

Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4 PM, October 12, 2022
North Indian River County Library
1001 Sebastian Boulevard
Sebastian, FL 32960

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Chairwoman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioner Beth Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Commissioner Michael Rowland (Secretary/Treasurer), who was excused to leave the meeting at 4:15 p.m. . Commissioner Chris Hendricks and Commissioner Lisa Frazier 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, Eric Charest (IRC), Steven Jachec (ATM) and David Barney (District resident/ SID Commissioner-elect, (District 4).

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Lawton Seal called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Due to Commissioner Rowland needing to leave the meeting early, the Commission addressed Consent Agenda items first because the Consent items required a quorum to vote.

Under Agenda Item II

Consent Agenda

A. Authorized Work for Commission Review

1. Applied Technology and Management, Inc. – Change Order No. 1 Work Order No. 2022-008-ATM, 2022 Post-Construction Monitoring

Mr. Gray said that due to a record sea turtle nesting year, Applied Technology and Management, Inc. has requested additional funds to mark 162 extra sea turtle nests. There will be no additional fees for nests above the 162 charged to the District. The change order totaled \$4,949.91.

2. Applied Technology and Management, Inc. – Work Order No. 2122-028-ATM, 2022/23 Upland Sand Truck Haul and Beach Placement Project

Mr. Gray said that the work order would authorize Applied Technology and Management, Inc., to provide engineering and technical support for the development of bid documents for the upcoming 2022-23 Upland Sand Truck Haul and Beach Placement Project. District funding is budgeted an available under Sand Trap Dredging, Construction/Local Share Account No. 5372-311. Engineering services are eligible for up to 50 percent cost-share from the FDEP beaches and Funding Assistance Program. The work order is for \$9,750.

B. Recommended for Approval

1. Work Order No. 2223-001-LSS, Land and Sea Surveying 2022 October/November Hydrographic Survey

Mr. Gray said the work order authorizes Land and Sea Surveying to continue providing hydrographic beach surveys approximately 30,000 feet north and south of the inlet, as well as the inshore portions of the inlet. This data supports the annual updates to the District's State of the Inlet Report and permit-required monitoring efforts.

2. Work Order No. 2223-002-LLW, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. 2022-2023 Legislative Representation

Mr. Gray said that Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., has represented the District on legislative issues with good result. The work order authorizes LLW to represent the District during the 2023 Legislation Session for a flat fee of \$48,000.

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. **The motion carried 3-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of September 14, 2022; approval of the Minutes of the Tentative Millage and Budget hearing of September 14, 2022; and approval of the minutes of the Final Millage and Budget Hearing of October 3, 2022. Commissioner Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. **The motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Rowland was excused and left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Under Agenda Item IV

A. Commissioner Hendricks – Certificate of Recognition

Mr. Gray said that the District received notice that Commissioner Hendricks was resigning from office, effective October 31, 2022. David Barney was elected and will succeed Commissioner Hendricks in November 2022. Chairman Lawton Seal read aloud a Certificate of Recognition for Commissioner Hendricks' service on the Board.

Under Agenda Item V

Information and Discussion Agenda

A. Media and information

No comments.

B. Executive Director's Reports:

1. Update on the Sebastian Inlet North and South Shoreline Stabilization Project

Mr. Gray said the North and South Shoreline Stabilization Project is nearly complete and that the contractor is working on final punch-list items, such as laying sod and repairing sidewalks. Mr. Gray also mentioned that due to the Hurricane Ian he authorized a one-week contract extension to allow the contractor to complete the project. Commissioner Mitchell asked if additional sand will be placed on the North shoreline because the new rock makes

the area less accessible. Mr. Gray responded that he is working with SISP and the project engineer on possible sand infill for the area.

2. Hurricane Ian Preliminary Damage Assessment

Mr. Gray updated the Commission on the status of inlet beaches in the wake of Hurricane Ian, which included a PowerPoint presentation showing images of the preliminary assessment he conducted after Ian passed through the area. His presentation showed how various beaches experienced various levels of beach erosion and beach profile lowering. Mr. Gray noted that he walked the beaches with a DEP shoreline expert on October 11, 2022, ensuring that DEP is aware of the state of the beaches. Mr. Gray invited Mr. Charest to give a brief update on Indian River County's beach assessment findings. Mr. Charest also showed a PowerPoint presentation showing that the county had significant beach erosion at some beaches. The worst damage occurred at Wabasso Beach, which succumbed to 10 feet of dune damage.

3. September 2022 Financial Statements

Mr. Kershaw gave an overview of the District's end-of-year financial statements. The documents are included in the agenda packet and available for review upon request.

4. Discussion of Consent Agenda

Mr. Gray reviewed the four Consent Agenda items for the Commission's consideration. (Details are found under Item V).

Under Agenda Item VI

Public Outreach Activities

Mr. Garland said that he has developed a Navigation-themed webpage and promoted it on both Facebook and Instagram.

Under Agenda Item VII

Park Matters — Ken Torres, SISP Park Manager

Mr. Gray spoke on behalf of Mr. Torres, who was unavailable to attend the meeting. Mr. Gray reported that the new roof at the SISP Fishing Museum is nearly finished, the park escaped major damage in the wake of Hurricane Ian, and that SISP may partner with the District on shoreline repairs at Coconut Point.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Legal Counsel Update — Jack Kirschenbaum (Gray Robinson)

Nothing to report.

Under Agenda Item IX

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

Under Item X

Commissioner Items

Secretary/Treasurer Rowland — No longer at the meeting.

Vice Chair Mitchell — Commissioner Mitchell said she was glad to see Commissioner-elect Barney attending Commission meetings. She said that over the last year or so, it has been difficult for the Commission to make a quorum for meetings. She said it was frustrating to show up for meetings when other commissioners don't show up. She said it is also unfair to District staff and other meeting attendees. She said she would be happy to restate her concern at a future meeting.

Commissioner Frazier — Absent

Commissioner Hendricks — Absent

Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal — Nothing.

Under Item XI

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

Under Item XII

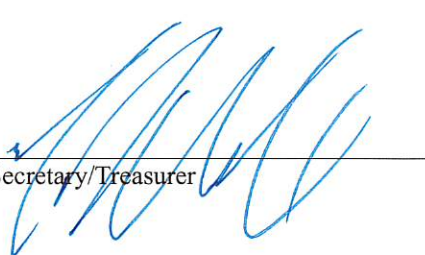
New Business

No new business

Under Item XIII

Adjournment — Chairwoman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer



Date

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