

Sebastian Inlet Tax District
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Wednesday, September 9, 2015 4:00 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting were Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioners Michael Rowland, Beth Mitchell, Ann Perry and Dave Pasley. Also in attendance were Administrator Martin Smithson, District Staff Dave Kershaw and Nedra Maxwell, District legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Joe Chaison of ATM and T.J. Marshall of Indialantic.

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order –Chairman Lawton Seal called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 regular Commission meeting with Commissioner Rowland seconding. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Information and Discussion Agenda

- A) Media and Information – There was a brief discussion of the article regarding opening or closing the Canaveral Locks and the effect it would have on the Indian River Lagoon.
- B) Executive Director's Reports:
 1. Summary of Seagrass Sign Survey – Mr. Smithson and Mr. Kershaw took the seagrass sign survey requested by DEP. Each of the 35 signs needed to be photographed and distinguished to meet DEP requirements. The signs that face south and west had faded the worst. The seagrass signs have had the desired effect, prop scarring has been significantly reduced and boats tend to stay within the marked channel.
 2. Renewal of 18 month CD's at PNC Bank – Expiring 10/17/15 – Mr. Kershaw investigated interest rates of multiple banks and due to the District's requirement of using a certified public depository, the rates are very low. Currently, PNC Bank is offering .25%. The local Community Educator's offered a CD rate of 1.25% for 20 months but they are not a certified public depository. Commissioner Rowland suggested waiting to see if the Feds raise the rates.
 3. Additional Items – The 2015 – 2016 F/Y meeting calendar was issued and the December meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, rather than the second Wednesday.
 4. Discussion of Consent Agenda – Amend the Master Agreement with FIT to extend the term for another five years. Legal counsel clarified that the relationship the District has established with the University has become unique over the years. The Brevard County purchasing guidelines do not require going out for competitive bid for the requested services with FIT.

Work order No. 156-001-FIT- Florida Institute of Technology – renewal of the annual wind, wave and weather station monitoring. The price increased this year due to replacing two gauges at \$25,000 each.

Commissioner Rowland asked if the real time information gathered by FIT on wave height could be transmitted to the US Coast Guard for broadcasting to boaters over the VHF radio. NOAA had

a 3 mile and 20 mile buoy that monitored the information but they no longer maintain them. Commissioner Rowland thought it would be a great service to area boaters. Commissioner Mitchell agreed that the idea is a good one as long as the information is current and correct when reported to the USCG. Mr. Jones of the State Park agreed that the public support would be very high. Mr. Smithson will check with Dr. Zarillo on the feasibility.

Under Agenda Item IV

Summary of Beach Related Biological Monitoring Activities – Joe Chaison, ATM – Mr. Chaison presented an update of the recent sand trap excavation/DMMA offloading, biological and physical monitoring. The permit required monitoring is nearly completed. Monitoring components consisted of hydrographic survey of mean high waterline on the shoreline, volume and toe of fill surveys, escarpment and lighting surveys, hardbottom monitoring and mapping and sea turtle and shorebird nesting surveying and monitoring. All field work was completed by July 18th and was 15% below budget due to great weather conditions. Analysis and QAQC is 35% complete, DEP data deliverable is 75%, and final report to DEP is 10% complete. The desire is to complete the reports by the end of November 2015, if at all possible. There were a record number of turtle nests within the project area, as in the entire Archie Carr Refuge.

Under Agenda Item V

Park Matters – Kevin Jones – The SISF is trying to limit/ban the use of cast nets around the tip of the north jetty by boaters to prevent the abandoned net issue. The paving job was delayed by one day due to weather. Trees by the Marina are being moved and transplanted to increase parking.

Under Agenda Item VI

Legal Counsel – Jack Kirschenbaum, Gray Robinson – Mr. Kirschenbaum had nothing new to add.

Under Agenda Item VII

Public Comment Period – There was no Public Comment.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Consent Agenda - Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the consent agenda with Commissioner Mitchell seconding. Motion carried **5 – 0**.

Under Agenda Item IX

Commissioners Items – Commissioner Rowland explained the importance of knowing the wave height and period while boating in and out of the inlet.

Under Agenda Item X

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Under Agenda Item XI

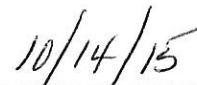
New Business – There was no new business.

Under Agenda Item XII

Adjournment – Chairman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer



Date