

**Minutes of the Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
March 9, 2011
4:00 p.m.**

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Sebastian Inlet District Commissioners was held at the Sebastian Inlet District Offices, 114 Sixth Avenue, Indialantic, FL 32903 on March 9, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Beth Mitchell. Secretary Ann Perry was present and there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Lawton Seal to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Mitchell pointed out a new item; # B-4 had been added to the Consent Agenda since the Commissioners had received their packets early for review.

Executive Director's Reports:

Status of DMMA Project – PBS&J: Marie Yarbrough of PBS&J gave a power point overview on the tide pool dredging that had been completed and the DMMA area thus far. The tide pool re-opened to the public on March 1st. 11,000 cubic yards of material was moved from the tide pool to the DMMA area for use in building the berms. The balance of the material from offsite has already begun to be trucked in.

Indian River County Sector 3 Update: 30,000 cubic yards of sand has been placed on the North Windsor/GoldenSands portion of the beach and the contractor has excavated enough for an additional 120,000 cubic yards. The following section will require an additional 81,000 cubic yards. The contractor may fall short of that amount due to time constraints and requested a letter of extension until next November. IRC considered the costs for the additional permitting and design fees and would not recommend it. The unfinished portion of the project will be from R-20 – R-24.

Legislative Issues and FASD Watch List: Mr. Smithson and Mr. Kirschenbaum collaborated on a letter to the District legislators as the Board requested, concerning HB 511 and SB 270 regarding discounts for early payment of property taxes. Mr. Smithson will be attending the Florida Association of Special Districts annual meeting in Tallahassee on March 30th and staff is working to arrange some short meetings with the District legislators while he is in Tallahassee, if possible.

Multi- Use Pier Bid Process: Five bids were received by the deadline. Wilco Construction of Fort Pierce came in as the low bid at \$244,800. After a thorough vetting by Bryan Flynn of PBS&J, Wilco is being recommended for the project. Mr. Rob Williams of Wilco was present and thanked the Board. Wilco will order the concrete pilings when they receive the Notice to Proceed. The pilings should take 3 -4 weeks to cure and demolition of the old pier should begin in early April. The project is expected to be completed by mid August, given no unforeseen issues. There was a consensus of the Commission to take Item VIII, B-3 out of order so that Mr. Williams could leave, if he desired. Commissioner Lawton Seal moved to approve Item VIII, B-3 awarding the Multi-Use Pier project to Wilco Construction. **Motion carried.**

Coconut Point Stabilization: The resolution for FIND waterways assistance is on the consent agenda and must go in with the application. The funding request for Phase II is for an estimated cost of

\$240,000 which is significantly higher than previously estimated. The shoreline is so eroded that it will take twice the amount of rock but FIND is still interested in the project as it assists in navigation, protects the seagrass beds and improves the State Park. Mr. Smithson asked Mr. Coulliette if they could meet about the Park possibly contributing to the costs of the project.

Additional Items: The change order under Item VIII, A-1 for Barco-Duval Engineering is for their assistance in the gopher tortoise relocation. Their rates were lower than the outside source that was being used for the excavation and it helped move the relocation along at a critical time.

Item VIII, B-4 an addendum to work order # 1011-009-LSS is for field adjustments made due to the confined work space and the equipment knocking over the surveying stakes, etc. The project engineer, Bryan Flynn met with the surveyor for a final assessment of the project. The total surveying costs for the project are still within budget and are typical for a project this size.

Discussion of Consent Agenda: All the items were discussed in the previous reports.

Review of Joint Coastal Permit Application for Inlet Sand Trap Dredging and Expansion – ATM: Dr. Mike Jenkins of ATM summarized a telephone conference with ATM, FDEP and Mr. Smithson regarding the sand trap expansion. Hard bottom concerns were expressed by DEP's Dr. Vladamir Kosmynin regarding the 2003 Sector 1 and 2 project that was done by IRC. Dr. Kosmynin would like to see more monitoring of the reefs when the District starts providing the monitoring.

The sand trap sand is fine, averaging 0.2 mm grain size, the optimum is 0.45 mm. The finer the material, the flatter the slope and it should make beach renourishment a challenge without hared bottom impacts. The District could consider a dune project rather than a beach renourishment project. 200,000 cubic yards can be placed on the dune as in the 2007 sand trap dredging project and extend the template to R-20 or R-24. Mr. Seidle added that the grain size did not affect turtle nesting.

Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum: Mr. Kirschenbaum had nothing new to report.

Park Matters – Terry Coulliette: Mr. Coulliette reported a lot of positive feedback from people who have been using the newly dredged tide pool.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Westlake moved to approve the balance of the consent agenda.

Motion carried.

Commissioners Reports: Commissioner Culberson noted that when there is a predominate swell from the south, sand goes over the south jetty in large amounts and could present an issue with the ADA. It could also present a problem if the sand washed over and into the inlet during a severe storm. Dr. Jenkins reported that in some cases, a retaining wall may stop the sand depending on the configuration of the south jetty.

Adjournment: Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

for Beth Y. Mitchell, chair
Secretary
Sebastian Inlet District Commission

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Date Approved