

STATE OF ALABAMA                    )  
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The Harbor Board met at 4:30 p.m.,  
Civic Center, Delchamps Room, 161 North Section St.,  
Fairhope, Alabama 36532 on Wednesday, 6 August 2015.

Present were Members: Tony Chavers, Skip Jones, John Henry, Bob Riggs, James Gillespie, Kevin Boone. Jennifer Olmstead took the minutes.

Tony Chavers called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Scott Douglas was nominated for Office of Secretary on a motion by Skip Jones with Margaret Meyers with a second motion. Skip Jones moved to close nominations, none opposed. Scott Douglas was named Secretary due to lack of opposition.

Skip Jones was nominated for Office of Vice Chairman on a motion by Bob Riggs with Scott Douglas with a second motion. Scott Douglas moved to close nominations, none opposed. Skip Jones was named Vice Chairman due to lack of opposition.

Bob Riggs was nominated for Office of Chairman on a motion by Skip Jones with a second from John Henry. Margaret Meyers moved to close nominations, none opposed. Bob Riggs was named Chairman due to lack of opposition.

Bob Riggs made a motion to recognize Tom Yeager's dedication and work during his term his term on the Harbor Board. City Clerk will be notified as to proposal to recognition before City Council.

Bob Riggs discussed the different lease agreements that the City of Fairhope holds with its leaseholders at the property located on Fly Creek as well as the Municipal Pier. This included the Boat Yard Lease and Marina Lease held with Eastern Shore Marine and Fish House Lease held with 17 Turtles. As well as the Lease Agreement between Mike Francis (lessor) and the City of Fairhope (lessee).

Bob Riggs spoke about where the funding is coming from for the City to start making repairs to the City slips and bulkhead along Fly Creek. James Gillespie discussed the maintenance and restoration of the bulkhead along Fly Creek; no action can be done until the Lease agreement between Mike Francis and the City of Fairhope is finalized. John Henry gave a description of what repairs would be needed on the property of Fly Creek with a detailed list given to James Gillespie for the City to decide.

Bob Riggs questioned the occupancy of the slips that the City manages. He would like to see only commercial vessels be allowed to lease the slips managed by the City. James Gillespie and

Kevin Boone went over addressing issues of the new lease agreement. Each renewal will be looked at individually before a renewal is allowed. Also, there will be a price difference set between leases of commercial boats and recreational boats. Non-commercial boats will be paying \$5.00/ft and commercial boats \$600.00 per year. Bob Riggs gave a definition of what a commercial boat would be and suggested what should be required from the captain to classify the boat as commercial.

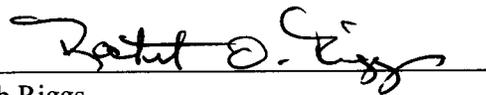
John Henry questioned any proposed dredging projects. James Gillespie responded how the Mayor had been in contact with the State and Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard had done soundings and Fly Creek was not at the top of their list to be dredged at this time. The BP settlement money that the City will be receiving was brought up and John Henry questioned if any of those monies could be used toward the cost of dredging if needed. Kevin Boone suggested the request to use the BP funds for coastal restoration be brought before City Council. A discussion came up about purchasing a dredge in collaboration with other Marina owners in the area. Ed Wall with Eastern Shore Marine spoke about the cost that would be incurred if dredging was an option, and possibly getting support from other area marinas to help pay for the dredging.

On a motion by John Henry, The Harbor Board would like to request from City Council a portion of the money awarded to the City from BP settlement to be used for the improvement of the City marinas and dredging the channel at Fly Creek and the channel at the Municipal Pier; second by Skip Jones. The motion was unanimously passed.

Bob Riggs stated that the next meeting will be held October 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. per the by-laws. A notice will be posted in the allotted time required by law.

Gary Gover from the FEAB stated the parking facilities at Eastern Shore Marine and the city docks for access to the public beach there at the end of Sea Cliff Dr. might need some improvement. He brought up concerns about the fire protection services located at both marinas and if they were up to standards. James Gillespie spoke of the new Fire Department on Parker Rd that would respond to any need there. Also, Mr. Gover stated concerns about slip size not being able to accommodate a commercial vessel. Mr. Gillespie responded by the fact that both commercial and recreational vessels are allowed, allowing for the smaller slips to be rented. Mr. Gover would also like the City to have a plan that would allow some sort of safe harbor during storms. Most of the members stated that that is a responsibility of the boat owner, not the City.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, John Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m., second by Skip Jones, motion passed unanimously.

  
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Bob Riggs