



Alva Inc. is dedicated to preserving the tranquility
and beauty of Alva
P O. Box 2022, Alva FL 33920

Membership Meeting April 14, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present, following the Call to Order by President Ruby Daniels. In attendance were 32 people.

Guest Speakers:

Mr. Bill Gross spoke in detail regarding the toxic algae present in the Caloosahatchee River between Yoder Brothers Farm and the water treatment plant. Health risk necessitated closing of the water treatment plant. Mr. Gross quoted Mark Aubel of Cyano Lab: They found several species of toxic algae – predominately Aphanizomenon phloes-algae, along with lesser amounts of Microcystis and Planktothrix isothrix. Other members noted there was no sign of algae east of Yoder Brothers. Mr. Gross suggested Alva Inc. solicit an analysis of the issue from SFWMD, and will send backup information for letter preparation.

Mr. John Capice of Riverwatch spoke on the general issue water quality in the river, suggesting the issues have been prevalent for over 20 years, and a long term solution will take an additional 10 -20 years. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida (www.ifas.ufl.edu) will play an important role in research towards compatibility between agricultural and environmental requirements. State education programs have suffered serious budget cuts. The Federal Clean Water Restoration Act will be helpful and should be supported.

Ms. Marti Daltry of the Sierra Club spoke on the pending fertilizer ordinance. It would not apply to agricultural operations, but to private homes and commercially licensed landscapers and lawn maintenance entities.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the March meeting were summarized and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance of \$5,232.68, receipts of \$1,806.00, expenditures of \$685.37, ending balance of \$ 6,353.31. Report accepted.

President's Report:

1. Candidate Conservation 2020 Properties
 - a. Dr. Robin Brown's 30 acre parcel abutting Hickey Creek and the Mitigation Park has moved toward the second review. This is of special historical interest to Alva Inc. as President Daniels was known to swim there a few years ago.
 - b. A second parcel (165 acres) of Argo Ranch is under consideration. West of the entrance to Riverwind Cove, this parcel touches Telegraph Creek and CR 78.

- c. Amazing Grace: The south east section will be excluded, leaving 150 acres remaining. A 60 foot easement for road access will be required.
2. Methodist Council. President Daniels has scheduled to address the Church Council March 17 at 7:30 PM. The purpose is to inform them of Alva Inc.'s activities and invite participation in the community planning efforts.
3. Senate Bills 1376 and 2246. These remove local control over land use densities and intensities. Alva Inc opposes these bills.
4. North Olga. Mr. Tom Mulling Senior and Mr. Tom Mulling Junior, both residents of Duke Highway, informed those present they were starting their own little group to help keep what everybody wants in their area. Pending development is raising issues. Mr. Mulling Sr. noted he has been working to have Duke Highway paved for over 20 years, and the county recently agreed to the paving. President Daniels and others commended their organizational efforts for the North Olga area, and welcomed the Mullings' to Alva Inc. meetings. A round of applause followed.
5. Hendry County. Hendry and Glades County Commissioners are to meet this week to discuss mutual issues.
6. CERP. UASCOE is hosting a meeting for public input on recreation plans for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project. April 29th, 6:30- 8:00PM, 2301 McGregor Blvd.

Spring Fling. A good time was had by all. Alva Inc. was well represented.

Nominating Committee. Bill Redfern nominated B J Gerald for Vice President. Motion carried and B J kindly accepted the position. Thank you B J and welcome to the Officer Slate!

Next Month's Speaker: Sheriff Mike Scott

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Green Secretary