

Minutes of the Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
August 11, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Sebastian Inlet District Commissioners was held at the Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum, 14251 N. A-1-A, Vero Beach, FL 32963 on August 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ann Perry. Secretary Jenny Lawton Seal was present and there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 regular commission meeting. **Motion carried 5 -0.** Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2010 special commission meeting. **Motion carried 5 -0.**

Executive Director's Reports:

Status of DMMA Project – The District is still awaiting the gopher tortoise relocation permit and the recipient site permit. The consultants indicate the process is going well. The SJRWMD permit was received for the tide pool excavation. The National Marine Fisheries Service has signed off on the project but the US Fish and Wildlife Service comments are overdue.

Update on FIND Application and Status of L-Dock Permitting – The City of Sebastian Police Chief and Sea Tow Services have sent in letters of support for the L-Dock renovation along with incident reports of accidents occurring in the inlet. SJRWMD has sent an RAI inquiring as to how much time would be saved by emergency vessels/vehicles using the L-Dock rather than the State Park's boat ramps. SJRWMD requires a variance to construct in a shellfish harvesting area. FIND is still very interested in funding the District's projects although their budget has been cut due to the decline in property values. The District can apply for FIND funding under either Brevard or Indian River Counties but permits must be in hand by September 17th.

Update on Gulf Oil Spill – The plug has been holding since July 15th with no indication that oil is leaking from the well. The oil has been burned, skimmed, chemically dispersed, collected at the wellhead, a portion was evaporated or dissolved, some was naturally dispersed and a residual is rapidly degrading by microbes.

Inlet Navigation Buoys – The new buoy #3 was installed along with the new chains on two existing buoys. The divers will return on Aug. 19th or Sept 1st to complete the work on the remaining two buoys and reinstall the buoy that had broken off. Good tide conditions are a must for this type of work.

Discussion of the District's Long Range Sand Bypass Strategy – Cost sharing with the State is dependent on having a bypass plan. The DMMA fits in well with the long range bypassing plans. The State has committed to the construction of the DMMA and have verbally committed to agreeing with the excavation of the sand trap to regain its full capacity. The coquina rock will also be processed through the DMMA as well as fill from channel realignment dredging as that material will not be beach quality. Sand bypass costs over the next 10 year period are estimated to be 24 million. A ten year total revenue demand of over 37 million is forecasted which is a conservative estimate.

Approval of 2010 – 2011 Draft Budget – Construction costs of the DMMA and L-Dock are estimated in the 4 million range which still leaves a significant carry forward balance. Those funds are dedicated to future projects. The 1.7 million reserve is for catastrophic events and is maintained each year. The 2011 -2012 fiscal year will be the year the sand trap is over dredged and will be in the 8 million range. Several smaller projects over the following two years will use the carry forward balance. Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the 2010- 2011 Draft Budget. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Dr. Zarillo of FIT gave a presentation on the potential for sand recovery at different areas in the inlet. The updrift and downdrift fillets, ebb shoal, bypassing bar and attachment bar are all potential areas that could be harvested for sand in the future.

Park Matters – Terry Coulliette – The Park coordinated with the Coast Guard on the oil spill to establish a new set of parameters for locations and mobilizations for future events. The response system had not been updated since 1992. The new concession building is on hold due to 39 gopher tortoises being found within 25’ of the construction zone. A District biologist and one Park employee are being trained as gopher tortoise agents and will be able to move them within the Park.

Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum – Mr. Kirschenbaum has requested a formal opinion from the Attorney General’s office regarding the Division of Elections interpretation of the District’s charter. Once the opinion is received, the Commissioners can make a decision on how they would like to handle the matter.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

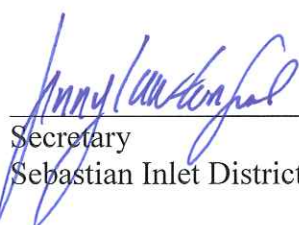
1. Work Order No. 0910-023 PBSJ – Bidding and Construction Administrative Services for Multi-Use Pier (L-Dock) – PBS&J – Not to Exceed \$70,260. This work order combines two distinct efforts. 1. Bidding Services to include technical specifications, construction plans and bid process at \$30,980 and 2) Construction Admin Services to include engineering review, site supervision and compliance monitoring at \$39,280.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried 5 -0.**

Commissioners Reports – Commissioner Mitchell stated that since the last meeting she had received another automated call on her cell phone from a different candidate. After some research, she found a way to enter her cell number into a do not call registry.

Unfinished Business – Administrator Smithson relayed that 13 Districts had been contacted as to the procedure used to record their meetings. The dependent Districts under a city or county were addressed as an agenda item and were televised as part of a larger meeting. The independent Districts did not televise and some did not even have a web site on which to post the minutes. Commissioner Mitchell indicated that she would like to continue to pursue the matter.

Adjournment: Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.


Secretary
Sebastian Inlet District Commission


Date Approved