

Minutes of OVIS Annual Meeting on April 23, 2018

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Jim Wiesner, Ann Newton, Dennis Green, Donna Green, Bill and Elaine Schilp, John Beach, Julie Longen, Terry Fortner, Ron Girard, John Norsworthy, Beau Plessner, Dianna Runyons, Buch Titus, Bob Fortner, and County Commissioner David Eggers.

Brian called the meeting to order at the hall at 7 o'clock.

Jim provided the financial statement including expenses and revenues. He noted that the current paid OVIS membership is 186 members with 33 sponsors. The current balance is \$16,826.55. As part of this item group approved the Clearwater Audubon Society sponsorship of \$100 for this year.

Concerning Hall improvements Brian said that he and Dennis met with an air-conditioning company last week who assessed the air-conditioning system of the hall. They noted that the current condenser is not very good shape and will soon need to be replaced. Therefore, the focus was on upgrading the unit and to what level. The ABC air-conditioners will provide a proposal with several options to consider in terms of size of unit and possibly the brand.

Brian then indicated that the e-newsletter was successful as OVIS transitions from the hardcopy to an electronic version of the newsletter. Jim provided some excellent statistics on the distribution of the newsletter and the high rate of people opening the file to read it. In addition to the electronic version Jim indicated that 150 hard copies were produced with 50 going to the post office counter and the balance being distributed by Dennis to the restaurants and antique store with copies available at their office. Brian noted that each time OVIS produced the previous hardcopy version it cost over \$1,000, so this is a considerable savings since the newsletter is printed three times a year. Also the electronic version seems to get further into the community!

Under community activities Brian noted there would be a community cleanup Saturday, May 5. Todd confirmed that Stilthouse Brewery had advertised a discount on their beer for people who participate in the cleanup.

Brian also noted there was to be a large trash pickup on Monday, May 7, which is a change from the previous schedule which was always on Wednesdays. The service would be for those that are customers of Waste Connections.

Brian also noted that he had been contacted by the County concerning a new environmental initiative. The County would like to do a demonstration project referred to as an "enhanced living shoreline" where the County would vegetate the water side of the seawall to make it more environmentally friendly and functional. This project would need to be on a public seawall and the western terminus of Bay Street appeared to be a good candidate for this demonstration project. The

vegetation would need to be managed which would be part of the program. The group agreed that this would be a good idea to pursue.

Bob Fortner then took over the meeting to conduct the election of officers. He provided the nominating committee report which concluded: Brian Smith as President, Dennis Green as Vice President, Donna Green as Secretary, Jim Wiesner as Treasurer, and Connie Rieben, Susan White, Julie Longen, Dave Ennis, Todd Guarino, and Jerry Edmonds as Board Members.

Bob then asked for any other nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was then made and seconded to approve the nominating committee report, which was then approved. County Commissioner Dave Eggers had the re-elected board members present stand and take the oath of office.

Brian proceeded with the balance of the meeting which was a presentation by County Commissioner Dave Eggers including remarks about initiatives the County was performing either in the community area or countywide. He provided a report on the trail overpass project at Orange Street. He indicated the work would be completed by October and explained the current signal crossing. Dave noted that the County was doing some negotiating to permit a drainage project in the north part of Ozona. He talked about Dunedin receiving the first State Trail Town designation, and then talked about the bridge improvements on the Dunedin Causeway. He noted the County was no longer going to replace the bridge but instead would make limited improvements to it intended to last for 10 to 15 years. At that point the County could reassess the bridge design and related environmental conditions. Dave then reported on what he had found out about the houseboat south of the Shore Drive bridge. He said the Sheriff was following the necessary procedure on this to get a resolution. People commented that additional boats were now located in that vicinity creating more of a problem. Commissioner Eggers then discussed the Palm Harbor plan and meetings that were ongoing. He then reported on the initiative to place law enforcement at school locations. Following his remarks there were additional comments made.

Jim also brought to everyone's attention that Waste Connections had just informed OVIS that the quarterly payment amount for residential trash services was being increased by \$2.60 for everyone starting on May 1. This will also be brought under consideration along with all the numerous complaints from the trash service for re-evaluation of Waste Connections in preparation for the annual membership renewals in the Fall.

Brian then wrapped the meeting up thanking everyone for coming, and the meeting was adjourned.