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**Minutes
Alva, Inc.
8-8-11**

SPECIAL THANKS TO KATHIE EBAUGH FOR TAKING WONDERFUL NOTES

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., the group said the Pledge of Allegiance together, and President Daniels gave a warm welcome to all in attendance.

No minutes were read because secretary Dennis was absent.

Treasurer Smith gave the treasurer's report that showed a current balance of

President Daniels then introduced Representative Matt Caldwell. He gave a brief summary of the last legislative session and said he would respond he would respond to our concerns.

Pres. D. asked him about redistricting. She pointed out that Alva is in House District 72 that is based in Charlotte County. The representative lives in Punta Gorda and there is not a lot of communication between him and our community. She asked about the possibility of Alva being included in a house district whose representative would live in Lee County. Rep. Caldwell urged us to attend the redistricting hearing in Lehigh Acres August 31 and express our concerns there. He also encouraged us to go to the website "My District Builders" and draw the district as you would like it to be and submit it to the redistricting committee. Lee County will likely get a senate seat. Florida will get two congressional seats, probably one in central Florida and one in SW Florida.

Irene Orr brought up the issue of having a full time traffic light at the intersection of Broadway and Highway 80. She pointed out that the traffic light works full time during the day M-F and then blinks the rest of the time. It is confusing to residents as well as others passing through and is a dangerous intersection. The community would like the traffic light to run full time. The Department of Transportation makes its own rules based on engineering studies which cannot be done by legislators. Although the legislature cannot direct executive action of agencies, Representative Caldwell promised to look into it and see if anything could be done

Steve Brodtkin asked questions about the Dept of Community Affairs (DCA). He stated that the legislature felt that growth management was being done so well by individual districts that they have restructured DCA to be more efficient and to focus on areas of critical state concern. Community plans such as ours must still be submitted to DCA for review.

Pres. Daniels expressed our concern about the policy that allows the Caloosahatchee River in Alva to be overrun with algae, creating a dangerous situation for residents and animals. Jimmy English brought up his concerns about water management policies and how they affect his family's business.

Rep Caldwell stayed with us for the rest of our meeting.

Planner Jerry Murphy passed out information about compact communities for writing land development codes for the historic core and the Alva Rural Village. This process will take about 14 months and we will begin at the Sept. 12 meeting.

Becky Ayech is Caloosahatchee's "slime investigator" and is putting together information from people who are affected by the algae blooms in the river and would like for concerned people to contact her. She is from the environmental group ECO Swift. Call 941-735-0469 or email beckyayech@gmail.com.

President Daniels made announcements about upcoming important dates and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dennis, Secretary