

**MINUTES REPORT
DR/GR COMMITTEE
January 9, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda Brooks (Co-Chair)
Steven Brown
Phil Buchanan
Carie Call
Don Eslick
Richard Friday
Dennis Gilkey (Co-Chair)
Don Troyer

Cullum Hasty (Co-Chair)
Kevin Hill
Jason Lauritsen
W. Kirk Martin
Peggy Schmidt
Linda Tanner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott McCaleb, due to conflict with a Strategic Aggregates Review Task Force meeting.

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul O'Connor
Matt Noble
Dawn Lehnert
Wayne Daltry

Joan LaGuardia
Donna Hock

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order; Certification of Affidavit of Publication

Dennis Gilkey, Co-Chair, opened the meeting with a welcome.

Dawn Lehnert, Assistant County Attorney, presented the affidavit for the legal advertisement.

Agenda Item 2 –Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2007

Minutes were approved by the committee with a correction by Dennis Gilkey clarifying that under Agenda item number 7 in the minutes it should state “the tour of the DRGR area and a mine.”

Steve Brown moved to allow the public to comment on recommendations to commissioners immediately prior to the vote. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. Cullum Hasty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Brooks moved to approve the minutes. Richard Friday seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – Pubic Input

Nicole Ryan of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida spoke and passed out a joint letter sent to the State Aggregate Review Task Force by a number of committees in reference to statewide mining issues.

Agenda Item 4 – Presentation on Mining

Mr. Gilkey explained that the scheduled speaker, Deborah Snyder, would not be able to attend.

Ron Inge of Land Solutions, Inc., Fort Myers, who has had more than 20 years experience working with mining operations, discussed the basics of mining, including how lime rock is excavated and processed, how lakes are excavated and used, and how Lee County regulates the process.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion by Committee Members

Committee members engaged in questions and answers with Mr. Inge. Subjects such as taxing issues on the land being mined, along with various questions regarding the quality of the rock were discussed. Members of the committee asked questions about local mining processes as well as issues related to water quality and compliance monitoring.

Agenda Item 6 – Staff Items

Paul O'Connor, Director of Planning, announced that Mr. Jim Beever with the Regional Planning Council will be speaking at the January 23rd meeting covering habitat and species. A bus tour of the DR/GR will take place on February 13th in lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Dover, Kohl and Associates is tentatively scheduled to speak at the February 20th meeting.

Staff was asked to investigate whether an aerial map of the DR/GR area dating back to its inception could be produced.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Input

There was no other public input.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30