

4. Meeting Minutes

**Charlotte Harbor National Estuary
Legislative Subcommittee
January 28, 2004
North Fort Myers**

ATTENDANCE

Hon. Jerry Paul	Florida House or Representatives District 71
Susan Scott	City of Cape Coral
Bob Howard	US Environmental Protection Agency
Lisa Beever	CHNEP
Debra Highsmith	CHNEP CAC Co-Chair
Karen Childress	WCI
Mark Hammond	SWFWD
Barbara Carlton	PRVCGA
Liz Donley	CHNEP
Dave Burr	SWFRPC
Maran Hilgendorf	CHNEP
Ellen Hawkinson	PRAS
Kaley Miller	CHNEP CAC
Mike Bauer	SFWMD
Matt Bixler	Conservancy of Southwest Florida
John Cassanni	SWFWC
Bill Byle	Charlotte County

1. Call to Order—Kaley Miller

Meeting was called to order at 9:30.

2. Welcome and Introductions - Kaley Miller
3. Agenda Items and Deletions – Kaley Miller
4. Approval of Minutes – Kaley Miller

MOTION BARBARA CARLTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2003 MEETING. SECONDED MIKE BAUER. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Presentation by Representative Jerry Paul

Rep. Jerry Paul spoke.

6. EPA Watershed Initiative Nomination – Lisa Beever

On January 13, 2004, Charlotte Harbor NEP was informed that the Estero Bay Nutrient Management Partnership project was nominated by Governor Bush to the U.S. EPA's Watershed Initiative Program for funding (see attached letter).

In late 2003, EPA Region 4 staff visited with CHNEP staff and discussed methods used by various organizations that receive Federal dollars to increase the likelihood of funding for specific projects. One of the suggestions was to inform Federal Legislators of the CHNEP's funding needs and grant submissions.

7. Update on Upcoming Legislative Session – Liz Donley

The Regular Florida State Legislative Session convenes March 2, 2004; April 30, 2004 is the last day of Regular Session.

Provided below is a brief overview of pre-filed bills. Included are two newspaper articles concerning Senate Bill 152, Relating to 2020 Water Study Commission. In addition the text of two Senate bills. 1078 and 1202, concerning local sources first policy, are attached.

Also attached are two interim reports from the House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources entitled "Water Rights in Florida," and "Review of Statutes Pertaining to Wild Animal Life, Freshwater Aquatic Life, and Marine Life," respectively.

8. Agenda Items for next subcommittee meeting.

Discussion on the upcoming Federal Delegation meeting in March, phosphate mining and exotic pet trade was put on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Member's Comments - Members announce upcoming events or current issues.

10. Staff Comments

11. Public Comment

12. Next Meeting's Topics, Location and Date

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:11