

SAVE THE HOMOSASSA RIVER ALLIANCE MEETING
2/14/2019
The meeting began at 7:00 at the Homosassa Civic Club

President Kopocsi welcomed guests and members.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance	\$11,619.62
Deposits	132.00
Checks/Withdrawals	864.20
Ending Balance	\$10,887.42

Report was approved and seconded

Minutes:

It was voted to dispense of reading of the Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

50 diver down flags will be available to hand out at the boat ramps. 25 purchased by River Alliance and 25 donated by Bob Kane.

SPRINGS COUNCIL:

Brad Rimbey gave report. Beginning this month, the Springs Council voted to continue a ban on herbicide applications which the FWC had put in place. They are spraying herbicides in canals in the Chassahowitzka River. Residents can ask them not to spray behind their homes, he did. Also, SWFWMD is wanting to withdraw 5% water from the Rainbow River. They also are proposing a 5% for Homosassa and 8% for Chassahowitzka. Fight is on again.

SCIENCE FAIR:

Awards will be presented to winners whose projects were chosen by our Science Fair Committee at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gordon and Frank met with Doug Leeper of SWFWMD and he has agreed to make a full presentation on Minimum Flows and Levels at our May Meeting.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned and guests Ron Kitchen and Randy Oliver were introduced. Highlights of presentation were:

- 850 people a day moving to Florida. County trying to plan for the least impact on our county
- Boat ramp fees coming. If a vehicle occupies a parking space, they need a pass which will be \$10/day or \$50 annual. Trying to work out the logistics Lots of planning still to occur until final plan is realized.
- Sewer project in Old Homosassa. First 3 years of plan is set in stone and if any citizens want their area moved up in list, they have to let county know.

Perhaps more funds can be obtained through grants which will enable the project to move quicker and more effectively. Garcia Point is the first on the list. Blue Water last. It is an optimistic 10 year plan. People with existing sewers that need upgrading can call the Health Department. They may be able to help.

- Sidewalks, Old Homosassa – It has taken years to get this done and people seem to be happy that it is finally happening. He was told that there is 100 feet of sidewalk missing across from the Jiffy Store near the Elementary. People park here – sidewalks would deter that. Randy Oliver took the information and will check that out.
- Property across from Crumps – Not zoned for a parking lot. They have issued a notice of Enforcement. \$5000 against property owner and \$300 against contractor. If property owner is within his rights, that's fine. Need to make sure it is zoned to cut down the trees.
- His emphasis to the audience is if anyone has an issue, to email all of the commissioners.
- Trees going down on Hwy 19 are probably for retention ponds. They have to catch the water for the new roadway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted,
Iris A. Rose