MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION
February 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Secret Woods Nature Center – Julia Hall Meeting Room
2701 West State Road 84, Dania Beach, Florida, 33312

I CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

II ROLL CALL: Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Members:

Doug Beals	John Fiore	Spencer Taintor
Cliff Berry	Peter Grady	Clive Taylor
Mark Ercolin	Kelvin Haynes	Barry Webber

Staff:
Jay Sanford, Staff Liaison, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division
Cheri Gagné, Broward County Parks & Recreation Division

Spencer Taintor introduced himself to the Committee as the head of Saint Marks Episcopal School. He continued that the school has launched the first ever manmade tidal pool on the middle river for research purposes. Dr. Taintor stated that he was born and raised in Florida and looks forward to adding to the Committee wherever he can.

III PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mark Ercolin made the motion to approve the December 1, 2022, meeting minutes and Clive Taylor seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

V CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Sanford reported that letters went out to all EMLEG applicants notifying them of the review meetings.

VI OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Sanford stated that included in the agenda packet was the manatee report and a new report was delivered today and counted 128 manatees in Broward County.

Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant (EMLEG): Mr. Sanford provided an overview of the nine EMLEG applications. He noted that differences from last year's requests include both BSO and Hollywood requesting an hourly increase to $52 per hour as well as BSO requesting funds for new engines and night vision goggles. Mr. Sanford reported that Chair Fiore does not support funding equipment and it was only at the beginning of the EMLEG program where equipment was funded. Cliff Berry asked if vessel registrations, which fund the EMLEG, have increased. Mr. Sanford replied that the EMLEG fund has stayed static at receiving around $400,000 per year.

Mr. Sanford stated that included in the agenda packet was the EMLEG 21-22 project payments and balances with the current balance of the fund being about $1.3 million. He continued that also included is the review schedule for the EMLEG program and the EMLEG totals from FY 94-22.

VIII CHAIR'S REPORT: NONE

IX DANIA BEACH MAB REPORT: Mr. Taylor stated that he met with the new mayor of Dania Beach, and the mayor wants to add more members to the Board. Mr. Taylor added that it would be advantageous to provide the new mayor with a tour of the waterways and use that time to discuss the airport property in Dania Beach.

X POMPANO BEACH MAB REPORT: NONE

XI LIAISON'S REPORT: Mr. Sanford thanked all members for attending the meeting. He stated that the Broward County Waterway Cleanup will be on Saturday March 4, 2023, and let members know that the County boat is available for the event if any members are interested.

XII MAC MEMBER COMMENTS: Chair Fiore apologized for being late to the meeting. He noted that he wanted to express his concern for BSO requesting a higher hourly rate as well as funds for night vision goggles and outboard motors. He stated that funding equipment is currently unprecedented and EMLEG has not funded outboard motors since starting the program in 1996.

XIII ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.