

## SAVE THE HOMOSASSA RIVER ALLIANCE MEETING

7:00 PM 10/14/2021

Homosassa Civic Club, 5530 S Mason Creek Rd, Homosassa, FL 34448

1. President Kapocsi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll call – Board members present were Kapocsi, Rose, Rendueles, Runyon, Colvin, and Rimbey. Jacobs, Green, and Minguy were absent.
3. Treasurer's Report – Previous Balance as of 2021-09-30 was \$15,595.24. Current balance as of 2021-09-30 was \$16,559.04.
4. Secretary's Report – Mr. Kapocsi made a motion that reading of minutes from the 2021-09-09 be waived. Motion passed. The minutes are on HRA's website.
5. Mr. Kapocsi brought up the topic of pending Springs Protection Zone legislation. In general, the opinions expressed from those who submitted comments were that the proposed legislation does not go far enough to protect our springs and spring runs. Hernando County has been much more involved in the process than Citrus County and has already approved a SPZ for the Weeki Wachee.
6. Mr. Kapocsi stated the Homosassa River restoration project appears to be on schedule to complete its work before the beginning of manatee season as required by its permit.
7. Mr. Kapocsi has been asked to be on the advisory committee to the newly established Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve. Thanks were given to the Pew Charitable Trusts for their effort to establish the Preserve.
8. The next HRA meeting will be postponed to November 18 to coordinate with the needs of the Homosassa Seafood Festival.
9. Mr. Kapocsi introduced guest speaker Citrus County Commissioner Ron Kitchen. Mr. Kitchen discussed the difficulty of establishing speed zones on the river, the budgetary constraints of giving every proposed project funding, and the likelihood of Citrus County becoming a bedroom community for the Tampa area with the extension of the expressway.
10. Gerry Mulligan, former publisher of the Citrus County Chronicle, will be the guest speaker at the November 11 HRA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Brad W. Rimbey