

Antonia Hover

From: Cristina Slaton
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket Correspondence - 20200226
Attachments: Fwd regarding docket 20200226; DOCKET #20200226; Docket #20200226-SU

Good morning,

Please place the attached emails in CORRESPONDENCE-Consumers & Representatives in docket 20200226.

Thank you.

Antonia Hover

From: Sunrise Bay at Little Gasparilla Island <sunrisebaylgi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Cc: Records Clerk
Subject: Fwd: regarding docket 20200226

Good Morning,

I had intended to send it to all Commissioners - please see full email below.

Thank you,

Korrie Stevenson
9700 Little Gasparilla Island, Placida, FL 33946
1790 Spruce Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sean and Korrie Stevenson <sunrisebaylgi@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: regarding docket 20200226
Date: February 28, 2022 at 9:50:01 AM EST
To: Records Clerk <clerk@psc.state.fl.us>

Good Morning,

I am submitting an enlightening response I received from Jack Boyer's daughter, Karress Boyer on social media. I do not know her.

Ms. Boyer finds it comical to laugh about her family company neglecting to provide residents information about the commission meeting.

Please continue to keep these types of behaviors at the forefront of your decision-making. Our island owners are essentially under a monopoly with the Boyer family.

We are pleading with you to stop their control over our island by rejecting their plans which serve only their family and their friends, monetarily.

9:42



Kathy's post



Can't read it all: very EYE OPENING!

5d Like Reply

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Randy Simmons

So! This is a total inept system that does not even carry the product (solids) off of the island, It is not a waste water system it still has to be pumped so essentially only gray water is being removed? at a proposed Exorbitant cost

5d Like Reply

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Heather Burns

How will salt air affect the pumps and the control panels?

5d Like Reply

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Korrie Stevenson

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Korrie Stevenson

Wow, a Boyer laughed on this comment about a legality issue.

Just now Like Reply

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Charlotte Teisinger

4 mutual friends

Messa...



Karress Boyer

10 mutual friends

Add Friend



Alison Simmons

4 mutual friends

Add Friend

Thank you,

Korrie Stevenson
9700 Little Gasparilla Island

On Feb 23, 2022, at 11:59 AM, Sunrise Bay at Little Gasparilla Island
<sunrisebaylgi@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you very much.

Korrie Stevenson

On Feb 23, 2022, at 11:59 AM, Records Clerk
<CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US> wrote:

Good Morning, Korrie Stevenson

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket 20200226, and the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach will be notified.

Jacob Veaghn

Commission Deputy Clerk I
Florida Public Service Commission
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Jacob.Veaghn@psc.state.fl.us
850.413.6656

From: Sunrise Bay at Little Gasparilla Island <sunrisebaylgi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>; Office of Commissioner La Rosa <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>; Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
Subject: regarding docket 20200226

Good Morning,

Yesterday we received this extremely outdated letter from Environmental Utilities, LLC regarding submitting our comments and the now previous meetings on February 8/9.

This is outrageous that they did not send this out until now. How many of our neighbors never received this either? Please continue to keep things like this at the forefront of your minds.

Thank you,

Korrie Stevenson
9700 Little Gasparilla Island
Placida, FL 33946

Antonia Hover

From: Tammy ORourke <dreamseed99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 3:57 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Subject: DOCKET #20200226
Attachments: image.png

Sent from my iPhone

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Tammy ORourke

2/16/22

To: commissionclerk@psc.state.fl.us >

Docket #[20200226](#)

To Whom This May Concern,

I am a resident of Charlotte County Fl. I am emailing you as I believe sewer is so important to our environment especially barrier islands and I support sewer for Gasparilla and Palm Island.

Sincerely,
Tammy ORourke
Sent from my iPhone



Antonia Hover

From: kjell <kjellone@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Office of Commissioner La Rosa
Subject: Docket #20200226-SU

Dear Commissioner LaRosa,

The magnitude of the project proposed by Environmental Utilities *RE: Wastewater on Bridgeless Barrier Islands, will have a devastating impact on hundreds of animals which live on County land and Private property in the subject project area.*

Animals including bobcats, opossums, armadillos, snakes, owls, numerous birds and gopher tortoises are but a few animals that roost, nest, shelter, and forage on the land which will be disturbed.

Since 2008, I have worked with the Gopher Tortoise species on Thornton Key, Knight and Don Pedro Islands, holding a Gopher Tortoise Agent certification (GTA-10-00063) with FFWC, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, and from 2017 to present a Registered Agent (RAG-17-00047) with FFWC.

Closely working with Charlotte County's *Code Compliance; Natural Resources; Environmental Specialists; Community Development; Planning and Zoning*, I also affiliate with The Department of Environmental Protection; West Coast Inland Navigation; FFWC State Marine Turtle Program; and, other Environmental groups.

Currently I serve on the board of Bocilla Islands Conservancy, Inc. and also serve as Team Lead for The BICI Gopher Tortoise Conservation Team.

LET'S EXAMINE the GOPHER TORTOISE ... as it pertains to project

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The Gopher Tortoise is listed as a THREATENED species, as well as a PROTECTED KEYSTONE species. Its burrow is shared with as many as 350 other animals referred to as commensal species, meaning the species all benefit from the association, and obtain nutrients, shelter, support, or locomotion from the host species.

Gopher Tortoises use multiple burrows and *forage on nearly one hundred low growing foliage plants all of which are essential for the diet this animal.* (Pat Ashton 2008). The tortoise must travel freely among and thru multiple properties to forage in order to satisfy its diverse dietary needs.

The interruption of free roaming due to vegetation clearing, grading, construction, digging, heavy equipment, or staging areas for supplies as the project would entail, would be quite disruptive and dangerous to the health of this species. Stress is proven to be the major cause for reduced immunity subjecting the Gopher Tortoise to illness. (Katherine Gentry)

The hazards and risk of falling into or being trapped in holes, trenches, and the like place the vulnerable tortoise at great risk of injury or death.

FFWC Guidelines states if “*you cannot permanently avoid all tortoise burrows on the development site by 25 feet or more, and suitable habitat will remain on-site following site development*”, the burrow must be excavated. * Island lots are 80 feet wide.

In accordance with this guideline, there will be hundreds of Gopher Tortoise burrows excavated and hundreds will need to be relocated. * There are 1-15 burrows per lot.

WHAT IS THE COST TO EXCAVATE A BURROW & RELOCATE A TORTOISE?

Let's Use a Realistic Example of a “3 Burrow Property”

- Consult & Burrow survey. \$1300
- Excavation of burrow. \$1300-1500 *per burrow* x3 \$3900- \$4500
- FFWC permit in which the 25 ft rule exists. \$250
- A project of this size may impact whether Gopher Tortoises will remain in their home range, likely they will be relocated to a state approved reserve.

\$2500 *per tortoise* x3 \$7500 **some consultants are billing @\$6000 per tortoise*

Note: As of February, 2022 there is a moratorium on relocating tortoises to all reserves, due to holding capacity. All are operating at maximum capacity. It is unknown when or if this situation will be remedied.

THE TOTAL COSTS FOR ABOVE SCENARIO: \$12,950 – 13,550.

WHO BEARS THOSE COSTS?

What if there are 5 burrows? (20,550)

or, 8 burrows? (31,000)

A few other Facts...

- From 2007-2009, ten island residents were extensively trained on *Gopher Tortoise Natural History; Habitat and Forage; Handling and Care; Data Gathering; as well as hands on Field Work*, by world renown Patricia and Ray Ashton, Ashton Biodiversity Research and Preservation Institute, Inc.
- The islands have served as an example for the State of Florida in demonstrating what stake holders can do in protecting a threatened species.
- Resident yards have been certified and registered by FFWC in the Gopher Tortoise Friendly Yard program.
- The Gopher Conservation Team was asked for input by FFWC in the development of the Friendly Yard program.
- Residents are enamored with Gopher Tortoises and to that end, have landscaped to attract tortoises and many of the commensals. That **habitat will be destroyed**.

Thank you for your time in reading my comments. Hoping you have a pleasant day.

Respectfully,

Kjell Plotkin

Kjell Plotkin
Resident, Don Pedro Island
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