

SAINT JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ROUNDTABLE
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Lofgren at 9:00 AM

The minutes of the October 14, 2013 meeting were accepted as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1918.17.

President Lofgren introduced the speaker, Mr. Herb Ripke, Commissioner, Saint Augustine Port, Waterways and Beach Commission.

Commissioner Ripken gave an overview of the Commission. He stated that the Commission was authorized by the state legislature in 1937 as a result of needed local input to the creation of the new Saint Augustine Inlet by the Army Corps of Engineers. The commission has five Commissioners and an annual budget of \$500,000. It's primary function is to seek to improve the port and waterways of Saint Augustine for the economic benefit of the City and County.

He reviewed some of the Commission projects including the Vilano Boat Ramp, Saint Augustine Harbor Mooring Fields, Lighthouse Dock, Dredging of Salt Run and the San Sabastian River and The Removal of Derelict Boats.

He also discussed the status of the Saint Augustine Inlet dredging plan. He indicated that the revised plan would provide for 1/3 of the sand dredged to be deposited north of the inlet.

There was considerable discussion regarding the derelict boats and the inlet dredging plan.

Other Items

1. Ed Olsen reported that the State Attorney had indicted the South Ponte Vedra dog owner who was responsible for attacks on the beach.
2. Jerry Cameron announced that there would be another meeting on Concurrence tomorrow at the County Administration building. He also stated that the County was working on balancing the budget in light of all the capital expenditures required as a result of deferred maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted

Ed Olsen
Secretary