

MINUTES OF THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND PRESERVATION INITIATIVE (HIPI)
BOARD MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

President Lanci called the HIPI board meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Answering to roll call were Elizabeth Farrar, John Hodge, Barbara Seaton, Angela Ratinella, Ralph and Patty Jones. Board members absent were Mary Jo Askew, Paul Laura, and Dr. Wayne Maxson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Seaton, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 board meeting. Upon voice vote, all those present said aye and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Dr. Maxson, the Treasurer's Report was tabled to the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Mr. Hodge reported as of June, 2022 there were 72 HIPI members. As of this meeting, there are 80 members.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL REPORT: Mr. Jones and Mr. Hodge reported they held a President's Council of Hutchinson Island, Martin Co. meeting on August 17, 2022 at the Elliott Museum. One agenda item was the Senate Bill 4D, Building Safety including the Milestone Structural Inspection requirements and Structural Integrity Reserve Study and Reserve Funding Requirements. Jane L. Cornett, Board Certified Specialist, Condo and Planned Development Law of the firm Becker & Poliakoff gave a detailed presentation, including a question and answer session. Highlights of the presentation included there will be no waiving of reserves, inspection reports must go to the County, Condo Board, and any new buyer.

Mr. Hodge and Mr. Jones reported they are seeking Jim Gorton, Martin County Public Works Director, to be the speaker at the next meeting of the President's Council to speak about the County's proposed use of the Island MSTU funds for one of two projects on the Island in Martin County.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: Mr. Laura reported that the Army Corps closed the lock on Lake O. and water quality continues to be very good due in big part to no rain. Mr. Laura also spoke of the need to preserve open agricultural lands. He also addressed the Rural Lifestyle code amendments which are being considered and could have an adverse impact on the environment. President Lanci moved, seconded by Ms. Ratinella, that HIPI hold a special meeting to consider what vision HIPI would like for open agricultural land use and preservation. Upon voice vote, those present all voted aye. The motion carried. President Lanci reported "Beach Cleanup" is scheduled for Saturday. Meet at the FOS.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Farrar said she had sent an email blasts concerning President's Council meeting and on the County's consideration of Comprehensive Plan Amendments regarding Rural Lifestyle. Ms. Farrar said she would like articles a.s.a.p. from Board members for the October 1st newsletter.

INVITING MEMBERS AND/OR PUBLIC TO BOARD MEETINGS: This matter was discussed briefly and tabled for future consideration. The idea of sporadically inviting members to a board meeting was discussed based on importance of issues.

INVITING DOUG SMITH TO HIPI BOARD MEETING (PUBLIC OR PRIVATE): Board members felt it would be better to have Comm. Smith at a meeting of Board members only as it would be less "political" for him as he might be more open to discussion without an audience. Again, members agreed we should try to have him feel included and hopefully get on board with representing the residents' stand on issues.

FUTURE VENUES: Ms. Seaton said she has been talking with the Marriott manager but would like to give her a little more time to acclimate to her new position before asking if HIPI can use their meeting room free of charge. It was agreed the Elliott is good but the room is small and only available at 5 p.m. on Tuesday car show nights, or during the earlier part of the day. The Marriott would allow for more flexibility for meeting times and would accommodate more people.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. at President Lanci's home.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared and submitted by:

Patricia L. Jones, Secretary