

MINUTES OF THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND PRESERVATION INITIATIVE (HIPI)

MEETING HELD WEDNESDDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was held at Renato's Restaurant and via Zoom. President Dottie Lanci called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Board members present were Ralph and Patricia Jones, Jim and Sue Foley, John Hodge, Paul Laura, Angela Ratinella and Elizabeth Farrar. Board members Barbara Seaton and Dr. Wayne Maxson were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Foley moved, seconded by Mrs. Foley, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 board meeting as presented. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD RESIGNATIONS: President Lanci read a letter of resignation dated April 20, 2022 from Jim and Sue Foley. Jim Foley resigned from the board position of Treasurer and Sue Foley resigned as a director from the HIPI board effective immediately. The Foleys were original founding members of HIPI and are moving to California to be near their children. The Foleys were also instrumental in beginning the Condo President's Council of Hutchinson Island in Martin County. They have been residents of Hutchinson House and active in conservation and preservation of the sea turtles and ocean wildlife and plants. The fact that they are leaving is a tremendous loss to the number of actively concerned residents that have made a difference in the Martin County portion of Hutchinson Island. President Lanci presented the Foley's with a parting gift.

NEW HIPI TREASURER: Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Mr. Hodge, to remove Ms. Hilarie Davis and Mr. Jim Foley from the HIPI board as Treasurer and appoint Dr. Wayne Maxson as Treasurer effective immediately. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Dr. Maxson, President Lanci read the Treasurer's report submitted by Dr. Maxson as of April 19, 2022 as follows: beginning balance 3/25/22 \$1,538.28; checks written, none; deposits \$280.00; balance as of 4/18/22 (after \$120.00 check clears) \$1,938.28.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Mr. Hodge submitted a HIPI membership report as of 4/19/22 as follows: 58 people in attendance at the 3-30-22 annual meeting.

25 existing members; 8 new members. Received 25 memberships from mailing. Mr. Hodge reported membership has gone from 26 known members initially to 71 members as of 4-19-22.

RECEIPTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR HIPI RELATED EXPENSES: President Lanci stated board members should submit receipts even if the cost is being donated for HIPI related expenses. President Lanci explained that this is per direction from the consulting CPA, Mr. Flowers, for tax return purposes. President Lanci also reported that Mr. Flowers was successful in obtaining an extension on the HIPI tax return to September, 2022 and requested relief for penalties levied against HIPI for not filing a tax return in previous years since 2018.

FOLLOW UP ON LIGHTING PROJECT WITH MPO: Ms. Jones reported there is nothing new to report on the lighting and safety improvement plans for A1A along the Hutchinson Shores Resort north to the Jensen Beach Roundabout. President Lanci reported that she and Ms. Farrar will be meeting May 2nd with Jim Gorton, Public Works Director for Martin County, regarding this and possible projects to be funded by the Martin Co. Hutchinson Island MSTU fund balance of \$418,000 ear marked for beautification, safety and road improvement projects.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF HUTCHINSON ISLAND, MARTIN COUNTY: Ms. Farrar moved, seconded by Ms. Ratinella, that Ralph Jones and John Hodge take over the President's Council as HIPI liaisons. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEWSLETTER TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS: Ms. Farrar said she will be working on posting a May 1st newsletter. It was agreed that founding members and ex-officio members of HIPI will be listed on the website. Ms. Farrar requested articles from Jim Foley regarding President's Council; Paul Laura on Environmental; Patty Jones on lighting/safety project for A1A and she and President Lanci would prepare report on meeting with Jim Gorton.

FUTURE HIPI MEETING DIRECTION: This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting was set for Wednesday, May 18th, at 7 p.m. to be held at the Lanci residence and via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Hodge, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by Patricia L. Jones, Secretary

May 9, 2022