

VOLUSIA COUNTY BEACH POLICY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for December 8, 2009
VCBP HQ

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of December 8, 2009 was called to order by Chairman Lamotte at 5:31 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman David Lamotte
Vice-Chairman Glenn Storch
Mr. Nick Conte
Mr. Steven Strawn
Mr. David Rigsby
Ms. Judith Craig
Dr. P.T. Bud Fleuchaus

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Worley Pruett
Mr. Jason McGuirk

STAFF PRESENT

Tony Sopotnick, Staff Liaison
Judith Hallock, Administrative Support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steven Strawn moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009. Nick Conte seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Wind Powered Vehicles:** Tony Sopotnick had been requested to contact Volusia County's Environmental Consultant (Mr. Bob Ernest) and inquire about the Habitat Conservation Plan as it related to this topic of discussion. Mr. Ernest had replied that while the HCP did not expressly forbid this activity, he had stated he would have a difficult time recommending support for the idea due to the fact he felt it was not in keeping with the spirit of the HCP. He had added that the Natural Beach Management areas were also intended to allow migratory bird's ample time to rest. He went on to say that a single user might not have much of an impact, however, if the idea should become popular then multiple users could potentially have a significant negative impact on these resting shorebirds. This information had been provided to Board members in advance of this meeting by Tony Sopotnick.

Chairman Dave LaMotte opened discussion by stating that based on the information provided by Mr. Ernest he was hesitant to endorse the idea. This sentiment was also echoed by other members and discussion of the idea ended without further comment.

- B. **Beach Tolls:** Chairman Dave Lamotte opened discussion by stating that he had hoped to propose recommending an arrangement whereby Volusia County property owners would receive a free annual beach pass and the resulting loss of revenue would be offset by raising the daily passes of beach tolls from \$5.00 to \$7.00. He added however, that members of the Volusia County Legal staff had advised this proposal would not be a viable alternative due to legal ramifications.

Vice Chair Glenn Storch suggested moving further discussion about beach tolls to the goal setting session.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Goal setting for 2010:** Board members held a discussion and proposed a set of goals for the upcoming year 2010.

Dave Rigsby suggested that staff (legal, finance, environmental, etc.) relative to the topic being discussed be present at the different meetings held throughout the year.

The following goals were set by board members for 2010:

- Surf school standards and permitting process;
- Beach tolls and off beach parking;
- Beach access ramp review, beautification improvements and signage;
- Beach Marketing; hospitality partnership; diverse beach usage;
- Historical / Educational programs / Podcasts;
- Beach Management Plan review.

- B. **Meeting Dates:** Board members established the following dates to convene for regularly scheduled meetings in 2010:

- January 12
- March 9
- May 11
- July 13
- September 14
- November 9

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Judith Hallock, Beach Safety

MINUTES EDITED BY: Nanci Nolin, Beach Safety