearing analysis was completed. Vice Chairman Ruggeri inquired about subsequent inspections which Mr. Wartinbee advised would have been completed by Sumter County.

Supervisor Printz stated that the Committee has had this discussion previously and does not understand the focus on the bridge. The issue brought to the Committee by Staff initially, addressed the sloughing that had occurred and the potential stability and condition of the soil on the island. The Engineering Report has identified that normal erosion has occurred over a 13 year period and provided alternatives to control the erosion, if the Committee chooses to.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri stated it is the sediment underneath that supports the bridge and the base structure.

Chairman Moeller stated the Committee did not request that the Engineers review the bridge structure.

Mr. Busche advised there are two (2) separate systems, the culverts which form the bridge and the island which supports the roadway and does not support any part of the bridge. The request from this Committee was to complete an engineering review of the island, not the land underneath the culverts. Any request addressing the soil underneath the culvert falls well outside of the scope of the engineering study requested.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri inquired about bridge scouring.

Chairman Moeller stated that this Committee did not request the Engineer complete a review of the fundamental foundation of the Morse Boulevard Bridge and to receive a hypothetical statement about what might be occurring is outside of this Committee's scope.

Ms. Tutt clarified that there is a perception that this engineering review addressed the Morse Boulevard Bridge, which is incorrect. There is no issue with the structure of the bridge. If an issue were to occur with the structure of the bridge, Sumter County would be addressing those concerns. Staff's inquiry only addressed the erosion of the embankment.

Chairman Moeller stated that the questions posed to the Engineers should remain within the confines of the scope of work that was requested to be performed by this Committee.

Mr. Busche stated that scouring is not what has occurred to the edge of the island, what has occurred to the edge of the island is erosion due to wave action. Scouring is more associated with physical structures that are placed in the water with turbulence in the water, which starts to erode the soil around the structure.

Supervisor Printz stated the questions pertaining to the bridge insinuates that there is something occurring with the bridge which is misleading.

Supervisor Printz referred to the alternatives provided and inquired if there is a life expectancy for each of the alternatives. Mr. Fontaine stated that he would expect options 1 and 2 to have the same life expectancy. Potentially, the rock in options 1 and 2 can move or fall so, after a large weather event, some rocks might have to be replaced. Review and discussion of the alternatives, life expectancy, costs and maintenance occurred and in response to an inquiry, Mr. Fontaine advised that if the Committee chose to take no action at this time, continued erosion would be expected, in some areas worse than others, and exposure of the infrastructure on the island will occur.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri inquired if the Committee chose not to address any remediation at this time and erosion continued could Sumter County hold the District liable if damage occurred to the bridge structure. Ms. Tutt stated if the District does not address the erosion and the erosion impacts the roadway, Sumter County would hold the District liable.

Supervisor Wiley requested clarification of the roadway drainage which was provided by Mr. Busche.

Supervisor Printz inquired how comfortable Staff and the Engineers are with the cost estimates provided or should a Request for Proposal (RFP) be issued to obtain costs for all three (3) alternatives. Mr. Wartinbee stated that due to the engineering that is involved for each of the alternatives he would

not recommend issuing an RFP for all three (3) issues because the cost for the engineering for the bid specifications could be \$100,000.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri suggested inquiring if the Developer or Districts north of CR 466 would participate in the costs for the remediation. Ms. Tutt stated she would question whether that would be a legal expenditure of maintenance assessments from the governmental entities north of CR 466.

Chairman Moeller stated that have been some large irrigation projects completed north of CR 466 and those Districts did not go to other numbered Districts requesting contributions.

Following discussion of the Committee, and receiving input from Staff and Engineers, there was agreement among the Committee that remediation of the erosion had to be completed.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri suggested that the Committee request public input prior to making a final decision.

Supervisor Wildzunas stated this Committee has budgeted \$750,000 to address the erosion and there are available funds to address the remainder, if necessary. This Committee will not be asking the residents to increase the maintenance assessments to correct the erosion issue. Supervisor Wildzunas stated that this Committee has been designated to address these types of items when they are brought forward by Staff. Barbara Kays, Budget Director, confirmed that included in the current Fiscal Year 2015/2016 budget is \$750,000, \$500,000 of which is from Working Capital, if remediation had to occur. The Project Wide Fund estimated ending balance for Working Capital is \$3.2 million and the General Reserve Fund estimated ending balance is \$2.1 million.

Ms. Tutt stated that it would be extremely difficult to present the scope of the erosion issue, the three (3) alternatives and cost estimates to residents in an effective manner.

Chairman Moeller requested Mr. Wartinbee's input on the three (3) alternatives. Mr. Wartinbee stated that the first alternative is the best option to handle any future major rain events much more effectively than the other alternatives and will require no maintenance. Central Florida has been very fortunate to have not received any major weather events in the last 10 years, but there is no guarantee that weather trend will continue and if a major weather event were to occur, the cost to replace maintain alternative three (3) could be \$100,000. A much more permanent alternative would be his choice.

Chairman Moeller stated today's meeting was well publicized and if the public wanted to attend the meeting, this would have been the meeting to attend to provide input.

Discussion among the Committee occurred pertaining to obtaining additional public input and the majority of the Committee concurred that the Committee members were appointed to address these types of items and did not concur with requesting additional public input; however, Vice Chairman Ruggeri disagreed.

Chairman Moeller requested public comment and comments were received encouraging the PWAC to make a decision to address the natural erosion of Lake Sumter.

Rob Jacobs, Village of Bonita, inquired if any maintenance had been completed to the island over the past 13 years to address erosion. Mr. Wartinbee advised standard maintenance was completed to the plant material from the water line up, but there were three (3) major hurricanes that increased the water level of Lake Sumter in 2004 two (2) feet higher than the current level of the lake, which caused some shifting of the embankment. Staff has been aware of the erosion for the past two (2) years and now an engineering assessment has been completed and recommended alternatives provided.

Mr. Busche stated that the Engineers have identified that the current level of fill and plantings exceed the FDOT standards for the embankment. The original design was completed in 2003 by a registered professional Engineer who justly signed and sealed the design and permitted through the necessary agencies.

Sal Torname, District 8, requested clarification of the stone placement for alternative 1, which Mr. Busche provided an example of what the design could be, as the actual specifications have not yet been designed.

Additional resident comments were received concurring with the PWAC's decision to proceed with Alternative 1 and the Engineer's responded to additional inquiries.

Ms. Tutt stated that if the Committee made the decision of which alternative to proceed with, the direction to Staff would be to work with KHA to identify a design and develop a scope of services which would then be brought back to this Committee for review.

On MOTION by Chuck Wildzunas, seconded by Don Wiley, with five Supervisor voting "Aye" and Ron Ruggeri voting "Nay" the Committee directed Staff to work with Kimley-Horn & Associates to identify a scope of services for Alternative 1 – Rock Revetment to correct the natural erosion of the Morse Boulevard embankment.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri inquired what the life expectancy of the embankment was, based on the original design, and if the Committee should consider whether a failure occurred. Vice Chairman Ruggeri also inquired if the Committee would proceed with a request for reimbursement or cost sharing from other entities. Ms. Tutt clarified that the embankment did not fail and stated that erosion is dependent on weather and external circumstances and is not aware if a life expectancy was identified at the time of design.

Supervisor Printz stated that he believes the question is whether this Committee wants to request the firm who constructed the embankment participate in the costs for the revetment. Following further discussion, no direction was provided to Staff to request participation in the cost of the rock revetment.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Fiscal Year 2016/2017 SLCDD Project Wide Fund

Barbara Kays, Budget Director, advised that Staff has provided a copy of the Project Wide Fund Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget which reflects a slight increase of \$73 to the system support line item. However, the cost allocation process has not yet been completed and will not be finalized until the end of August or early September. At this time the Committee can choose to make a motion to recommend the Fiscal Year Project Wide Fund Final Budget to the Sumter Landing Community Development District Board (SLCDD) and Staff will e-mail the final budget to the Committee once all of the final adjustments have been completed or the Committee can choose to meet on Monday, August 29, 2016 to review the final allocation adjustments and then proceed with a motion to recommend to the SLCDD. The date was included on the Budget Calendar as a placeholder, if necessary, because the Committee's September meeting date falls on the Labor Day holiday.

Supervisor Hayes inquired what items are likely to change and to what magnitude. Ms. Kays stated the Management Fees line item will adjust and typically does increase over the current fiscal year. Included in the proposed budget is a 10% placeholder, and although Staff cannot confirm, but does not believe it will exceed the 10% budgeted.

Supervisor Wiley inquired if historically there have been large increases to the Management Fees line item. Ms. Kays stated historically the increase is five (5) to seven (7) percent over the current year budget allocation. Ms. Tutt stated the impact will not be substantial.

On MOTION by Steve Printz, seconded by Chuck Wildzunas, with five Supervisors voting “Aye” and Ron Ruggeri voting “Nay” the Committee recommended the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Project Wide Fund Final Budget to the Sumter Landing Community Development District Board.

Ms. Kays advised that Staff will provide the final Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Project Wide Budget to the Committee via e-mail once all final adjustments have been completed.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri stated he does not agree with the current assessable acreage percentages for the Districts.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Staff Reports

There were no Staff Reports.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Hayes requested a status update on the permit modification to the W-10 Wetland. Mr. Wartinbee advised that the modification was submitted to Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), who requested slight changes, which were made, and the modification was re-submitted on July 14, 2016. Staff anticipates receiving a response from SWFWMD in 30 – 60 days.

Chairman Moeller stated that he believes the Multi-Modal Path Discussion Group (MMPDG) meeting held to review informational and directional signage was very productive and as a result that speed bumps or humps will be discussed at a future meeting. He suggested that each Supervisor request input from the individual Boards and the public in attendance, so that the Committee can discuss the topic at a future meeting. Chairman Moeller requested that Staff include this item on the District 5 – 10 August agendas.

Supervisor Wildzunas inquired when the PWAC will hold its next meeting. Ms. Tutt stated the next scheduled meeting would be held on October 3, 2016. Staff has no pressing items to be addressed but the Committee can choose to meet if they wish.

Chairman Moeller stated the discussion pertaining to the speed bumps/humps could result in all Boards agreeing to remove the existing speed bumps/humps or the Boards will agree to proceed with the consensus of the MMPDG. It would be the intent that if all Boards agree to abide by a certain decision

that will be followed to maintain consistency; however, recognizing that each individual District does retain the ability to proceed as they choose.

Vice Chairman Ruggeri stated he believes an important item for the Boards to consider is the utilization of rumble strips.

The consensus of the Committee was to hold its next meeting on October 3, 2016.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

On MOTION by Chuck Wildzunas, seconded by Dennis Hayes, with all in favor, the Committee adjourned the meeting.

Janet Y. Tutt
Secretary

Peter A. Moeller
Chairman