

Rivers Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 29, 2016

Called to Order: 6:05 pm

Attendance: Mark Perry called the meeting to order and called for roll. In attendance: Darrell Brand, Jill Pinkham, George Jones, Charles Grande, Shari Anker, Marty Baum, Stan Giesey, James Harter, Mike Littel, Alan Herskowitz, Don Voss, Leon Abood, Kenny Hinkle Jr., JoAnn Swann, James Harter, Evan Miller, Mike Glynn, Mark Boston, David Lowe, Becky Bruner, John Bobb, Jackie Trancyner, Tara Bardi, Wayne Custer, Peter Fiori.

Special Vote:

Mark Perry called for a vote to make the Treasure Coast Buddhist Cooperative, Inc. a new member of the Rivers Coalition; this was voted on and approved. Mark noted the email addresses and phone numbers to call for RC Members to email government officials regarding the conditions of the water and to encourage water to be sent south.

Mark Perry further discussed the water quality and noted that the West Coast is having similar issues to Martin County. Chairman Emeritus Leon Abood spoke of the importance of continuing to support the Rivers Coalition. Citizens for Clean Water announced the Beach Clean Up on July 2nd at 10:00am at Stuart Beach, the Clean Up is followed by an overhead photo 'Buy the Land.'

River Kidz of Martin County:

Jacqui Thurlow Lippisch presented for River Kidz. She announced the River Kidz participation in a Tie Dye event on Saturday, June 25th.

Special Presentation: Duane De Freese gave a special presentation regarding the "Future of the Indian River Ecosystem." Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

Elected Official Announcement: Senator Joe Negron appeared to discuss and take questions about Governor Scott's State of Emergency for Martin County. This involves: Limiting water coming into Lake Okeechobee from the north, Purchasing pumps to move the water and Looking into land purchases for water storage; Water testing will also be increased. To view Senator Negron's presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

Martin County: Deb Drum presented a comprehensive update on Martin County and discussed the County Commissioners meeting on June 28th. Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio to tour Martin County, their schedule will be posted on the County Website. To view Deb Drum's presentation: Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

WRAC: Mark Perry presented regarding water quality. To view the entire report go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>

Indian Riverkeeper: Kevin Stinet and Mary Baum reported. To see the entire update, you can go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/RiversCoalition>