

City of Saint Joseph Recreational Harbor Authority
August 30, 2017 meeting at Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

Present: Glenn Zerler, Bill Marohn, Ken Zimmerman, Tom Zellers, Mike Dumke, John Hodgson and Allan Westmaas.

Also Attending: Andrew Peters and Sara McCallum

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

The financial reports were reviewed. Revenues less expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 was \$135,055, which was slightly better than our budget projection. Bill Marohn requested that next month a prior year column be added to the report. Sara McCallum agreed that could be done. Ken Zimmerman moved that the report be accepted. Tom Zellers supported and the motion carried.

There have been several complaints about the lack of parking at the Marina for boaters, primarily due to people avoiding the parking fee at Tiscornia Park. Several suggested solutions were discussed, but it was agreed that none were feasible.

Tom Zellers raised a concern about the storage of boat cradles, which detract from the ambiance of the Marina. There were suggestions of storing the cradles off-site or building a fence to screen them. Both of these solutions had significant downsides.

John Hodgson reported that the Junior Foundation would like to make some improvements to their site on the Marina. That will require an amendment to the lease. He noted that the lease is presently with the City. It was agreed that the lease should be with the Recreational Harbor Authority.

Andrew Peters reported that our gas price of \$3.83 and diesel price of \$2.63 are both above Pier 33. The railing by the heads has been installed and is very solid. The project cost \$1,950, which is well below the other bids. The new "Gator" utility vehicle was purchased for \$7,663, net of the trade-in of our old Gator. Fuel numbers from July 1 to the present are down 2,749 gallons or \$7,247 from last year. The number of "Loopers" coming through has greatly increased since last month. We are averaging about 3 per day and sometimes are full and can't accommodate them. They usually purchase fuel and frequently compliment the Marina and staff. Last year, they came earlier in the season. Someone noted that very few Loopers make the trip more than once.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan J. Westmaas