

**Sebastian Inlet District  
October, 2012 Regular Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM, October 10, 2012  
Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum  
Vero Beach, Florida**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell**
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Commission Mtg. – September 12, 2012  
Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing – Sept. 12, 2012  
Final Millage and Budget Hearing – Sept. 19, 2012**
- III. Information and Discussion Agenda**
  - A) Media and Information**
  - B) Executive Director’s Reports:**
    - 1. Status of Sand Bypass Tasks**
    - 2. Sebastian Inlet Economic Benefits Analysis**
    - 3. Review of FSBPA Annual Conference**
    - 4. IRL Harmful Algae Situation**
    - 5. Additional Items**
- IV. Oceanographic and Meteorological Monitoring Program – Dr. Zarillo**
- V. Park Matters – Terry Coulliette**
- VI. Legal Counsel Update – Gray Robinson**
- VII. Public Comment Period**
- VIII. Consent Agenda**
  - A) Authorized Work for Commission Review:  
None at this time.**
  
  - B) Recommended for Approval:  
None at this time.**

- IX. Commissioners Items**
  - Commissioner Lawton Seal**
  - Commissioner Westlake**
  - Commissioner Perry**
  - Commissioner Culberson**
  - Chairman Mitchell**
- X. Unfinished Business**
- XI. New Business**
- XII. Adjournment**

**Minutes of the Sebastian Inlet District  
Regular Commission Meeting  
October 10, 2012  
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 10, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Beth Mitchell. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Mitchell noted an error in the regular Commission meeting minutes of Sept. 12, 2012 under Item IV. The minutes stated it was 4 - 0, instead of 4 – 1. Commissioner Lawton Seal moved to approve the minutes as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.** Commissioner Perry moved to approve the minutes of the Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing of Sept. 12, 2012, **Motion carried 5 -0.** Commissioner Lawton Seal moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 Final Millage and Budget Hearing. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Information and Discussion Agenda:

- A. Media and Information: There was discussion regarding the ancient remains found at the Sebastian Inlet State Park newly constructed concession building. Discussion of the Guy Harvey Magazine article on the Sebastian Inlet that was arranged by the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce.
- B. Executive Director's Reports:
1. Status of Sand-Bypass: The as-built drawings for the sand trap and channel have been submitted to DEP, along with final report for construction. When that is approved by DEP, the cost sharing reports will be prepared and submitted. The District's application for future cost-share has been deemed complete with no deficiencies. ATM is working on soliciting bid documents for construction and emptying the DMMA, the approval should be ready to present to the Commissioners by December, with the work starting in January, 2013. 20,000 cubic yards of sand will be placed on the beach via truck haul. The remainder of the material that isn't beach quality will need to be moved out of the DMMA. It could be used by the State Park or IRC for other projects. Permitting continues for modifying the beach template to R-17. A new permit that combines the Federal and State permits will be consolidated into one. The ACOE is requiring a formal consultation on beach mice and shore birds. A statewide biological opinion exists and they could adopt that policy. Monitoring was completed for the sand bypassing project; there were no impacts to near shore hard bottom. A reduced scope for the monitoring work was negotiated with DEP. Video and transects would only apply if a problem was visible. That should reduce the monitoring costs in the coming years.
  2. Sebastian Inlet Economic Analysis: A meeting with Cardo-ENTRIX will take place Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> to review existing reports for the area, and then they will initiate their own surveys. The scope will be discussed along with the additional scope for artificial reefs for Indian River County.
  3. Review of FSBPA Annual Conference: Mr. Smithson and Mr. Gray of Indian River County were both selected to sit on the Board of Directors for the FSBPA. Mr. Smithson will fill a vacancy for one year, and then he will stand for re-election for a three year term. Mr. Gray is filling an open position for a three year term. This is the first time an inlet has been represented on the Board.
  4. IRL Harmful Algae Situation: An analysis conducted by Mr. Don Deis of Atkins showed that in 2009, 70,000 acres of seagrass were lost and in 2010 an additional 31,000 acres were lost, however,

Johnson's seagrass seems to be making a comeback. Mr. Deis is in constant contact with the group of 25 scientists headed up by the SJRWMD.

5. Additional Items: A cycling group requested to use the District's DMMA site as part of a course through the State Park, but the event comes at a time when the DMMA and its access roads will be in use for the next DMMA project. Mr. John Robson was in attendance at the meeting and explained what the sport of cyclocross was and how it is growing in popularity in the U.S. Commissioner Culberson voiced concern over the potential damage to the DMMA and its berms. Chairman Mitchell had concerns over the liability. The Board instructed Mr. Smithson to meet with Mr. Flynn regarding the potential damage to the DMMA and with Mr. Kirschenbaum regarding the District's liability.

Oceanographic and Meteorological Monitoring Program – Dr. Zarillo: Dr. Zarillo gave an annual overview of the wave and weather station from August 2011 through August 2012. One wave gauge is offshore and one is located on the north jetty, as is the weather station. Deployment operations, wave direction, summary of wind minimums and maximums, air temperature, wind speed, barometric pressure, current speed, water temperature and wave heights were all reviewed.

Park Matters – Terry Coulliette: The State Park anticipates the concession building will be completed around Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, the certificate of occupancy should be in hand by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> with a soft opening sometime in mid-November. The construction on the seawall has begun at the Marina.

Legal Counsel Update – Gray Robinson: Mr. Kirschenbaum had nothing new to add, but on a personal note, wanted to thank the State Park for the past years of Doctor, Lawyers, Weekend Warrior contests. The staff at the State Park was very helpful, particularly with the final contest a few weeks ago.

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: There was nothing on the consent agenda for review or approval.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment: Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date