

UPPER CAPTIVA ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING: July 15, 2009

Board Members Present: Bert Trapanese, **President**, John Fuller, **Treasurer**, John Porter, **Secretary**, Jeff Henderson.

Islanders Present: none

1. **Call to order:** President called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.
2. **Waver of meeting notice:** as provided in bylaws. **Motion** Bert Trapanese **seconded** Jeff Henderson and was **unanimously approved**.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes of the May 12, 2009 Board Meeting were read by Secretary John Porter. John Fuller **moved**, Bert Trapanese **seconded**, and the vote was **unanimously to approve** minutes as written.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer, John Fuller presented a report detailing:
 - A. Checking Balance is \$24,859.78
 - B. We are approximately \$7,000.00 under projected spending at this time.
John Porter **moved**, Bert Trapanese **seconded**, and the vote was **unanimously to approve** Treasurer's Report as written.
5. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary John Porter reported that all routine items have been done. (agenda, minutes, etc.)
Bert Trapanese **moved**, Jeff Henderson **seconded**, and the vote was **unanimously to approve** Secretary's Report as written.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. Trailer Title: Bert Trapanese has the notarized trailer title. He will now register it with the state.
 - B. North Captiva Dunes concrete: Jeff Henderson informs us that the concrete has been removed. The fence remains on the N.C.D. lot.
 - C. Bert's name on checking account: To be done.
 - D. D & O Insurance: John Porter and John Fuller will complete the application form supplied by the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies and report at our next meeting any progress in this area.
 - E. Information on golf coarse grader: Bert Trapanese will contact the local Toro distributor and ask them to test their sand trap grader on our roads.
 - F. Thank you note to contributors: Bert Trapanese will compose for our next meeting.
 - G. Equipment storage issues: In progress. We have discussed; Leaving it on the side of one of our roads (currently Sea Air), leaving it on someone's commercial lot, leaving it on one of the Clubs commercial areas, leaving it on any public or government property on the island, acquiring property where we could leave it, and more.

- H. Tractor drivers: Jeff Henderson is developing a process for training and approving tractor drivers.
- I. What to maintain: We continue to discuss the scope of the U.C.R.C. Some topics are; roads, vegetation, signage, etc.

7. New Business:

- A. Bert Trapanese had a meeting with Christie Anders and Tom Levine on Sunday, July 13, 2009. Christie has been working with the Sanibel Conservation ----- for --- years and Tom has been----- With this wealth of background information we feel that their opinions and suggestions might provide some solutions to our ongoing roadway problems. Aerial photographs were provided from the 1940's, 1950's, & 1970's. It was extremely interesting to note the expansion/contraction of our shoreline. It was also interesting to note the sand dune patterns that occur roughly paralleling the beach that provides natural flooding protection. The 1940's photograph shows a landscape of sand dunes, open savannas, and palm trees, all prior of the invasives. It is interesting to see forest patterns that indicate low lying land and water at the same places that we currently have problems. It was explained that our current pothole or large puddle problem only gets worse with time. Apparently as these puddles occur the smaller sand particles rise to the surface and are lost. The puddle becomes deeper with time. As we drive through these puddles we further compound the problem by compacting the sand creating a situation where the puddle drains slower. They felt that we can move the sand around with our grader or other tools forever without addressing the primary problem...sand. Pushing the same sand around produces diminishing returns each time it is done. We really need fill. We need to build up those low lying areas to provide run off and a safe flat roadway. In 2008 the state allowed us to access sand from the canal dredging off Rum road. We realized then that we needed sand. 50% of the available sand was taken at this time. We now need to ask permission and go in there and remove the remaining sand available to us. This however will still not be enough sand. The UCRC needs to create a long term strategy for the maintenance of the roadways. Acquiring sand fill needs to be a primary item on this strategy. *Bert, you had the meeting, do you want to add more or correct anything?* I know we didn't make any motions, but did we say we will all assess the situation? *Are we going to contact the state?*

8. Topics for discussion from last meeting:

- A. Membership: Still developing ideas.
- B. Communication: Same as above.
- C. Work List: Same as above.
- D. Operating policy: Same as above.
- E. Volunteers: Same as above.

9. Maintenance Projects: No special projects have been requested. Routine maintenance will be done as required. At the time of this meeting it has been extremely dry.

10. Public Comment: No comments have been received since last meeting.

11. **Next meeting date:** July 23, 2009. Time to be determined.
12. **Adjourn:** Bert Trapanese **moved**, John Fuller **seconded**, and the vote was **unanimously to adjourn** the meeting at 2:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

John Porter, Secretary.