

Sebastian Inlet Tax District

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 4 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Sebastian Inlet District Office
114 Sixth Avenue
Indialantic, Florida 32903

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Chairwoman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioner Lisa Frazier and Commissioner Michael Rowland. Vice Chair Beth Mitchell and Commissioner Chris Hendricks were absent (excused). Also, in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, Contracts & Accounting Manager Dave Kershaw, SID Public Outreach Associate Ed Garland, SID Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Alex Kinder and Tess Busch (SISP); Craig Stout, Bryan Flynn and Susan Shaw (ESA), Marie Yarbrough (Atkins), Tom Pierro (CPE), Elizabeth Beam (Stantec), and Binod Basnet (FDOT).

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Lawton Seal called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of September 8, 2021. Chairman Lawton Seal noted a change needed to the minutes that reflects that Commissioner Frazier was in attendance at the November meeting and that Commissioner Rowland was absent. Commissioner Rowland made a motion to approve the amended minutes, with Commissioner Frazier seconding the motion. The **motion carried 3-0**.

Under Agenda Item III

Presentations

State Road A1A Sebastian Inlet Bridge Coordination Meeting, Beth Beam (Stantec) and Binod Basnet, FDOT District Four

- A. Mr. Basnet outlined FDOT's Project Development and Environment (PD&E) process for the bridge project, which encompasses the economic, social, and environmental impacts with a planned transportation improvement project. He introduced Ms. Beam, who gave a history of the bridge's construction and improvements over the decades and said that FDOT and Stantec are coordinating with many federal, state, and local agencies on the project. She said the existing bridge has a bridge health index of 79.8 and per FHWA's national bridge rating system the bridge is "structurally deficient." However, Ms. Beam stated the current bridge is still safe, but the health rating indicates the need for repair or replacement and does not meet current standards, such as the lack of bike and pedestrian lanes. She presented construction scenarios that include various alignments for the new bridge, which will include construction of a temporary bridge during construction of the new bridge. Commissioner Frazier asked whether the new bridge would impact the SISP Fishing Museum, to which Ms. Beam confirmed there would be no impacts. Ingress and egress from the park entrances will also be improved. Commissioner Rowland asked whether navigation traffic would be impacted by the project. Ms. Beam said impacts would be minimal, work will be coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard and any impacts to boat traffic would only occur during the razing of the old bridge. Public meetings will be held January 11, 2022 (virtual) and January 13, 2022 (Sebastian Community Center) and a public hearing is anticipated in October 2022.

Under Agenda Item IV

Information and Discussion Agenda

- A. Media and information
Nothing to share.

B. Executive Director's Reports:

1. Update on Sebastian Inlet Channel Marker Repairs
Mr. Gray presented a short video clip of Land and Sea Surveying deploying two unlighted buoys in the Sebastian Inlet Channel on Dec. 1, part of District's ongoing mission to replace and repair channel markers in the waterway.
2. Discussion of Consent Agenda
Mr. Gray reviewed the three Consent Agenda items for the Commission's approval. (Details are found under item IX).

Under Agenda Item V

Public Outreach Activities

Mr. Garland provided a brief overview of outreach activities, including continued success of the campaign to solicit photos from anglers for SID's new "commonly caught fish species" webpage, his participation in an Indian River Lagoon Day event on November 13, an article published on the District website about the replacement of channel markers and the popularity of a historical photo on Facebook that reached more than 8,000 people.

Under Agenda Item VI

Park Matters — Alex Kinder, SISP Assistant Park Manager

Mr. Kinder said there is no word yet on whether a successor to former SISP Manager Jennifer Roberts has been chosen, although an announcement is expected in about a week. He also noted that there have been five to six bird rescues per day due to anglers hooking southbound birds arriving at the inlet. Ms. Busch said the turtle statue project continues to move forward.

Under Agenda Item VII

Legal Counsel Update — Jack Kirschenbaum, Gray Robinson

Nothing to report.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Public Comment Period

No public comments.

Under Agenda Item IX

Consent Agenda

A. Authorized Work for Commission Review

1. Summerlin's Marine Construction, LLC, Work Order No. 2122-005 – Summerlin Channel Marker Repairs
Mr. Gray said additional channel marker repairs are needed, in this case dayboards. Red 2 was missing and green 23 was missing a dayboard. The Work Order was authorized under the Executive Director's spending authority. Project cost is \$2,050.

B. Recommended for Approval

1. Work Order 2122-006-CPE, Coastal Protection Engineering Technical Advisory Committee – Professional Coastal Engineering Expert
Mr. Gray introduced Tom Pierro, principal engineer and owner for CPE, who would serve as an impartial professional expert to separate the District from Dr. Gary Zarillo’s work on the Technical Advisory Committee during the upcoming Inlet Management Plan update. Lump sum cost is \$34,898 for contractual services.

2. Work Order No. 2122-007-ESA, Environmental Science Associates DMMA Annual Land Management and Site Engineering
ESA is providing biological support services for the District’s DMMA. The work order includes quarterly treatment of nuisance species, site inspections, mowing, native plantings and drone services if needed to ensure the DMMA continues to function as designed. All work is included in the DMMA management plan. ESA may also assist the District to remove sand from the DMMA. Commissioner Frazier requested that Mr. Gray provide the Commission with copies of the planned quarterly reports and the plant lists. Total cost is \$98,460.

Vice Chairman Frazier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. The **motion carried 3-0**.

Under Agenda Item X

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Hendricks — Absent.

Commissioner Frazier — Nothing to share.

Commissioner Rowland — Nothing to share.

Commissioner Mitchell — Absent.

Chairwoman Lawton Seal — Nothing to share.

Under Item XI

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

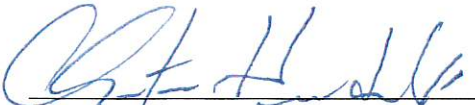
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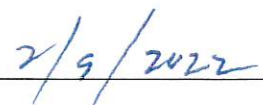
New Business

No new business was discussed

Under Item XIII

Adjournment — Chairwoman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer


Date