

## MINUTES OF THE CAUSEWAY AND COASTAL WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Rd.  
January 9, 2024 / 8:00AM

**Members Present:** Kathleen Sands Martin, Al Crossman, Jill Gunn, Bob Kearton, Dave Birkenhauer, Nancy Schmidt Jim Hughes, Phil Wirth, Ron Matuska and Glen Steinke.  
**Unexcused:** Harry Mattheus and Tom Parson

**City Staff:** Lanie Sheets

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 8:02 by Chair Jill Gunn

Reviewed the “unexcused” attendance policy. If a member cannot attend a meeting it will be recorded as unexcused. Reminding everyone that if someone misses consecutive three meetings or 50%, they may be removed from the committee unless the committee votes to excuse the extended absence. Lanie stated that it should not be a concern for this committee.

### **New Business:**

**Officers for 2024:** Jill Gunn – Chair; Bob Keaton – Vice Chair and Kathleen Sands Martin – Secretary.  
Unanimously approved.

We also discussed having tents with our names printed so we can address everyone by name.

### **Annual Report:**

The members approved the report with one exception. The changing of the word subcommittee. Jill will correct and present at the February meeting. Nancy approved with the exception and Rob 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Resolution:** Long time standing document. Sent as annual reminder.

**Meeting Calendar:** Meetings will be held January through July; and September through November. August and December no meeting unless it is deemed to be necessary. Due to election day being on March 12<sup>th</sup> and individuals work at the polls; March meeting will be held on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Jim made a motion and Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Orientation Package:** Dave has rough draft and Phil was also reviewing. Lanie reminded everyone that they cannot discuss outside of the meeting. Dave is to send the package to Lanie, and she will distribute it to the group.

**Dredging of Causeway:** Glen had no new information for the committee. A lengthy discussion transpired regarding the loss of sand material and restoration options. Discussed project staging; moving sand from Honeymoon Island to Causeway; new bridge was mentioned, which is still in design and funding phase.

A deep dive into the “causeway”. The causeway is not a beach; it is a roadway. State and federal funding pay the cost of refurbishment of the beach at honeymoon island. County owns the causeway the city pays for and maintains the trash and greenery. It was mentioned that the county is expressing concern to the city regarding the monies being spent and wants the city to take on more of the burden. There are a lot of issues with the potential restoration with the two largest being money and permitting. There was a deep dive discussion which was not resolved as the situation is very complicated.

#### **Area Reports:**

- a) **Causeway** – Dave Birkenhauer Southside bringing in rocks and it looks wonderful.
- b) **Boating Report** – Nancy Schmidt. North side is derelict boat. Laurie is aware and Glen stated he saw the owners on the sailboat. Not abandoned.
- c) **Storm Water Report** – Tom Parson – Absent No report
- d) **CEQS Report** – Robert Kearton – No Report
- e) **Public Safety Report** – Jim Hughes – Voting on new officers.
- f) **Concessionaire Report** – Glen Steinke. Due to cold weather food side was closed for 8 days in December. It has been very windy, and business is slow. Nancy mentioned minimum air and water temperatures to sail.

#### **Open Floor**

Rob mentioned the entrance of the strip mall located on Causeway Blvd/Alt 19. The parking lot is an eye sore, is it possible to have the owner update the area? It is heard the owner lives out of state and has no desire to clean up the area.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- a) February 13
- b) Future Topics:
  - a. Annual Report
  - b. Orientation Package

**Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 9:02AM