

MINUTES OF THE HUTCHINSON ISLAND PRESERVATION INITIATIVE (HIPI)

MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2022 VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON AT PRES. LANCI'S HOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. Answering to roll call were President Dottie Lanci, Jim and Sue Foley, Barbara Seaton, John Hodge, Ralph and Patty Jones, Paul Laura, and Elizabeth Farrar. Todd Berwick and Hilarie Davis were absent. (Foleys were meeting in person with Pres. Lanci.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hodge moved, seconded by Mr. Foley, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Lanci, in the absence of Treasurer Hilarie Davis, reported the balance as of 12/21/21 was \$1,579.02. Ms. Davis's report included that she e-filed tax returns for 2018, 2019, and 2020. The statement was made that HIPI paid a 21% or 23% tax rate.

TREASURER'S RESIGNATION SUBMITTED: President Lanci reported receiving the resignation of Hilarie Davis as Treasurer effective January 7, 2022. Since the election of officers is soon, it was agreed that President Lanci along with the assistance of Jim Foley, former Treasurer, and Sue Foley, would perform the duties of Treasurer in the interim. No Treasurer would be named at this time.

Ms. Farrar said she would send a copy of the bylaws to Ginny Sherlock for her information with regard to HIPI's formal designation with IRS and State, i.e. 501C3 Not for Profit or Charitable Organization.

HUTCHINSON ISLAND MARTIN COUNTY PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING: Jim and Sue Foley have developed the list of HOA Presidents to be invited to the first President's Council meeting for the HOA's in Martin County on the Island. Mr. Jones said he would contact the Elliott Museum to ascertain a date for the meeting.

NEW WEBSITE: Ms. Farrar reported that there is no official domain name as yet. Ms. Farrar asked board members to proof read the website as she has

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Prepared it before going public with it. The website was suggested to be HIPI.MARTIN, not HIPI.STUART.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER: Ms. Farrar asked board members to prepare articles for the newsletter as follows:

Patty Jones – FDOT Lighting Safety Study A1A

Jim Foley - President's Council Meeting

Paul Laura – Conservation

John Hodge – Membership

Dottie Lanci - Annual Meeting

REPORT ON CONSERVATION: Mr. Laura reported water farms have been started. There will be more reservoirs. The IRL doesn't get as much replenishment from the ocean at the north near Pt. Canaveral where they are planning an inlet. Right now it takes 6 to 8 months to replenish fresh ocean water to the north IRL. While the south end of the IRL replenishes with ocean water in one to two days.

Mr. Laura reported that he will be out of the country for 3 months but will be reading email.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE; John Hodge agreed to be responsible for the HIPI Membership List. Ms. Farrar agreed to forward her records of members to Mr. Hodge. They are in an Excel spreadsheet and Mr. Hodge said he would populate it with updated information. He asked for help and information sharing from other board members. H suggested that each board member should have a goal of getting five new members this year.

ANNUAL MEETING 2022: Ralph Jones said he would ask the Elliott for a few dates at the end of March, 2022 for the Annual Meeting. It was agreed by Paul Laura that he would be the best person to invite Merritt Matheson, Mayor of Stuart; Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, S. FL Water Management Dist.; and Don Donaldson, County Administrator. Martin County Sheriff's Rep was also mentioned.

NEXT MEETING DATE: It was agreed the next meeting would be Wednesday, 2-2-22 at 7 p.m. entirely via Zoom.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Patricia L. Jones, Secretary

February 1, 2022