

## AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION



### COASTAL BRANCH

### MINUTES FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETING

May 13, 2014

Venue: Golden Corral Restaurant, Savannah, GA

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 by Chairman Dr. John Bonham. The Chairman extended a welcome to everyone and thanked the sponsor, Filtrexx, for coming. Twenty three (23) members and guests were in attendance.

A sign – in sheet was circulated and a motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, it was seconded and was so moved.

The floor was open for discussion of “old business” and there was a question regarding the awarding of this year’s scholarship. Iris Ellsbury-Smith stated that the deadline had been extended to June 1<sup>st</sup> and so far there was one applicant. Next, the discussion of “new business” was open and the chair talked about the APWA Student Outreach Network ‘House Ad’ initiative which is aimed at promoting the APWA to students at local colleges interested in careers in public works with the goal of increasing student members and student chapters. The next topic on the agenda was the upcoming National Public Works Week – May18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Laura Walker with COS stated that she had been to a public works truck show put on by Washington D.C. and it received a lot of interest from the public. She suggested that was something our chapter could organize for the Saturday at the end of Public Works Week. It was decided that it was too late to try to make it happen this year but it was a good idea and we should try to organize it for next year. Joe Wilson with City of Tybee offered up the idea of a public works rodeo and the discussion was tabled for a future meeting. The Chair then spoke about this summer’s CPWM classes and Annual Meeting which will be held from July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup> at Sea Pines. David Grotyohann with CEMA then took the floor to speak about preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. He also offered that there is free training on using social media available on 5/19 and 5/20 at the Hyatt and EOC. Other training opportunities were mentioned by the Chair which consists of webinars offered on the national APWA website.

At this time the sponsor of the meeting was introduced and began their presentation. The sponsor was Filtrexx. They gave an interesting presentation about compost socks that can be used for erosion control.

Respectfully Submitted, Carey Purvis, Secretary