

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • MARCH 15, 2023 • VALENCIA LAKES

HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – VALENCIA LAKES

- Bob Sklar, Valencia Lakes Delegate, and HOA President Jim Champlin welcomed all.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR

- Josh Hopfer of ProGreen Services, LLC spoke about the company's long history in South Florida and their commitment to quality landscaping services.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- She is excited about the new area middle and high schools opening in August.
- There are busing concerns related to the proposed education legislation requiring districts to push back the daily start times for middle and high schools.
- Although the District transferred some books that may have been more appropriate for students in higher grades, the District did not ban any books.

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- Acknowledged that COBWRA delegates will be well represented at the March 28 BCC Ag Reserve Workshop by the COBWRA Board.
- Contact her office for an appointment.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DSITRICT 6 LT. CHRIS CARIS

- Reminded the delegates about the "Out-Smart the Scammers" program on March 16, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 PM at South County Civic Center.
- PBSO does not solicit donations. Be sure to vet any fraternal police organizations requesting donations.
- Construction on the bridge spanning the Florida Turnpike on Hypoluxo Road will begin shortly. Extra law enforcement will be in the area.

ELECTION

- The Nominating Committee presented their 2023-2024 Slate of Officers at the Feb. Delegates Meeting. No floor nominations were offered. Delegates voted by acclamation at the March meeting for the following: President - Steve Wallace, First Vice President - Barbara Roth, Second Vice President - Debbie Murphy, Secretary - Cheryl Dodes, and Treasurer - Allen Appel.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Reviewed the meetings she and Victoria Morton attended with various legislative leaders during PBC Days in Tallahassee, where they presented COBWRA's Tallahassee Legislative Priorities. Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson considers food production a national security issue and has a significant impact on the Florida economy. Rep. Joe Casello introduced legislation regarding retirement age for first responders. Senator Lori Berman introduced Greyson's Law which would better protect Florida's children and families. Senator Bobby Powell submitted a bill related to the conveyance of State property for the support of Affordable Housing. Rep. Rick Roth has proposed legislation which will encourage farmers and food banks to process surplus foods in a more efficient manner. COBWRA spoke in opposition to legislation that would severely restrict HOAs from performing their duties.

MEET OUR NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MICHAEL BARNETT, PBC COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

- Looks forward to working with COBWRA and believes the job of commissioner is to work with and for the residents. He wants to focus on homelessness, affordable housing, traffic, and the Ag Reserve. He is willing to listen to all opinions when making decisions.

SARA BAXTER, PBC COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 6

- Spoke of her experience as a small business owner. Wants to monitor County funds to be sure they are being used wisely. She is concerned about roads and traffic lights, supports small businesses, and would like residents' input.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – STEVE WALLACE

- The Board approved 2023-2024 COBWRA budget was presented to the delegates.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE

- Reminded the delegates of the Health & Wellness Symposium scheduled for 7 PM on March 30, 2023, at Jamaica Bay, the PBSO Scammers Seminar scheduled for March 16 from 1-3 PM at South County Civic Center and the BCC Ag Reserve Workshop scheduled for March 28.

FEATURED PRESENTATION – "COBWRA COMMITTEES", presented by Barbara Roth, COBWRA 1st Vice President

- Presented COBWRA's history and an overview of the various committee's functions as outlined on the Interest Survey provided. Committee members need only be a homeowner in a COBWRA member community. Encouraged those present to sign up for committee work by completing the survey, which will also be emailed to them - for community distribution.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2023 • 9:30 AM

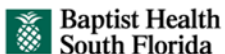
In-person at Valencia Shores

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy

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