**Sugar Creek Advisory Board**

**Minutes**

**July 23, 2015**

Present: Alan Clauser, Jack Whitecotton, Brad Mullendore, Jim Suren, David Hadley, Attorney Darren Chadd, Building Administrator Mark Bonwell, Sheriff Mark Casteel, Commissioner Jim Fulwider

1. Meeting convened by Board President Jack Whitecotton at 4:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were approved unanimously
3. President’s Remarks: Mr. Whitecotton announced the day and time of the next meeting as Thursday, October 22 at the South Boulevard County Building.
4. Old Business
	1. Jim Suren noted we had been fortunate during the recent high water not to have had major emergency situations.
	2. Mr. Surgen also reported on his conversations with Karl farm personnel regarding their draw of water from Sugar Creek for irrigation. Suren reported that Karl’s log the time during which their two pumps run, each pumping 1000 gallons per minute. They are required to report regularly their water draw to the state and have missed no required reports.
5. New Business
	1. The committee discussed the annual report that is required by the county ordinance establishing the Advisory Board. It is to include “number of permits requested and issued, number of violations, and changes in land use along the riparian corridor (i.e., building, tree planting, tree harvest, bank stabilization, signage, and the like, and any other matter that the Advisory Board deems significant. Mr. Bonwell indicated that Lori Dossett will scan and send copies of previous annual reports to board and that he would work on compiling information for the 2016 report and submit it to the Board for its first meeting of 2016. The Sugar Creek Advisory Board would then submit it to the County Commissioners.
	2. Friends of Sugar Creek: David Hadley reported that the board of Friends of Sugar Creek is considering making a grant application to several granting agencies to fund a program to encourage landowners to establish vegetation buffer zones along the creek. He asked whether the Sugar Creek Advisor Board could/might provide some kind of endorsement for such a program. Mr. Chadd indicated that the board might indicate that such a program is consistent with (or not inconsistent with?) the Sugar Creek Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Clauser, citing the numbers and voracious appetites of deer, said that planting large trees is not necessarily the answer. He indicated that in addition to planting trees, shrubs, and grasses, herd control would also be needed.
6. Adjournment: 4:30 adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hadley, Secretary

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