

Sebastian Inlet Tax District

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Regular Commission Meeting

114 Sixth Avenue

Indialantic FL 32903

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Chairwoman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioner Beth Mitchell (Vice Chair), Commissioner Michael Rowland and Commissioner Lisa Frazier. Commissioner Chris Hendricks (Secretary/Treasurer) was 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, Ken Torres (SISP), Douglas Kinder (SISP), Chris Lyon (Lewis, Longman and Walker), Bryan Flynn (ESA), Carlos Rivera (ESA), Don Deis (Atkins), Donna Deis, Marie Yarbrough (Atkins), Mel Scott (Atkins), Andrew Risi (Sea & Shoreline), Heather Herold (Sea & Shoreline), Steven Jachec (ATM), and Stephen Trbovich (Atkins).

Under Agenda Item I

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

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of March 9, 2022. Commissioner Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Presentations

- A. 2022 Legislative Session Summary, Chris Lyon, Lewis Longman and Walker
Mr. Lyon provided an overview on the Florida legislative session, including a proposed \$112 billion budget and a failed bill that would have made all Brevard County elections races – including the Brevard seats on the SID Commission - partisan races. Mr. Lyon said he collaborated with elected officials and their staff to correct oversights that excluded special districts from applying for grant funding associated with sea level rise. Lyons said he convinced the staff and legislators inlet districts should be included for eligibility for funding. He also noted that, pending budget approval, there will be \$50 million available for beach management funding and \$240 million available for state park maintenance and repairs.
- B. 2021 Sea Grass Monitoring Update, Don Deis and Stephen Trbovich, Atkins
Mr. Deis gave a PowerPoint presentation focusing on key points in the 2021 seagrass monitoring report. Aerial surveys and transect surveys shows an eight-acre increase in seagrass. Two of the six zones, B and F, are at 100 percent coverage. Zone A, at 40 percent, has the least coverage, mostly due to significant erosion of that shoal. Mr. Deis' entire presentation is in the recorded minutes.

Under Agenda Item IV
Information and Discussion Agenda

- A. Media and Information
No discussion
- B. Executive Director's Reports
 - 1. Discussion of Consent Agenda

Under Agenda Item V

Public Outreach Activities

Mr. Garland updated the Commission on outreach activities, including the addition of a new website article about a bird and wildlife photographer, an upcoming article about the results of the 2022 Seagrass Report, and two upcoming community presentations he will be giving in late April.

Under Agenda item VI

Park Matters – Ken Torres, SISP Park Manager

Mr. Torres said the jetty will be closed for a couple of days (expected in May 2022) while FWC works with other agencies during a training session. Mr. Torres also questioned whether SID would work with SISP to replace a decrepit construction access gate at the north end of SISP. Mr. Gray said an improved gate would be a benefit to SID, particularly during District projects and jetty inspections. Mr. Gray will bring a proposal to the board at a future meeting.

Under Agenda Item VII

Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum, GrayRobinson

Nothing to report.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Public Comment Period

No public comment

Under Agenda Item IX

Consent Agenda

- A. Authorized Work for Commission Review
None at this time
- B. Recommended for Approval
 - 1. Work Order No. 2122-013-ATK – Atkins North America, Inc., 2022 Flood Tidal Shoal Seagrass Monitoring

Mr. Gray presented a work order that will continue seagrass monitoring along the Sebastian Inlet flood shoals and look at ways to stabilize the Zone A flood shoal, which is eroding into the inlet channel. Total amount of the work order is \$30,404.
 - 2. Award of Bid – 2022/23 – Sebastian Inlet North and South Shoreline Stabilization Project

Mr. Gray updated the Commission on the status of the shoreline stabilization project, located west of the Tide Pool on the north side of the inlet and repairs to locations along the existing rip-rap revetment on the south side of the inlet. Sea & Shoreline of Winter Garden was the lowest responsible and responsive bidder at \$1,137,093 for the base bid and \$1,239,103 as the alternative bid if the project must be delayed until October 2023. Commissioner Frazier said she was concerned about construction being completed on time due to material issues. Mr. Gray said SID will hold the contractor to the August 2022 deadline.

3. Work Order No. 2122-015-GPI, GPI Geospatial, Inc., 2022 Inlet Shoal Aerial Monitoring

Mr. Gray discussed this item and the next agenda item collectively since one company is managing both work orders. Mr. Gray said this item will allow SID to continue gather aerial photography information used to map seagrasses in the flood shoals. The work order is for \$10,500.

4. Work Order No. 2122-016-GPI, Geospatial, Inc., 2022, Shoreline Aerial Monitoring

Mr. Gray said this work order will allow for the continuance of gathering aerial images of the beach. The images are used in the State of the Inlet Annual Report. The work order is for \$17,150. Commissioner Frazier asked whether SID's aerial work is necessary since St. Johns River Water Management District conducts similar aerial photography every three years. Mr. Gray explained that the data is used specifically for inlet management. Gaps in data can cause permitting challenges. There are different methodologies used in mapping. He encouraged the Commission to continue with this program.

5. Work Order No. 2122-017-ATK, Atkins North America, Inc., 2022 Sebastian Inlet District Public Facilities Report

Pursuant to Chapter 189.08, Florida Statutes, independent special districts are required to submit to each local government a public facilities report. The work order is for \$25,034.50.

6. Work Order No. 2122-018-FIT – Florida Institute of Technology, Inc., State of the Inlet Analysis 2022

Mr. Gray said the proposed work order will allow for the continuation of the development of the State of the Inlet Report and provides backup for inlet management plan updates. The annual report is shared with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The work order is for \$136,110.

7. Notice of Acquisition and Request for Consent to Assignment of Contract Master Professional Services Agreement between Sebastian Inlet District and Applied Technology and Management, Inc. for Professional Coastal Engineering Services

Mr. Gray said that Applied Technology and Management, Inc., (ATM) was acquired by Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., and that the recommendation is for the Commission to approve assigning the original October 14, 2020, contract with ATM and its subconsultants to Geosyntec.

8. Cash Management Policy

Mr. Kershaw recommended that SID transfer \$2,691,733.92 from PNC to the District's account with Florida PRIME and to begin a monthly transfer of funds more than \$5 million in the PNC account into the Florida PRIME account approved by the Commission on September 28, 2021.

Commissioner Rowland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. The **motion carried 4-0.**

Under Agenda Item VIII

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Rowland — Nothing to share.

Vice Chair Mitchell — Acknowledged new faces in the audience and thanked Mr. Lyon for his work.

Commissioner Frazier — Nothing to share.

Commissioner Hendricks — Absent

Chairwoman Lawton Seal — Auditors praised the responsiveness of Mr. Kershaw.

Under Item IX

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

Under Item X

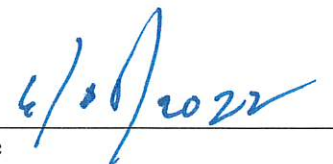
New Business

No new business was discussed

Under Item XI

Adjournment — Chairwoman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer


Date