

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA HELD AT 2775 GARRISON AVENUE, July 18, 2017, AT 5:30 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Patterson, Commissioners Ashbrook, Buzzett, Lowry, and Thursbay. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, and City Attorney Clinton McCahill were also present.

The purpose of the Workshop was to discuss occupancy of the Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters, Eglin.

Attorney McCahill passed out informational packets to the Commission.

Linda Graham Wood, Secretary of the St. Joseph Historical Society, Inc., (SJHSI) and Director of Operations for the Sleeping Beauty Gift Shop spoke on behalf of the SJHSI. Ms. Wood noted the past efforts of the SJHSI to preserve and restore the CSB Lighthouse Complex. She requested that the SJHSI be allowed to carry out their mission of displaying the 3rd Order By-Valve Fresnel Lens and establishing a Maritime Museum in Eglin, thus keep promises that were made when seeking financial support for the project, and receiving the property from the US Government. She also noted that utilities and insurance have been paid for by the SJHSI since relocating the structures to town.

Commissioner Buzzett complimented Ms. Wood and the historical society for their efforts to preserve the Cape San Blas facility and thanked them for their work through the years on the project.

Commissioner Lowry also shared of his work on the Cape San Blas Complex while it was at the cape and thanked the society for their accomplishments in preservation.

Jessica Swindall, representing the Florida Coastal Conservancy, spoke on behalf of the Turtle Group and asked to have the Eglin Keepers' Quarters for use by their group.

After discussion, the Commission requested that the two entities meet to see what could be worked out for both groups.

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

Approved this 1st day of August 2017.


James "Bo" Patterson, Mayor


Date


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk


Date