

**Minutes of the Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
October 12, 2011
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 October 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Beth Mitchell. Commissioner Lawton Seal was ill and excused absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Perry to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 Regular Commission meeting, the September 7, 2011 Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing, and the September 21, 2011 Final Millage and Budget Hearing. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Executive Director's Reports:

Local Legislative Delegation Meetings: Mr. Smithson attended the Brevard Delegation Meeting on September 7th to present a local bill requesting a one word change to the District's charter. Changing the word from "majority" to "plurality" would keep the election process consistent with the original intent of the District's charter. Mr. Smithson and Chairman Mitchell attended the Indian River County Delegation meeting on September 28th. Brevard and IRC passed the bill, Brevard was unanimous and IRC passed by majority, with Senator Negron dissenting. The Legislative session will begin early this year due to redistricting. The local bill will go through several committees before going to the Senate to pass a block of bills in a consent agenda type of bill. The bill can be signed by the Governor, vetoed, or if nothing is done it becomes law.

Update on Coconut Point Project: The District received approval from FIND for funding of 50% of the project for \$120,000. A work order for Atkins to perform the construction management and monitoring is on the consent agenda under Item IX, B-1. A bid will be going out soon.

Channel Realignment Permitting Update: An RAI that was received requested the District get a permit to move the channel marker and seagrass signs and send them a check for \$8,900, which is the original fee of the original permit. The ACOE, NMFS and USFW dived the area for inspection and found that no seagrass mitigation will be needed but another three years of monitoring will be required at the Sebastian site only.

State Park Coordination for Dredging Project: Jeff Raley who is a liaison between parks and Beach & Shores Division of FDEP had some concerns regarding the District's request to expand the permit. The District requested the expanded permit for potential future dredging but will not fill to that point at this time. All questions were answered and DEP seemed satisfied with the answers.

DEP Beach Management Program Funding: DEP has 2.8 million dollars available for the project but it still needs to go through the legislative process.

Sand Trap and Dredging Pre-Bid Meeting: An ad was placed for bids on September 16th. A pre-bid meeting was held at the District Office on Oct. 5th and 20 people representing 14 companies attended. Bids will be opened at the District Office on Oct. 19th at 2:00 p.m. A recommendation will be presented to the Commissioners at the November 2, 2011 regular Commission meeting.

Additional Items: The November 9th meeting has been moved to the 2nd to accommodate Commissioner Culberson who will be out of town on the 9th.

The District received a request to give a presentation to the Board at the November meeting. Mr. Sam Lopez, who is the Chairman of the Don Juan Ponce de Leon Historical V Centennial Celebration Committee would be giving the presentation. Mr. Lopez is interested in changing the name of the barrier island and is looking for support in his efforts. Legal Counsel Cliff Reperger stated that any type of endorsement would be out of the scope of the District's charter and recommended the Board take no action on the matter, but it would be fine to hear the presentation.

Discussion of Consent Agenda: All items were within the Administrator's authorization except Item IX, B-2 which was discussed under agenda item III, B-3. Commissioner Culberson moved to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Consideration of SID Resolution Recommending No Increase of Sebastian Inlet State Park Entrance Fees: A discussion of Resolution 10-12-11.01 took place. There was a consensus of the Commission to send it to Larry Fooks at the DEP Wekiva Office and the Secretary of DEP. Commissioner Culberson moved to pass the Resolution. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Annual Report Presentation on Wave, Weather and Tide Data – Dr. Zarillo - Graduate student Chris Flanary gave the annual report for Dr. Zarillo who was attending the meeting as well. Mr. Flanary reviewed the wave direction diagram, wave time series, and wave and wind analysis from the past year's data. F.I.T. has 15 years of data from the weather station.

Park Matters: Terry Coulliette – The weekend storm did minor damage to the Park. The bids for the concession stand were opened the day before and there is a weeklong challenging period. The Park hopes to get construction underway within 60 days of awarding the contract.

Legal Counsel Update: There were no additional items.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

Commissioners Reports: Chairman Mitchell reminded everyone of the change to the November meeting.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Chairman Mitchell suggested the Board give Mr. Lopez 10 minutes for his presentation in November, but wanted it conveyed that no endorsement would be forthcoming.

Adjournment: Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.


Secretary
Sebastian Inlet District Commission

11/2/2011
Date Approved

After the meeting, a plaque was dedicated on the north jetty in memory of Dr. Lee Harris.