**PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

**FEB 24, 2024 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Eden Condominium**

The Perdido Key Association (PKA) held its 2024 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 24, 2024, beginning at 10 AM at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key, Florida. Approximately 30 people attended with additional members attending by Zoom.

**Quorum**: PKA President Stan Capua brought the meeting to order then welcomed those attending and led the Pledge of Allegiance; PKA Secretary Mae Dean announced a quorum had been met for the meeting.

**2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**: Stan presented the 2023 PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes. The minutes covered meeting preliminaries and the presentation of guest speaker Matt Posner, Director of the Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program, who provided information on the health of our region’s waterways as well as the activities of his organization. The minutes also discussed several issues covered by then PKA President Charles Krupnick such as progress on the Perdido Key Multi-Use path and restoration of beach access areas at Perdido Key State Park and the Perdido Key Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore. The “We Are Perdido” initiative to incorporate portions of southwest Escambia County including Perdido Key was also discussed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2023 PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes as presented; motion carried.

**Featured Speaker:** Stan introduced guest speaker Christian Wagley, the coastal organizer for Healthy Gulf – an organization that follows water quality, energy, climate, and endangered species issues on the Gulf Coast – with Mr. Wagley’s particular focus on Northwest Florida and South Alabama. He began by discussing the proposed industrial fish farm offshore from Pensacola and its potential threats such as excess nutrients in surrounding waters, experience with similar fish farms elsewhere and the apparent status of the current proposal. He also pointed out the plight of the rare Rice’s whale, its estimated range of activities, threats to its survival and efforts to ensure the species endures. Other issues covered by Mr. Wagley included offshore drilling and efforts to coordinate coastal organizations to advance environmental issues of regional importance. His presentation was well received by those attending.

**PKA Board of Directors**: Stan reviewed the selection process for the 2024 PKA Board of Directors noting there were five positions available and one candidate, so an election for Directors was not required. PKA Directors for the coming year are Stan Capua, Connie Walters, Mae Dean, Mark Richardson, Steven Huggins, and Charles Krupnick. Selection of PKA Officers for 2024 will occur at the March 12, 2024 Board meeting; Suzanne Kenworthy continues her position as PKA Administrator.

**Membership Report:** PKA membership at the end of 2023 was -----, a decrease from 320 at the end of 2022.

**Financial Report**: Stan presented the 2023 PKA Financial Report and noted its lower Operating Income because of fewer PKA members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2023 PKA Financial Report as presented; motion carried.

**President’s Remarks**: PKA president Stan Capua went through the Board of Directors goals for 2023 and discussed at some length the decrease in PKA membership in recent years along with Board initiatives to increase membership, including letters to condominium organizations, postcards to non-members, plus Director Appearances at various events and condominium meetings. He particularly emphasized the need for additional Directors on the PKA Board. Stan noted recent actions taken to help keep Perdido Key roadsides clean and to manage beach access and parking. He also noted some progress toward underground utilities on Perdido Key with District 1 Commissioner Jeff Bergosh’s commitment of $500,000 from his Discretionary Funds to the project, though much more funding and political commitment will be needed to move the project forward. Stan also updated attendees on the rapid progress toward completing the Perdido Key Multi-Use Path, the reopened Perdido Key State Park East Area and nearly complete repairs to the Perdido Key Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore, as well as additional construction projects. Other Directors covered progress toward the Pensacola Pass Inlet Management Plan, the recent deposit of dredged sand from Pensacola Pass onto the National Seashore and changes being made to Beach Access #2. Some concern was expressed by attendees about the replacement of restrooms with portable facilities at public beach access locations. The last portion of the President’s remarks featured discussion of the “We are Perdido” incorporation initiative with comments by its leader Steve Brendtro.

**Good of the Order**: Stan thanked those attending and the Eden Condominium for use of its facilities. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn; motion carried and the meeting ended at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Dean, PKA Secretary