

## **Brevard Marine Advisory Council (BMAC)**

February 20, 2025

Florida Room, Bldg.C., Florida Room C313

Government Center Viera, Florida

### **Members Present:**

Member	Present
John Mongioi	Yes
Kelly Haugh	Yes
Patrick Mulligan	No
Jay Woltering	Yes
Nick Sanzone	Yes
Frank Catino	Yes
Cynthia Stinson	Yes
Anda Ray	Yes
James Underwood	Yes

### **Staff Present:**

Matt Culver, Beb Sebastian, Boating & Waterways Program Coordinator

Sarah Roschetzki, Council Secretary

### **Public Present:**

See Attendance Sheet for full attendance.

### **I. Call to Order**

Mr. Sanzone called the February 20, 2025 meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sanzone. The attendance review was conducted and a quorum was established. II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cantino moved to approve the August 15, 2024 meeting minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Haugh. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **III. Agenda Items**

#### **a. New Business**

##### **i. Election of Officers**

Ms. Haugh made a motion to keep the board "as is". Mr. Underwood seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **ii. Josh the Otter Water Safety Program - Presentation**

Mr. James Underwood gave Josh the Otter Water Safety Presentation. Mr. Underwood answered any questions from the other committee members. There was some discussion on how to encourage this program within Brevard County.

**b. Old Business**

**i. Boating Study Data Acquisition Requirements**

Matt Culver provided a handout “ Brevard Boating Study Proposal” to everyone. Much discussion ensued from committee members as to “ Why no drones can be used?” The committee would like more information regarding the study.

**ii. Derelict Vessel Removal Project Update**

Mr. Culver gave an update on the removal project. Matt Culver advised that the state has not released boats for removal and that he has to wait for the paperwork before he can remove said boats. He further advised that there is \$95,000 for vessel removal, but at the moment no list for removal. FWC has an online database of derelict vessels. Mr. Culver responded to the Council’s questions.

**ii. Artificial Reef Projects Update**

Matt Culver advised this was the time of year we apply for offshore reef grants. We have two projects pending and we have decided not to pursue a new project. We do not want to overwhelm what we are doing with the current projects. Matt also discussed the MIR shores site and hopefully to get it permitted and it will be our new project.

**IV. Reports**

**a. Council Reports**

Mr. Sanzone asked about having a presentation regarding the Septic to Sewer program. It was unanimous that the committee would like to have a presentation. Staff will check about getting someone to come and present the information.

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

Matt Culver announced his retirement as of March 11, 2025. He also introduced Agustin “Beb” Sebastian as his replacement and provided background.

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

None.

**V. Public Input**

The Waterway Warriors thanked Matt Culver for his work and looking forward to working with Beb. The Waterway Warriors asked if they could provide a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Sanzone asked for a motion to adjourn. Kelly Haugh made the motion and Frank Cantino seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.