

# Brevard Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)

February 16, 2023

Florida Room, Bldg.C., Florida Room C313

Government Center Viera, Florida

## Members Present:

Member	Present
John Mongioi	Yes
Kelly Haugh	Yes
Patrick Mulligan	Yes
Jay Woltering	No
Nick Sanzone	Yes
Frank Catino	Yes
Monique Miller	No
Anda Ray	Yes

## Staff Present:

Matt Culver, Boating & Waterways Program Coordinator

Jaculin Watkins, Council Secretary

Brandon Smith, NRM Environmental Specialist III, SOIRL

Aleah Ataman, NRM Associate Environmental Specialist, SOIRL

## Public Present:

See Attendance Sheet for full attendance.

## I. Call to Order

Mr. Sanzone called the February 16, 2023 meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. The attendance review was conducted and a quorum was established.

## II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Catino moved to approve the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Mongioi. Motion was unanimously approved.

## III. Agenda Items

### a. New Business

#### i. Election of Officers

Ms. Haugh moved to re-elect Nick Sanzone as Chair and John Mongioi as Vice-Chair; seconded by John Mongioi. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### ii. SOIRL Current Status of Restoration Efforts (Presentation)

Brandon Smith, Natural Resources Management Department Environmental Specialist III, presented information on current projects that are on-going as part of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) program.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Smith and Mr. Culver responded to the Council's questions.

**iii. City of Melbourne Potential Anchoring Limitation Area (ALA)**

Mr. Culver and Officer Ray Cybula of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported on the City of Melbourne's efforts to establish Anchoring Limitation Areas. The State of Florida passed new anchoring restrictions in 2021. These Anchoring Limitation Areas of 100 acres or less would allow for law enforcement action if a vessel has remained moored in an area for more than 45 days. Jacksonville and Broward County both have ordinances for this. Discussion ensued. Mr. Culver and Officer Cybula responded to Council's questions.

Ms. Haugh moved that the Brevard Marine Advisory recommend approving in general the Anchoring Limitation Areas proposed by the City of Melbourne. Seconded by Mr. Cantino. Motion was unanimously approved.

**b. Old Business**

**i. Brevard County Boating & Angling Guide – Updates and Revisions**

The *Boating and Angling Guide to Brevard County* has been delayed due to formatting issues and will be re-visited at a later meeting.

**ii. Dredging Projects Update**

Mr. Culver stated that as the meeting was running late, no additional information would be shared on dredging projects (Mr. Smith reported on some dredging activity during his presentation on SOIRL projects).

**IV. Reports**

**a. Council Reports**

Ms. Haugh reported that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual CFFW Marine Flea Market will be held on April 1-2 at the Harbortown Marine, Sea Ray Drive, Merritt Island, Florida.

Mr. Sanzone reported that the Sampson Island Open House will be held on March 11th.

Ms. Ray provided Council members with several safe boating handouts, including information on Coast Guard Auxiliary free vessel safety checks, a Florida Boater's Guide, and booklet from the US Coast Guard on US Aids to Navigation Systems.

**b. Staff Report – Natural Resources Management Department**

None.

**c. Staff Report- University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural  
Sciences Brevard County Extension Office**

None.

**V. Public Input**

None.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.