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**Myakka River Management Coordinating Council
Sarasota County Office
Conference Room 1
1301 Cattleman Road
Sarasota, FL 34232**

**August 21, 2009
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

The meeting began at 10:00 am. Those in attendance included Ernie Estevez, Tom Moralee, Mary Jelks, Susan King, Belinda Perry, and Jono Miller,. This meeting was advertised in the Sarasota Herald Tribune on 8/4/09 and in the Florida Administrative Weekly on 8/7/ 09.

Some of the problematic observations from the bridge data collection exercise were discussed. During the meeting the subcommittee decided how to best use the collected data. Natalie Balcer volunteered to update the bridge spreadsheet so that the information can be compared within one file instead of using the individual word files. Once the spreadsheet was updated, she would send it to the subcommittee to draw some final conclusions on what the current issues are and how the same issues can be avoided in the future.

Jono mentioned that it might be a good idea to come up with a one page narrative for the few bridges that have been redesigned to compare the current conditions with what was present previously. It was mentioned that some issues could be solved if the Council had with better coordination with DOT and knew DOT's routine maintenance schedules. Possibly a DOT representative could update the Council during the tri-annual meetings about upcoming construction and maintenance activities.

Susan did some research on what bridge crossings were included in the DOT 5 year construction plan. She reported that the next crossing to be repaired will be US 41 during 2011. The subcommittee hopes that they can use the collected data and provide input to DOT during this project. She stated that she would attempt to find a DOT representative who would be willing to attend the next Council meeting on 9/18/09 and brief the council on the routine maintenance schedule.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:15 am.