

MARCH 2015 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS  
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Meeting:** **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **March 9, 2015.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**MARCH EVENTS ON  
OKALOOSA ISLAND**

**March 11** – Island Garden Club Program - **Down & Dirty with Karen Doud**

**March 21** -5k & 8k Run/Walk on Okaloosa Island - **RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!**

**March 26** -- Destin Garden Club Bus Trip to Mobile for the **Festival of Flowers**

**See inside articles for specifics and details**



# The OIL Lantern



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### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **March 9, 2015**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### II. ROLL

#### Guest Speakers:

**Mr. Ed Stanford P.E.** – Core Engineering & Consulting. Subject: Right-of-way vacation on Scallop Court.(see ROW vacation map on page 2 of this newsletter)

**Ms. Leslie Moland** – White-Wilson Community Foundation's **RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!** event on Okaloosa Island on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

#### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you speak, please state your name, address and if you are a member.

#### IV. MINUTES

February 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer, **Jim Simpson**

#### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Architectural Committee: (see Newsletter)
- C. Membership Liaison: **Jim Simpson**
- D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**
- E. Boat Basin: **Cathy Taylor**
- F. Street Lighting MSBU: **Maryl Bednar**

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

### MESSAGE FROM THE OILA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALIGNMENT

Thank you to Tripp Tolbert for serving as OILA president this past year. Due to his impending surgery and family business, Tripp tendered his resignation at the February 2015 meeting but stated he would remain on the board. We are pleased to report that Vince Bruner accepted the Board of Directors' suggestion that he assume the role of president. Thank you, Vince!

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -- Vince Bruner

The walking or jogging trail along Choctawhatchee Bay on Okaloosa Island, that would be connected to the sidewalks along Santa Rosa Boulevard, is the most exciting new development on the island in the past 10 years. The recreational and health benefits are huge!

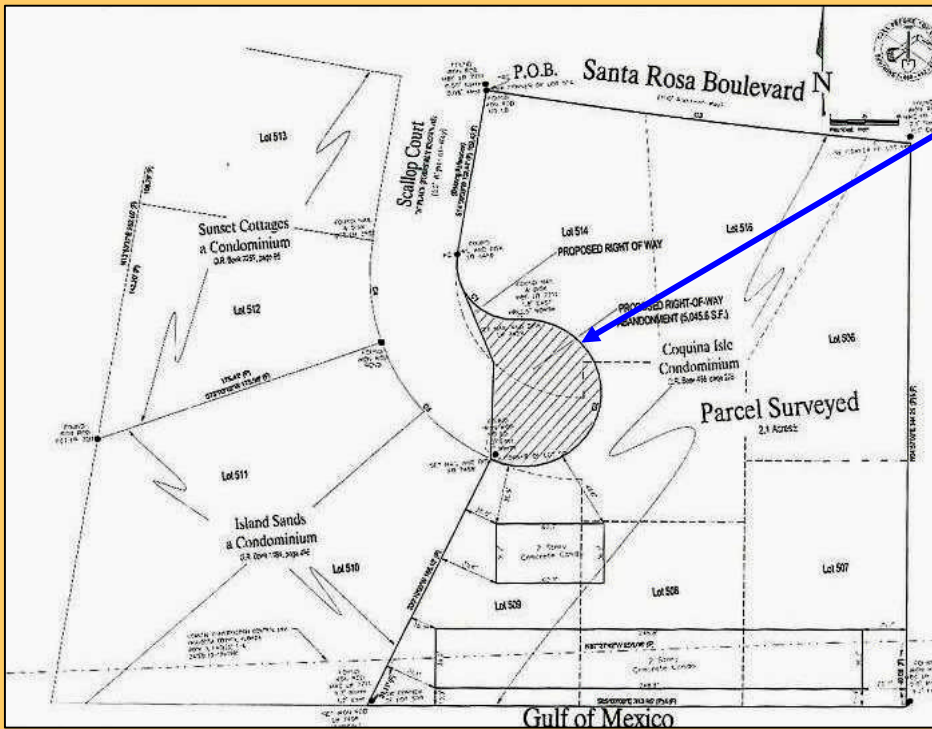
Residents from Santa Rosa County to Walton County will come to these trails for the experience of walking one of the prettiest spots we have to offer. Our Snowbird guest, as well as other health-conscious visitors will enjoy this trail. The local runners club and even the growing cyclist community should be big users.

With the cooperation of United States Air Force, there should be little opposition to this project.

There also needs to be a better way of coming off the Brooks bridge for pedestrians headed east and who are using the sidewalk on the west side of the bridge.

A Florida surf museum is another project I would love to see on Okaloosa Island, or in downtown Fort Walton Beach. Okaloosa Island was an original surf destination along with Cocoa Beach in the early 1960s, when surfing began to be popular in the US. George Dana "Doodle" Harris was one of the earliest of Florida's surf pioneers. And there are many others who contributed. Pictures and videos could be gathered from these early pioneers to create quite a venue for those attracted to this area and this Sport. Keeping fit has always been Big for those who enjoy the beach, whether, by swimming, surfing, jogging, cycling are just walking and checking out the scenery.

So, aloha, until next month!



**SCALLOP COURT RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION PROPOSAL. REFERENCE SHADED AREA (APPROXIMATELY 5,045 SQUARE FEET)**



Mr. Ed Stanford P.E.  
Core Engineering & Consulting

**Legal Description**

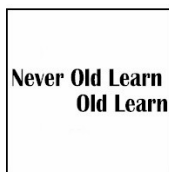
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN BLOCK 8, SANTA ROSA ISLAND, PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 190, OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA: STARTING AT THE NW CORNER OF LOT 514, PROCEED S-14°00'00"-W 102.44 FEET TO A PC; THENCE 20.3 FEET ALONG A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 34.05 FEET, DEFLECTING LEFT AND HAVING A CHORD OF 53.54 FEET BEARING S-37°51'00"-E TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 41.31 FEET; THENCE 164.82 FEET ALONG A CURVE 45 FEET RADIUS; DEFLECTING RIGHT AND HAVING A CHORD OF 86.96 FEET BEARING S-15°14'00"-W AND ENDING AT THE NW CORNER OF LOT 509; THENCE N-16°05'45"-E 59.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N-17°47'00"-W 52.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, HAVING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 5,045.6 S.F. (0.1158 ACRES).

**“QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 15<sup>th</sup> TIME!**

What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are at the bottom of the next to last page.



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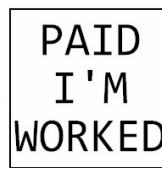
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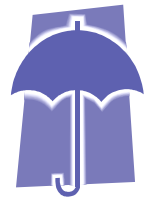


Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR FEB 2015: 2.8 INCHES**



- Feb 1..... 0.7 inches
- Feb 4..... 0.8 inches
- Feb 9..... 0.2 inches
- Feb 16.....0.1 inches
- Feb 25.....1.0 inches

Variance to Average: - 3.0 inches

- March Avg Rainfall.....5.8 inches
- March Record High.....80° F (1957)
- March Record Low .....4° F (1985)
- Mar Avg Water Temperature..66° F

- April Avg Rainfall.....3.7 inches
- April Record High.....92° F(1985)
- April Record Low .....20° F(1987)
- Apr Avg Water Temperature..72° F

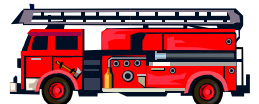
- YTD Variance to Avg.....- 5.1 inches
- Rainfall Year-to-Date.....5.7 inches
- Avg Annual Rainfall .....65.1 inches

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!**

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE: [WWW.OILAWEB.COM](http://WWW.OILAWEB.COM), or CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT (850) 585-2116 OR BY EMAIL AT [SANLEANNA@COX.NET](mailto:SANLEANNA@COX.NET).**

**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDED 69 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015**

- Fire Calls.....4
- Alarm Activations.....14
- EMS/Rescue/MVA....35
- Other.....16



## ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING



### Down & Dirty with Karen Doud

One of the area's most popular gardening gurus is the featured speaker at the Wednesday, March 11, meeting of the Island Garden Club... Karen Doud of Lowe's Garden Center. Karen will share planting tips and tricks as well as new items being offered this Spring.

Guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend. Socializing begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. Membership in the IGC is only \$10 a year.

A hearty THANK YOU to El Matador Condominium Association for again this year graciously allowing use of their downstairs party room for our meetings.

Kathy Foster, Treasurer  
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### THE "MOST" CORNER

#### THE MOST DEADLY SCHOOL DISASTER

**1937 - March 18** - A massive explosion, blamed on a natural-gas leak beneath **London School** in **New London, Texas** kills an estimated 296 students and teachers. Subsequent deaths of people injured in the explosion bring the death count to 311. As a result, the Texas legislature requires that a malodorant be added to the odorless gas so that leaks can be more easily detected.

### AN ISLAND TIP OF THE HAT AND A THANK YOU TO:

Commissioner **Carolyn Ketchel** and Public Works Director **Jason Autrey** for directing employees to trim palm trees and edge the Santa Rosa Boulevard medians.



### RUN FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

Join the fun on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 9:00 am for the 3rd Annual "Run for the Health of It" 5K & 8K. The course will start at Helen Back Café then weave around the streets on the island.

We would love to see everyone support the runners by cheering, playing music, holding up signs, etc. in your yard or along Santa Rose Blvd. etc. Show your support and make some noise as the runners breeze by! With your help they will stay perked up for the duration.

### IDEAS FOR SIGN SAYINGS

Your feet hurt because you are kicking so much butt!

Don't stop -- people are watching.

Worst Parade Ever.

Chafe now...brag forever.

That's not sweat, it's your fat cells crying.

You've got stamina! Call me!

Hurry up, we're missing brunch

Pain now...beer later!

I'm sure it seemed like a good idea 4 months ago.

Run like you stole something.

This is a lot of work for a free banana

My legs hurt just waiting for you.

You are beating everyone behind you!

Where are you all going?

You're not slow. You're just enjoying the course.

If it was easy, I would do it.

May the course be with you!

Hurray up! People are waiting for you!

Staying up all night making this sign was hard, too.

Run! There's a cute guy in front of you and a creepy guy behind you.

Go Random Stranger, Go!

Smile, you're still faster than all the people behind you"

You could have chosen chess

You think you're tired? My arms are holding this sign up!

Hurry, they're running out of food at the finish line.

Smile! Remember you paid to do this!

Your pace or mine?

Dear total stranger, you're my hero.

Run faster – my arms hurt.

Life is short... running makes it seem longer.

Your perspiration is my inspiration.

Pain is just weakness leaving your bod.

You are 2 legit 2 quit.

# STATUS REPORT ON OKALOOSA ISLAND BEACH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## SANTA ROSA SOUND

OKALOOSA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SCHEDULED TO START CONSTRUCTION OF DUNE WALKOVERS FOR SIX EXISTING NARROW BEACH ACCESSES  
 THE GOAL IS TO HAVE THEM COMPLETED PRIOR TO SUMMER 2016. THESE ARE THE SMALL ACCESS POINTS WHICH DO NOT HAVE BATHROOMS OR PARKING. THE FUNDING SOURCES ARE 50% BED TAX & 50% STATE GRANT.

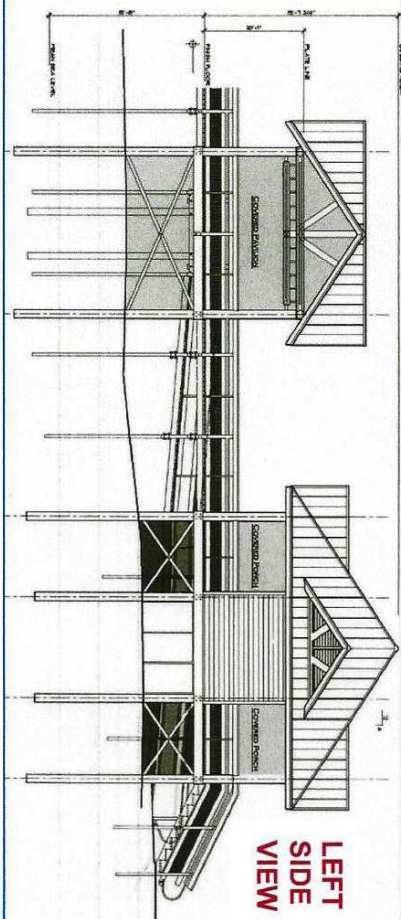
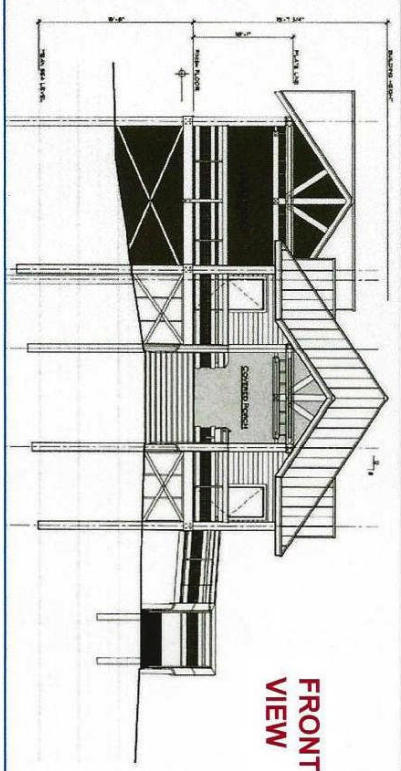


MARKS LOCATIONS FOR NEW DUNE WALKOVERS



## GULF OF MEXICO

INITIAL CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OKALOOSA ISLAND MAJOR BEACH ACCESS WAYS 4, 5 AND 6 HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. BELOW ARE THE DRAWINGS (Front View & Left Side View) OF THE BUILDING FACILITIES FOR EACH OF THESE ACCESSES Access Ways 4, 5 and 6 have been budgeted for the construction of bathroom facilities and paved parking space





**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015** for permits and Applications submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Committee.  
**SPECIAL NOTICES: 1) The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the Tourist Development Center building. 2) ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner/Contractor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Feb 2	2	17, 18 & 19	North side of Santa Rosa Blvd	Okaloosa National Miniature Golf Course	Construct a Miniature Golf Course	In compliance

**A MEDLEY OF SERIOUS AND SILLY QUOTES**

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

-- Mark Twain

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

-- Winston Churchill

This used to be a government of checks and balances. Now it's all checks and no balances.

-- Gracie Allen

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her.

-- Rodney Dangerfield

I am not young enough to know everything.

-- Oscar Wilde

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

-- Phyllis Diller

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

-- George Carlin

I've had so much plastic surgery, when I die they will donate my body to Tupperware.

-- Joan Rivers

She had lost the art of conversation but not, unfortunately, the power of speech.

-- George Bernard Shaw

I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did.

-- Yogi Berra

*Festival of Flowers*  
 March 26-29, 2015



*Providence Hospital Campus  
 Mobile, Alabama*

It's coming soon! The Destin Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Mobile Festival of Flowers on Thursday, March 26, 2015, and you are invited. The cost is \$35 which includes the bus ride and admission to the event. Participants will be on their own for lunch to dine at one of the restaurants on the premises.

Good Times Tour bus (seating 50 people) will depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. from The Boardwalk located at 1030 Miracle Strip Parkway NE, FWB 32548. You will want to park your car closest to the highway. Return is expected to be at approximately 4:00 p.m.

A check guarantees your seat and should be made out to **Destin Garden Club** and sent to:

Kathy Foster  
 849 Tarpon Drive  
 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

We hope you can join on us on this enjoyable excursion. You will find unusual plants, hard-to-find tools and gardening items, hear interesting speakers, get inspirational ideas for plantings, etc. Wear comfortable shoes. Vendors carry purchases to the loading area where buses depart. You may wish to take boxes with your name on them to hold purchases in the bottom of the bus for the ride home. Only 50 seats will be sold allowing the back seats to hold trees, tall plants and large garden art. Details: <http://www.festivalofflowers.com/>

Please feel free to share this invitation with your garden clubs and your friends. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

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**STATUS REPORT ON THE BIKE PATHWAY PROJECT -- Dave Hancock**

Here is the latest on the bike pathway project:

- In February met with the mayor and city manager of Fort Walton Beach. Gained their support for the bike pathway project
- Jill, Kathy, & I made a presentation to the FWB Chamber of Commerce executive board which has resulted in an endorsement of the bike pathways.
- Kathy and I made the same presentation to the TDC this week which also resulted in an endorsement and continuing support from the TDC staff.

The great news came on Thursday before the TDC meeting. Okaloosa County Public - Jim Autrey is the director - is applying for a TAP grant to build a bike path South side of Santa Rosa Boulevard which will let anyone be able to go from El Matador to the Boardwalk. This really makes sense as it will take some time to do the required environmental studies for the Fort Walton to Destin pathway along US 98. Separating the Santa Rosa section from the US 98 section means the boulevard path will be realized much sooner. It makes OILA's task less complex.

On the right is a letter endorsing the bike pathways project from the Florida DEP.

Finally we are working on two grants applications. One is a TAP grant which was suggested by Okaloosa Commissioner Nathan Boyles: the other is the ORAC grant.



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SECRETARY

February 25, 2015

Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association Board of Directors  
Attn: Kathy Foster, Vice President  
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Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in regards to the planned trail project on Santa Rosa Island stretching from Santa Rosa Boulevard to the Destin Bridge. The Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails confirms that this project is located within the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS) Land Trail Opportunity and Priority Network.

The Priority Network encompasses the more important corridors and connections within the FGTS Opportunity Network. Constructing a trail in this area provides outdoor recreational users with access to trails connecting Eglin Beach Park, John Beasley Park, Fort Walton Beach Park and other locations on Okaloosa Island. The proposed trail would close an approximately 5 mile gap along the Great Northwest Coastal Trail Corridor (GNCTC), an identified long distance trail corridor in the FGTS Priority Network, that will eventually connect approximately 270 miles of trail across the Panhandle. Additionally, the GNCTC will connect communities between Pensacola, to the Capital City to Sea Trails in Tallahassee, and to St. Augustine through the Original Florida Corridor, creating a continuous trail connection across Northwest and Northeast Florida.

A project such as this will provide dedicated access to shared-use paths, trails and other recreational opportunities. They create the optimum setting for safe and efficient use of non-motorized types of transportation for communities and commercial centers. Trails are becoming an increasingly important economic engine for communities, with benefits fueled by both residents of the state and visitors to local municipalities.

If you need additional information or assistance please contact Brian Ruscher or myself at 850-245-2060.

Sincerely,

Samantha Browne, Bureau Chief  
Division of Recreation and Parks  
Office of Greenways and Trails

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**WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Wuzzle No. 1**



**Quarterback**

**Wuzzle No. 2**



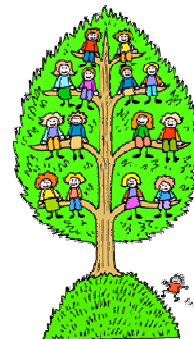
**Never to Old To Learn**

**Wuzzle No. 3**



**Peace on Earth**

**Wuzzle No. 4**



**Room for One More**

**Wuzzle No. 5**



**Over Worked & Under Paid**

**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**BOARD MEETING:** February 9 2015 **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station Meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President Kathy Foster. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. President Tripp Tolbert arrived a little late.

**ROLL:** Board members Kathy Foster, Desley Parker, Jill Higgins, David Hancock, Jim Hendricks.

**MINUTES:** Minutes as printed in the OIL Lantern from the December meeting were approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim Simpson gave the report attachment 1.

Association Discretionary Fund Balance.....\$ 34,084.13

Receipts since last report:

Membership Dues.....\$ 21.00  
Newsletter fees.....\$ 4.50

Expenditures since last report:

Reimbursement to Dave Miller for Mardi Gras beads.....\$ 69.88  
Reimburse Jim Simpson for the purchase of Moon  
Pies plus shipping .....\$ 344.00  
Reimburse Jim Simpson for newsletter expense (postage).... \$ 21.56

Discretionary Fund Balance.....\$ 34,084.13  
Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28  
Total Funds Available.....\$ 35,505.21

This is summary only, total report located at Attachment.

Mr. Simpson also requested reimbursement for postage for OIL Lantern in the amount of \$21.56. Motion was made by Carmen and 2nd by Desley. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Jim Simpson reported that Membership stands at 254 approximately 96% of the total for 2014 of 262

**WEBSITE:** Bob Seitz reported there are lots of Mardi Gras pictures on the web with some historic pictures. The site is getting lots of queries concerning short term rentals on the island.

**STREET LIGHTING MSBU:** Maryl Bednar Attachments provides the full report.

REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT.1602 OKALOOSA ISLAND MSBU DATED Feb 3.2015 (last report dated Dec. 2, 2014)

**Revenues:**

Street Lighting Fees.....\$13,083

**Expenditures:**

Electrical Services \$2,612.66      Legal Advertising \$168.54  
Lighting Services \$7,738.62      Billing Charges \$ 654.20  
Total Expenditures..... \$11,174.02  
Estimated Net Change      \$1,909.79  
2014 Fund Balance      \$214,995.69  
YTD Fund Balance      \$216,905.4

**BEAUTIFICATION REPORT:** No report this month.

Old Business: Bike Path, being worked by Jill, Dave and Kathy. At this moment the committee is working the issue with the county commission. The project will be briefed to the Chamber of Commerce and the TDC later this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Tripp Tolbert announced his decision to resign as President due to personal reasons. Paula Hudson has formed a Historical Committee. If you have anything to contribute please pass it to Paula. Kathy Taylor discussed the need for TDC help for Island beautification.

OILA will monitor any public meeting on the bridge issue and will attend those meetings when noticed.

**ADOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm