

Indian River Lagoon National Scenic Byway (IRLNSB) Coalition Meeting
Ted Moorhead Lagoon House, Palm Bay, FL 32905
November 3, 2016

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order – 10:05 a.m. /Roll Call/Introductions

Board of Directors:

Tim Ford, City of Titusville, President

Bob Day, Brevard County Resident, Vice President

Board Members:

Mary Chapman, St. Lucie County resident

Marsha Cantrell, Brevard County Resident

Celeste Henry, City of Melbourne Beautification Committee

Members/Guests:

Claudia Calzaretta, FDOT District 5 Scenic Highways Coordinator

Karen Ford, Atkins

2. Presentation: Dr. Jim Lappert of the Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA) provided a power point presentation on Living Shorelines. Dr. Lappert showed an example of a Living Shoreline in Pensacola consisting of oyster beds, vegetation and sand. The use of Living Shorelines in the Pensacola area came about due to the erosion and problems caused by a number of hurricanes that have hit that area. It was noted that Living Shorelines not only provide environmental benefits but also service people by providing recreational benefits for kayakers because of the breakwater and walkers along the shoreline as trail interpretive signs can be included. The oyster beds and vegetation improve water quality and increase biodiversity by filtering water and providing protection for young fish. Examples of a hardened property with a seawall next to a property with a living shoreline after a hurricane in South Carolina were shown which showed that there was more damage to the hardened property than the property with the living shoreline. Dr. Lappert discussed how hardened shorelines add to habitat loss and that Living Shorelines will help with sea level rise. Dr. Lappert went on to state that there are approximately 20 living shoreline projects being planned from Titusville to Stuart.
3. Minutes – Motion was made by Bob Day and seconded by Marsha Cantrell to approve the September 1, 2016 meeting minutes. The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Due to the September meeting agenda omitting the Adoption of Minutes, a motion was made to approve the July 7, 2016 meeting minutes by Marsha Cantrell and seconded by Bob Day. The July meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Coalition Meeting Schedule/Guest Speakers – Guest speakers for the Coalition’s 2017 meeting schedule were discussed by the members. Celeste Henry volunteered to have someone from the Liberty Bell Memorial Museum in Melbourne to speak at the January meeting. Tim Ford stated that the Downtown Titusville Welcome Center will be completed and a representative of the Greater Titusville Renaissance can speak to the Coalition about what is happening in Titusville at the March 2, 2017 meeting. There are many things happening along the byway in Titusville, including regional/national trail, redevelopment and new development. Members were asked to think of other speakers/presentations for the remaining meetings. Mary Chapman mentioned she would try to get a speaker from the Citizen Climate Lobby.
5. Byway – Suntree Rotary Kiosk at Rotary Park, Brevard County – Tim Ford informed the attendees that he would be attending a November 11, 2016 Rotary meeting where the group will be presenting a check to sponsor a kiosk at Suntree Rotary Park. Coordination will be needed to obtain content from the Rotary for their side of the kiosk, Brevard County Parks and Recreation and with Kona Construction.
6. Byway Map Display at the Ted Moorhead Lagoon House Scenic Byway Welcome Center – Tim Ford noted that the Byway Display Map Table at the Lagoon House was old and needed to be updated. Karen Ford stated that a grant from Visit Florida might be available to fund a new map. Karen was advised to get with Anne Mayer of the MRC about the grant opportunity.
7. Coalition Election for 2017 – Tim Ford announced that four (4) member seats were up for election in January. The seats were Tim Ford’s, Bob Day’s, Nicole Capp-Holbrook’s, and Marsha Cantrell’s. All of the members indicated that they would re-up.
8. Committee Reports -
 - a. Website Committee – Nicole Capp-Holbrook was not in attendance due to preparation for the ribbon cutting for the Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve Welcome Center. FDOT Scenic Highway Coordinator Claudia Calzaretta informed the Coalition that Corridor Solutions was hired to evaluate all of the Scenic Highway webpages. A report would be provided to each of the byway organizations and the organizations can determine what changes they want to make. A FDOT contractor would help to fix any web site issues.
9. Report of Officers
 - a. President – Tim Ford announced that the 2017 Annual Work Plan was submitted to District 5.
 - b. Vice President – No report
 - c. Treasurer – No report.
10. Florida Scenic Highways Program Update – Claudia Calzaretta and Mike Palozzi provided the following update:
 - a. SHAC Meeting Debrief – Tim Ford and Claudia Calzaretta provided an update on a teleconference the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee held on 10/19/16 regarding a restructuring of the SHAC to include representation from representatives from all of the Scenic Highways in the state. There was a concern that the additional duties would cause a burden on the volunteer byway representatives.

- b. Signage Update – The signage plan for Indian River County was under review. Once the review is completed, signs will be ordered. Installation is expected in the first quarter of the 2017.
 - c. Byway Annual Report (FY 2016) – Tim Ford reported that the Annual Byway Report will be due in either February or March. (The actual date is February 1, 2017)
 - d. D5 Byways Spring Workshop – Claudia Calzaretta informed the Coalition of that the Spring Workshop is scheduled for 3/9/16 in Deland at the Kepler Maintenance Building. More information will be forth coming on the number of byway members that can attend.
 - e. Scenic Drive Signs - Claudia continued her research into the Scenic Drive monument found on Rockledge Drive. Ms. Calzaretta found that there is another monument located on Tropical Trail on Merritt Island. Claudia is still working to see about getting the County or volunteers to clean-up the Rockledge Drive monument.
11. New Business – Mary Chapman stated that the South Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway in St. Lucie County was working on a brochure map. Mary also reported that there is going to be an Indian River Lagoon Treasure Coast invitational meeting with the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to discuss the organization of the South Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway. Mike Palozzi, Karen Ford, Claudia Calzaretta and Tim Ford via teleconference) will be available to answer questions about scenic byway administration.
12. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.