

**PELICAN BAY SERVICES DIVISION
CLAM BAY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2016**

The Clam Bay Committee of the Pelican Bay Services Division met on Thursday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the SunTrust Bank Building, 801 Laurel Oak Drive, Suite 302, Naples, Florida 34108. In attendance were:

Clam Bay Committee

Susan O'Brien, Chairman

Bohdan Hirniak (*absent*)*

Gary Ventress

*Mr. Hirniak arrived at 1:53 p.m.

Pelican Bay Services Division Staff

Neil Dorrill, Administrator

Marion Bolick, Operations Manager

Mary McCaughtry, Operations Analyst

Lisa Jacob, Associate Project Manager

Barbara Shea, Recording Secretary

Also Present

Peter Duggan, Mangrove Action Group

Tim Hall, Turrell, Hall & Associates

Dave Trecker, PBSB Board member

APPROVED AGENDA (AS AMENDED)

1. Roll call
2. Agenda approval
3. Approval of 12/15/15 meeting minutes
4. Audience comments
5. Updates on the following:
 - a. Erecting an osprey nesting platform near marker 36
 - b. Status of USACE permit application
 - c. Accessing data from new tidal gauges
 - d. Accessing water quality data from STORET
 - e. Data from water level loggers
 - f. Copper readings for November, December, and January
 - g. Copper readings and the County Lab
 - h. Estimated date for 2015 Clam Bay, Tidal Analysis, and Bathymetric reports
6. Clam Bay monitoring
 - a. For January and February
 - b. For March – December 2016
7. Mangroves in Bay Colony
- 7.1 Possibility of signage in Clam Pass (*add-on*)
8. Other
9. Adjournment

ROLL CALL

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Bohdan Hirniak was absent and a quorum was established

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. O'Brien motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of a discussion item "possibility of signage in Clam Pass" as Item #7.1. In addition, a discussion of "notice to proceed issued by the Army Corps of Engineers" will be discussed with Item #5b. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 12/15/15 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. O'Brien motioned, Mr. Ventress seconded to approve the 12/15/15 meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Duggan commented on the Clam Bay monitoring contract. Dr. Trecker commented on Dr. Tomasko's 2015 Report.

UPDATE ON ERECTING AN OSPREY NESTING PLATFORM NEAR MARKER 36

Tim Hall discussed permits required for an osprey nesting platform and the high cost of equipment needed for installation. Mr. Dorrill will pursue Collier County approval of an osprey nesting platform before the PBSB pursues additional work on cost estimates, a preferred location, and approval by the PBSB Board.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF USACE PERMIT APPLICATION

The USACE has issued a reissuance of public notice for the Clam Pass dredging permit application which now includes notification of it having a ten year construction window. Public comment is due by Feb. 4, 2016. Ms. O'Brien and Tim Hall suggested that it is unlikely that a permit will be issued prior to 2016 turtle nesting season. Marcia Cravens commented on "Notice of Intent to Proceed for Clam Pass Maintenance Dredging Permit;" a document summarizing her comments which was added to the record. Ms. O'Brien commented that the PBSB will oversee all future Clam Pass dredging and will exercise local control.

UPDATE ON ACCESSING DATA FROM NEW TIDAL GAUGES

Ms. Jacob reported that on Thursday, Jan. 28, Kevin Locher of Locher Environmental will provide training on tidal gauge equipment and data retrieval to PBSB staff, our engineers, and our Clam Bay consultants.

UPDATE ON ACCESSING WATER QUALITY DATA FROM STORET

Ms. O'Brien reported that she was unable to sign onto STORET. Tim Hall offered to provide her with all of the sign-on components she requires to access the STORET information.

UPDATE ON DATA FROM WATER LEVEL LOGGERS

Tim Hall reported that the south end logger has failed; the middle and north end loggers continue to be operational. He had set up these loggers to report water levels annually.

UPDATE ON COPPER READINGS FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, & JANUARY

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Tim Hall reported that he has received the November copper readings and will provide them to the PBSB as soon as possible. He expects to receive the December readings shortly.

UPDATE ON COPPER READINGS AND THE COUNTY LAB

Mr. Bolick reported that the Collier County Pollution Control Lab expects to be operational sometime in February. His goal is to replace Benchmark with the County Lab to obtain copper readings beginning in March, which would result in a lower cost for this service.

UPDATE ON ESTIMATED DATE FOR 2015 CLAM BAY, TIDAL ANALYSIS, AND BATHYMETRIC REPORTS

Tim Hall reported that his goal is to provide the 2015 Clam Bay, tidal analysis, and bathymetric reports to the PBSB Board members by Wednesday, January 27.

CLAM BAY MONITORING

Mr. Dorrill spoke to Adam Northrup, Collier County Procurement Services, regarding the PBSB Board's failure to approve Earth Tech's proposal for Clam Bay monitoring. Mr. Northrup's preference is to reject all of the proposals received and to resolicit proposals with a more detailed scope. Mr. Dorrill has asked Mr. Northrup to confer with Ms. Joanne Markiewicz, Procurement Services Director, for direction forward.

MANGROVES IN BAY COLONY

Tim Hall reported that he will conduct a field visit on Saturday, Jan. 23 to examine the channels in Clam Bay. Mr. Bolick reported that he is waiting for proposals from two vendors for water management work to clear mangrove channels in Clam Bay located in Bay Colony. Once proposals are received, the lowest qualified bidder will be contracted to complete this work.

Tim Hall reported that the infrared aerial photo of Clam Bay has been taken. He has observed huge leaf loss in the mangroves in Bay Colony; he believes that the dying mangroves are primarily younger vegetation.

COMMITTEE MEMBER BOHDAN HIRNIAK JOINED THE MEETING AT 1:53 PM.

POSSIBILITY OF SIGNAGE IN CLAM PASS

Committee members discussed the City of Naples consideration of installation of informational signs reading, "You are responsible for your wake – reckless/careless operation strictly enforced." The City may apply for a permit to install these signs on the current pilings in Moorings Bay. Committee members will continue to monitor the progress of this issue at the City of Naples and will discuss this issue again at a future meeting.

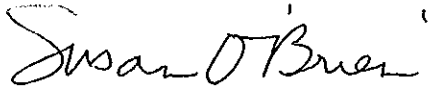
OTHER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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Susan O'Brien, Chairman

Minutes approved [] *as presented* OR [] *as amended* ON [] *date*