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## **Minutes of May 20, 2020 COBWRA Delegates Meeting Conducted Via Teleconference Call**

***DRAFT MINUTES – UNOFFICIAL – NOT FOR PUBLICATION***  
*Minutes to be approved at next month's Meeting*

**President Beth Rappaport** called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM via Teleconference Call. Participants logged on by phone and accessed visuals by downloading a PDF presentation that was distributed via email.

### **Introduction and Welcome**

- **President Beth Rappaport** welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating. She thanked Sharon Reuben and Philip Levine for handling the details of the Teleconference Call.

### **Announced Guests** were introduced by **Sharon Reuben**

- **Danna Ackerman-White**, Senior Administrative Assistant, Mayor David Kerner; **Alexandra Ayala**, Legislative Aide, Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth; **Mary Lou Berger**, Commissioner, District 5; **Lori Berman**, State Senator, District 81; **Ric Bradshaw**, Sheriff, Palm Beach County; **Karen Brill**, PBC School Board Representative, District 3; **Jenny Ceasar**, Outreach Coordinator, Congresswoman Lois Frankel; **Shawn Eastman**, Captain and Commander, PBSO District 6; **Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed. D**, Superintendent, School District of Palm Beach County; **Christopher Keane**, Major, South Region Bureau, PBSO; **Vivian Leiva**, Senior Administrative Assistant, Commissioner Mary Lou Berger; **Wendy Sartory Link**, PBC Supervisor of Elections; **Michelle McGovern**, Bethesda Hospital West/Baptist Health; **Stacy Mills**, Director, JFK Medical Center West Boynton Emergency Center, **Teri Mitze**, Legislative Aide, State Representative Tina Polsky; **Mike Pratt**, PBC Property Appraiser's Office; **Rosemary Rayman**, Director of Information Services, LWDD; **Abby Ross**, Legislative Assistant, State Senator Lori Berman; **Lesley Shriberg**, Government Affairs, PBSO; **Emily Slosberg**, State Representative, District 91; **Anthony Tozzi**, Battalion Chief, PBC Fire Rescue, District 4

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

- **State Senator Lori Berman**
  - Is addressing unemployment insurance issues.
  - If help is needed with unemployment issues or food banks call 561-292-6014.
- **State Representative Emily Slosberg**
  - Expressed concern for workers 65 years of age and older and individuals with underlying health conditions who feel unsafe returning to work.
  - Announced that the County will offer grants for small businesses that have fewer than 25 employees.
  - Provided the phone numbers for the West Palm Beach COVID-19 testing site (561-642-1000) and the South County Civic Center testing site (561-804-0250)
  - For help with other issues call 561-496-5940.

- **Mary Lou Berger, Commissioner District 5**
  - Reported that the County Commission is beginning to work on the annual budget.
- **PBC Sheriff Ric Bradshaw**
  - Explained that PBSO is responsible for enforcing the COVID-19 Emergency Orders.
  - Phase One of the re-opening is going well and the County will begin Phase Two shortly.
  - The Courthouse has remained open.
  - There are no reported cases of COVID-19 at the main detention center; there was a brief outbreak at the Glades detention center.
  - PBSO has begun working with Fire Rescue and Emergency Management on preparations for hurricane season.
- **Karen Brill, PBC School Board Representative, District 3**
  - Is working on plans for the Sunset Palms Middle School, the opening of South Tech Academy, and various school boundary issues.
  - COBWRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Steve Wallace remains a member of the School Boundary Committee.
  - Reported that the schools are struggling with the new challenges presented by the pandemic.
- **Schools Superintendent Donald E. Fennoy II, Ed.D**
  - Virtual graduation ceremonies beginning next week, will continue through June 5 and will be livestreamed.
  - The School District has served more than 2 million meals at 51 feeding sites since March 16.
  - Summer learning will be through the District website.
  - Schools will remain closed through the summer and will not host any summer camps.

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

- **Shawn Eastman, Captain and Commander, PBSO District 6**
  - Reported that the PBSO District 6 lobby remains closed. To obtain reports contact the PBSO Central Records Department.
  - Unlocked vehicles remain a problem. Six cars were broken into in the past month, three of the vehicles contained guns. Arrests have been made in some of these cases.
  - All officers will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment.
  - Residents can help the Sheriff's Department by seeing, saying, and doing something. Doing refers to calling the Sheriff, not pursuing lawbreakers. For assistance go to <https://www.pbso.org>.
- **Christopher Keane, Major, South Region Bureau, PBSO**
  - Recognized Captain Eastman and Lieutenant Addazio for their excellent work during the pandemic.
  - Noted that the cooperation between first responders and residents has been excellent.
- **Anthony Tozzi, Battalion Chief, PBC Fire Rescue**
  - Is proud the relationship and synergy between first responders and the Sheriff's Office.
  - PBC Fire Rescue sent a team to Collier County to assist with a massive brush fire.
  - PBCFR is currently preparing for hurricane season.
  - PBCFR Chief Duren sent a message reminding people that Fire Rescue has COVID-19 mobile testing available, with home testing available to individuals who can't leave their homes.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT**

- COBWRA is continuing efforts to prevent land use changes within the Ag Reserve.
- In addition to the Lake Worth Drainage District's scheme to sell 313 acres of canal rights of way as development rights, which would permit the building of more than 300 homes within

the Ag reserve, there are multiple Ag reserve private text amendment requests being considered by the County.

- COBWRA continues to advocate for the completion of the Canyons Middle School, Park and Library.
- Reminded Delegates to complete the U.S. Census, electronically, if possible.
- On behalf of the Health and Wellness Committee, announced that May is Mental Health Month.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – STEVE KIRSCHNER, TREASURER**

**April 1 – 30, 2020**

- **Operating Funds – Wells Fargo**

4/01/20	Opening Balance	\$	9,888.38
	Deposits (reserve transfer in + 2019-2020 dues)	\$	-
	Disbursements	\$	(965.86)
4/30/20	Closing Balance	\$	8,922.52
- **Operating Funds – Centennial**

4/01/20	Opening Balance	\$	1,525.01
	Deposits (2020-2021 Dues)	\$	13,475.68
	Disbursements	\$	-
4/30/20	Closing Balance	\$	15,000.69
- **Reserve Funds - Centennial**

4/01/20	Opening Balance	\$	110,385.53
	Interest April	\$	40.72
	Deposits	\$	-
	Disbursements (Reserve Transfer to Operating)	\$	-
4/30/20	Closing Balance	\$	110,426.25
- **Reserve Allocation - Centennial**

4/30/20	Closing Balance: Obligated Reserve	\$	20,000.01
4/30/20	Closing Balance: Unrestricted Reserve	\$	90,426.24
- 11 communities owe dues as of this report. They should contact [treasurer@COBWRA.org](mailto:treasurer@COBWRA.org) or [President@COBWRA.org](mailto:President@COBWRA.org).

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – CHERYL DODES**

- The Minutes of the April 2020 delegates meeting were accepted as written.
- A quorum was confirmed.

**COMMITTEE REPORT – GROWTH MANAGEMENT, STEVE OSEROFF, CHAIR**

- Presented the proposed project “Hypoluxo Trail Center,” an outparcel at Military Trail and Hypoluxo Road.
  - The zoning affected area of the property is the 0.97-acre parcel plus access driveways to the east and west. There are existing driveways on both the east and west sides of the subject site that will remain unchanged.
  - The proposed design of Parcel D is for one building with 1,800 square feet of retail and 2,300 square feet of a Type 1 restaurant with a drive-thru on the east end of the building.
  - The Growth Management Committee voted 10-0 to recommend approval of the project as presented.
  - The COBWRA Board voted 12-0 to recommend approval of the project with the following condition: “To structure the traffic flow to avoid traffic problems on Hypoluxo Road and within the MUPD.”
  - **MOTION: To recommend approval of the proposal for Hypoluxo Trail Center with the condition to structure the traffic flow to avoid traffic problems on Hypoluxo Road and within the MUPD.** The Motion passed 48-2.

- Note: Immediately following the adjournment of the May 20 Delegates meeting, the senior Delegate in attendance at the meeting received an Action Required COBWRA Vote email with a link to the voting form and a deadline for casting the vote of 3 PM on May 20, 2020.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION: VOTE-BY-MAIL 101 – WENDY SARTORY LINK, PBC SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

- There are three ways to vote:
  1. At Early Voting sites
  2. Vote-By-Mail (VBM)
  3. At Polling Locations on Election Day
- The SOE office is purchasing PPE and plastic partitions to provide safety for voters and poll workers.
- VBM ballot applications and ballots are postage prepaid.
- VBM Application Request Forms will be mailed to all voters who have not previously requested a VBM application.
- The VBM ballots will be mailed to residents' home address or to an address where residents will be at election time.
- Ballots cannot be forwarded.
- VBM ballots can be mailed, dropped off at Early Voting sites, or canceled at polling locations if voters decide they prefer to vote in person.
- If there are changes that need to be made to Voter Registration Forms, such as party affiliation, change of address, or update of signatures, the Forms can be accessed at <https://pbcelections.org> or by calling 561-656-6200.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Dodes, Secretary

**FUTURE COBWRA MEETINGS**

**The June 17, 2020 Delegates Meeting will be a Teleconference Call supported by a PDF Presentation.**

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**Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020 will be a Teleconference Call.**

**Additions/Corrections to the 2019-2020 COBWRA Members Directory**  
**Please make this change in your own 2019-2020 directories.**

**Biltmore Terrace**

Co-Pres: Remove David Kline

**Valencia Shores**

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