

**GREATER PINE ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2023**

Zoom Attendees: Nadine Slimak, Mike Sweeney, Connie D'Alessio, Deb Swisher, Shari Perkins, Tim Heitz, Sue Dahod, Scott Wilkinson, Noel Andress

**Call to Order at 10am Special Meeting of GPICA Board to discuss the MCA request that GPICA join the MCA Chiquita Lock Lawsuit**

**1. Recap of April 7<sup>th</sup> conference call**

**Deb Swisher** stated that **Mike Hannon** has advised that he was filing for an extension to file against the lawsuit from the original deadline of April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Sue Dahod** advised that the risk of countersuit was discussed, and Hannon believes it's a minimal risk but advised he does not represent any of the parties and all should discuss risk with their own legal counsel.

**Nadine Slimak** advised SCCF was told the same thing

**Sue Dahod** advised that Kevin Irwin & John Cassani both testified as experts during the last suit.

**Nadine Slimak** recapped that Irwin & Cassani are the known experts for this lawsuit also.

**2. Discussion of Chiquita Lock Lawsuit**

**Sue Dahod** clarified that she believes there are 2 issues to be decided today, funding the lawsuit and/or joining the lawsuit

- **Legal question** would GPICA be locked into the entire path of the lawsuit?

**Mike Sweeney** asked if we would be able to disconnect ourselves from the lawsuit once it starts if we are named as petitioners.

**Noel Andress** suggested a matching donation structure with GPICA matching members donations.

**Sue Dahod** mentioned that Kevin Irwin was involved in the design of the spreader channel system. The only hydrologist known to the board is **Greg Rilds**.

**Motion to join the MCA Chiquita Lock lawsuit as a petitioner** Shari Perkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nadine Slimak  
*BOARD DISCUSSION included financial risks, support of concept but concern of liability, Cape Coral's main argument is that most of the Cape has been transitioned off septic.*

**VOTES            3 YES            5 NO            MOTION IS DEFEATED**

**Motion to spend \$5,000 to be paid directly to MCA Chiquita Lock lawsuit attorney** 1<sup>st</sup> Shari Perkins  
*AMENDMENT*

**Motion to spend up to \$6250 dependent on membership match to be paid directly to MCA Chiquita Lock lawsuit attorney** 1<sup>st</sup> Nadine Slimak

*BOARD DISCUSSION included matching donations and GPICA seed money*

**Motion for GPICA to donate \$2500 to the MCA Chiquita Lock lawsuit with a potential \$5,000 additional matching funds dependent on membership donations to be paid directly to attorneys or other professional fees at this time.** 1<sup>st</sup> Nadine Slimak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Wilkinson

**VOTES            8 YES**

**3. General meeting for membership approval**

This matter will be brought to the GPICA membership at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> general membership meeting at Pine Island Methodist Church at 6:30pm. All members will be verified at check in for voting on financial board decisions. Noel Andress to contact John Cassani & Kevin Irwin as speakers for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn at 11:22 am 1<sup>st</sup> Nadine Slimak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Connie D'Alessio, ALL APPROVED*