

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting July 2, 2024

Location: Hawks Cay Conference Center, Room A

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (P)/ZOOM (Z)

Tim Abner, Vice Chair (Z)
Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary (P)
Jon Porter (Z)
Laurie Keiling (Z)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Megan Merryman

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Lamarche - Executive Asst. for Comm. David Rice
Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County (Z)
Trish Eables, Assistant County Attorney (Z)
Frank Jackson - DKSAB Technical Asst.
MCSO - Detective Swire
FWC - Officer Brian Sapp
Luis Requejo - Ralons Security (Z)
Ron Oestreicher - DKPOA President, Resident
Jenny Nowak, Resident
Bethany Barrett, Resident

ABSENT

Hawks Cay Resort Manager

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 4:01 by Tim Abner, Vice Chair
- Meeting held in person with ZOOM Hybrid Communication Media Technology (CMT)
- Date of meeting: July 2, 2024

Laurie Oestreicher, DKSAB Secretary, welcomed all and noted the meeting was being held at the Hawks Cay Conference Center, room A, as well as via ZOOM.

Roll call: Not all board members present, 3 members by ZOOM. Quorum achieved. See listing on first page. Note, additionally, there are two seat vacancies at this time.

Trish Eables, Asst. Monroe County Attorney was introduced and advised the Board it is necessary for them to vote to meet CMM resolution #3972020 for some attendees to vote via ZOOM and others in person.

Item I. Motion to approve CMM resolution #3972020

Motion to approve by Tim Abner; second Jon Porter, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Item II. Motion to Amend the Agenda for July 2, 2024 Meeting Agenda.

Motion to approve by Jon Porter; second Tim Abner, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Item III: Approval of the meeting minutes of May 7, 2024

Motion to approve by Tim Abner; second by Jon Porter, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

Item V. Comments from the Public.

Laurie Oestreicher advised questions can be asked by the public at any time during the meeting.

V. STANDING REPORTS

MCSO – Detective Swire advised there were fishing rods and fishing equipment stolen throughout the Keys, 2 of the incidents occurred in Duck Key. These incidents involved 2 juveniles who were arrested and the case is pending. There was another case of Domestic Battery in Duck Key and the husband was arrested.

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo reported that Duck Key has been quiet, with not many incidents. As usual during the summer months his guards are doing a lot of house checks for those who have left the island for the summer. Residents are encouraged, as they leave for vacation or to relocate for the summer, to advise Ralons Security of the time frame they will be gone and of their addresses, so the guards will do spot checks on their homes. To contact and ask for this service email [ljrequejo@ralonsamerica.com](mailto:lrequejo@ralonsamerica.com) . There have been some calls on construction workers using electrical and/or water unauthorized by home owners, they are advised to alert MCSO of these incidents. Ralons Security is hiring and

would like anyone interested in applying for guard positions, who have a Class D License, can pass a drug test and has a perfect driving record to apply:
@ ljrequijo@ralonsamerica.com .

Hawks Cay Resort – No one in attendance, new Resort Manager will be again contacted and invited to join future meetings.

FWC – Lt. Brian Sapp advised all that Monroe County FWC currently has 15 open positions, and is will be supplemented with additional FWC officers from other areas of the State of Florida as of July 13, 2024. For Mini lobster season on July 21, 2024, 20 extra officers will be made available in Monroe County and on duty through to the regular lobster season opening time period. It was reported there was a boating accident on Duck Key June 26, 2024, involving 2 men on a rental boat from Captain Pip's and a boat lift at a home on Yacht Club Island off the Seaview Bridge and barge. The 2 men were not aware the bridge was closed to boat traffic, and that there was a barge that did not allow through traffic under the bridge. The 2 men lost control of their boat, struggled with the currents and hit the boat lift causing significant damage, and resulting putting a large hole in the rental boat and that boat sinking, turning over and trapping the men underneath at one point. The home owners threw the men life rings, and pulled them out of the water. FWC has an ongoing investigation of the accident and suggests there will be citations issued to the men in the rental boat as a result. It was discussed by Lt. Sapp, after the homeowner, Ron Oestreicher asked about the report delay, that it can take up to 30 days or more, for the FWC Officer on duty at the accident to file a report. Lt. Sapp offered to help the homeowner with getting the report sooner if possible for insurance purposes.

It was called out to Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County by several residents at the meeting that the signage alerting boat traffic in this water way is a concern to Duck residents, as there have been many occurrences with boats, jet skis and paddle boarders going down the water way and getting in trouble. The homeowner offered to allow the County to use their dock for additional signage to help prevent other occurrences and Judith Clarke said she would look into the idea with her team, although pointing out the current signage is what is required. FWC is also working on a case with the Coast Guard involving a charter boat and illegal grouper fish caught.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/Technology Report

Technology Update – Frank Jackson reported no problems with the camera equipment, all are operational. All Radar signs are operational and working. It was reported that the AEB Construction crew working at the Harbour Bridge has constantly allowed their equipment to block the camera on Cosair Road/Bimini Bridge. Judith Clarke will advise AEB this is not acceptable. Frank Jackson was asked if he will pull data from the East Seaview Radar sign, to be made available at the September DKSAB meeting, so the DKSAB members can use the information to hire off duty MCSO officers, and possibly ticket offending speeders at this location, which was referred to as the “East Seaview Drive Raceway”. Frank Jackson will provide this information at the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bridge Update - Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County Duck Key Duck Key Bridge Update June 28 , 2024

Bimini Drive Bridge:

American Empire Builder's (AEB) specialty subcontractor completed the deck grooving work on the Bimini Drive Bridge on April 30th. The contractor is planning to seal the bridge deck during the week of June 30, weather permitting, as dry conditions are required for application. The deck sealing operation will require temporary lane closures for material application and curing. During the work there will be alternating traffic on one lane of the bridge with signage and flaggers present. The work is anticipated to take one day, however, depending on actual curing time, it may require two days. After deck sealing the contractor will install expansion joints, signage and final thermoplastic striping to complete the Bimini Drive Bridge.

Seaview Drive Bridge:

AEB has installed steel I beam to support the falsework for cast in place beams at the Seaview Drive Bridge. The contractor will continue with falsework installation after surveying team confirms elevations required for proper layout. The contractor will also begin installing the MSE wall panels that are located in front of the end bents on both sides of the canal. Substantial completion of the Seaview Drive Bridge project has been revised to be September 4, 2024, which is 597 days after the date of commencement.

Harbour Drive Bridge:

AEB has installed the steel I beams for the temporary critical wall on the Harbour Drive Bridge and has completed installation of the wood lagging boards on the south end of the bridge. The contractor has excavated the roadway on the south side and will continue to excavate and install lagging boards on the north side of the temporary critical wall prior to completing demolition of the east lane of the bridge. Substantial completion of the Harbour Drive Bridge project is scheduled for March 18, 2025, which is 540 days after commencement.

B. MOTION: Recommendation to the BOCC to approve a 2-year renewal of the Barnes Security Service agreement, which expires the end of October 2024.

Motion made by: Laurie Oestreicher; second Jon Porter, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Public Comments None

Motion to adjourn made by Jon Porter: second by Tim Abner, meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m. General information: Next DKSAB meeting will be September 3, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Hawks Cay Resort Meeting room and via Zoom. Notification will be sent prior to the meeting. Minutes submitted by: Laurie Oestreicher laurie.oestreicher@gmail.com