

HOMOSASSA RIVER ALLIANCE - June 10, 2021

President Kapocsi welcomed all present, said Pledge. First meeting in 15 months.

Awards Given:

1. \$500 Homosassa River Alliance Scholarship given to Natalia Donaldson.
2. Water Warrior of the year Award presented to Roger Cullen by Rodney MacRae. Roger touted as "Founding Father" of Access to the River Project, River Restoration Project. Both projects originated with Roger.
3. Cindy and Steve Minguy for their work on the River Restoration Project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Bal., \$13,335.2. Ending Bal. \$14,339.64.
No minutes read.

NEW BUSINESS: River Updates

Kate Spratt/Alonda McCarty – Noise Ordinance on the Homosassa.

Alonda drafting an ordinance. A 5-0 vote was passed by the BOCC to get county attorney to look at ordinance. They have 90 days to work with the attorney to get it on agenda for BOCC to vote it into an ordinance. Ordinance only for Homosassa in designated areas. First step to a long process. She recommended:

- calling the non emergency sheriff number to report problems.
- Attending the BOCC meeting (date not set yet) when BOCC votes on this issue

Don Hiers – Blue Water Sewer Project

Don has worked hard to achieve and bring this project to the attention of those who could help achieve this goal. Governor DeSantis has signed budget so money will be available for sewer hookup in the Blue Water area which has been moved up the list. Geographic area: from Blue Water Forrest/Spring Cove, to Le Woods. Not sure if Shell Point is included. Thanks to Ruthie Schlabach, Senator Simpson and Rep. Massullo for helping move and acquire funds for this project.

Sue Pagano/Rodney MacRae – Speed Limit changes on the Homosassa.

Proposing to change the speed on the river to a year round slow speed/minimum wake zone from Marker 2 to Monkey Island, eliminating the 0.6 mile area which is 25 mph. Need to get the BOCC to request this change which can only be put into place by FWC. All encouraged to attend BOCC meeting on June 22nd

Steve Minguy – River Restoration Project.

Work is progressing – They have cleaned and planted grass on the East side of Fishbowl Bridge, Spring Cove Canal, and are moving down river. Will stop during scalloping season. Will continue moving up towards Hall's River, about 32 acres. Waiting on more funds; working with Senator Simpson on this.

Meeting Adjourned at 815.

Iris Rose