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Franklin County, Fl September 7, 2016

The Franklin County Advisory Board of Adjustment met in regular session on Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vance Millender who thereafter presided.

Attendance was as follows:

PRESENT:

Vance Millender, Chairman

ABSENT:

Larry Hale Gill Autrey Mitch Griner Joe Hambrose

Michael Shuler County Attorney

1. Approval of minutes of July 6, 2016 as mailed.

On motion by Member Larry Hale, seconded by Member Mitch Griner and by unanimous vote of the board present it was agreed to approve as mailed.

2. Consideration of a variance request to construct a rip rap revetment landward of mean high water on property described as 310 Seafoam Circle, also known as Lot 70, Summer Camp West, Franklin County, Florida. The property is owned by 310 Seafoam, LLC c/o Matthew Gleason. The request is submitted by Garlic Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for the home owners.

In brief discussion of the above item Mr. Garlick stated that the homeowner is loosing 3-4 feet of land per year due to erosion. The erosion is almost to the foundation of the home.

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Mr. Hale said he stopped by the property and the riprap is going to cause the lots on each side to erode. Mrs. Roxie informed the Board that there is already erosion behind the neighboring lots.

Mr. Garlick told the Board erosion is going to take place either way. At this time this is the only house in the neighborhood and the Homeowner's Association is okay with the riprap. They are in the process of figuring out a system to help protect the lots from erosion but they must go before the board to get approval which they have not done yet. In the future when owners are building homes in this neighborhood they will more than likely be required to be built farther back on the property.

Roxie Allen said the County recommends approval of this request as stipulated in order to prevent further erosion and to protect the foundation of the existing dwelling.

On motion by Member Gill Autry, seconded by Member Larry Hale and by the unanimous vote of the board present, it was agreed to recommend this request to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

3. Consideration of a request for Beach Re-nourishment within the Critical Habitat Zone on property described as 109 South Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. The property is owned by Tony Garcia. The request is submitted by Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc., agent for the home owner.

In brief discussion of the above item Mr. Garlick said if he places riprap it will be above the Critical Habitat Zone. He is within the 50 foot setback which requires a variance in a Critical Habitat Zone.

Mr. Hale asked if the sand will be pumped in or trucked in.

Mrs. Roxie Allen said we prefer this type of stabilization over sea walls or "hard walls." He will not be building a structure.

Mr. Michael Shuler, County Attorney stated this variance should be made contingent upon the color and the grain of the sand being compatible with existing sand.

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Mr. Garlick told the board he has prepared for that. The color and the sand are ok.

The County Planning Department recommended approval of this beach renourishment request with the stipulation that the graded slope of less than 1 to 5 be maintained and the sand be of same size and color as existing beach sand.

On motion by Member Larry Hale, seconded by Member Vance Millender and by the unanimous vote of the board present, it was agreed to recommend this variance as requested to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

There being no further discussion, it was agreed to adjourn at 10:20 a.m.

Vance Millender, Chairman

Attest: Cheyenne Cruson