

**Sebastian Inlet District
November, 2012 Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4:00 PM, November 14, 2012
Sebastian Inlet District Offices
114 Sixth Avenue, Indialantic, Florida 32903**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell**
 - Welcome Re-Elected Commissioners and New Commissioner**
 - Oath of Office**
 - Filing of Commissioner’s Bonds**

 - Election of Officers**

- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Commission Mtg. – October 10, 2012**

- III. Presentation on Lionfish Invasion – Bob Hickerson**

- IV. Information and Discussion Agenda**
 - A) Media and Information**
 - B) Executive Director’s Reports:**
 - 1. Effects of Hurricane Sandy**
 - 2. Sebastian Inlet Economic Benefits Analysis Update**
 - 3. DMMA Excavation and Bidding Process**
 - 4. Indian River County Coastal Engineering Selection**
 - 5. FSBPA – Discussion of BeachWatch Membership**
 - 6. Additional Items**
 - 7. Discussion of Consent Agenda**

- V. Park Matters – Terry Coulliette**

- VI. Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum, Gray Robinson**

- VII. Public Comment Period**

VIII. Consent Agenda

A) Authorized Work for Commission Review:

Additional Fee of \$3,500 to Carr Riggs & Ingram for conducting a Single Audit required by Government Auditing Standards as a result of spending greater than \$500,000 in outside funding assistance.

B) Recommended for Approval:

Work Order No. 1213-002-LSS – Land & Sea Surveying Concepts – Winter 2012-13 Bathymetric Survey of Sebastian Inlet System and Coastal Features – Not-To-Exceed \$75,000

IX. Commissioners Items

Commissioner Lawton Seal

Commissioner Culberson

Commissioner Perry

Commissioner Rowland

Chairman Mitchell

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment

**Minutes of the Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
November, 2012
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 Ave., Indialantic, FL 32903 on November 14, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Beth Mitchell. There was a quorum present.

Welcome Re-Elected Officers, Oaths of Office and Filing of Bonds: Mr. Kirschenbaum administered the oath of office to the two incumbent Commissioners who faced no opposition. In Commissioner Westlake's race for Seat 3, the election results were too close to call. The Supervisor of Elections in both Brevard and Indian River Counties will have the final tallies to the District by the 19th of November, once all of the provisional ballots are counted. Ms. Knowles notarized the two re-elected Commissioners signatures and the bonds will be filed with Brevard County.

Election of Officers: Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Perry moved to keep the slate of officers the same as last year. Beth Mitchell as Chairman, Jim Culberson as Vice Chairman and Jenny Lawton Seal as Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Perry to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Presentation on Lionfish Invasion: Mr. and Mrs. Hickerson gave a presentation on the lionfish, where it is breeding, where it has been found and how much the species has spread throughout waters in the Caribbean and the United States. The lionfish has no known predators and is a prolific breeder. Lionfish are starting to appear in inlets and that is of great concern. Chairman Mitchell inquired if there was something the District could do to help him either spread the word or provide a resolution of support. Mr. Hickerson said that any letter of support from any agency would help. He will put together some language for the District if they want to provide a letter of support. Mr. Kirschenbaum suggested the Hickersons contact the new speaker of the House of Representatives, Chris Crisafulli, who is very involved with agriculture and probably aquaculture as well.

Information and Discussion Agenda: There was no discussion of the media packet.

Executive Director's Reports:

Effects of Hurricane Sandy: Mr. Smithson gave a power point presentation on the effects of Hurricane Sandy on the north jetty and the south beaches. Although she stayed 150 – 200 miles offshore, she had a significant impact on erosion from high waves and storm surge. Offshore, she produced 20' waves. Eleven north jetty grates were blown out, three of which were recovered. There are a total of 228 grates in the north jetty. The constant Northeast winds since the storm, have prevented any more diving to try to recover the grates. The most erosion in the District's fill template occurred between R-7 and R-12. Mr. Gray of IRC commented that the most erosion

occurred in Sector III, in Vero Beach. Mr. Gray and Mr. Smithson met with FEMA regarding the beach erosion the prior week. Sectors I and II are eligible for 100% reimbursement as they are within a State Park. The south side of the inlet, west of the bridge had a significant amount of erosion; the shoreline was eaten away, nearly to the paved road. Mr. Smithson would like to authorize Atkins to create an assessment to fix the problem which will only get worse with future storms. Commissioner Culberson moved to authorize Mr. Smithson to have Atkins to create an assessment for the south side of the inlet. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Sebastian Inlet Economic Benefits Analysis Update: On October 16th, Mr. Smithson and Chairman Mitchell met with the Cardno Entrix team and both were impressed with them. They've ordered the boat owner registrations but it will be a slow process, getting the surveys back. Handing out surveys to boaters at the State Park, by mail, at Marinas, and possibly placing the survey on the District's web site are options that are being considered.

DMMA Excavation and Bidding Process: Four firms attended the pre-bid meeting and eight have expressed interest. The scope starts at the south end of the District's template (R-12) and will work north spreading the beach quality sand from the DMMA onto the beach. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, November 20th. The work order could be submitted to the Commissioners at the December meeting.

Indian River County Coastal Engineering Selection: Nine coastal engineering firms applied and four were brought in for interviews, three environmental firms applied and the top two were also brought in for interviews. CP&E and Atkins are being recommended for the coastal engineering.

FSBPA – Discussion of Beach Watch Membership: A letter was sent to the District inviting it to join Beach Watch, which is a lobbying group. Mr. Smithson responded that the Commissioner's long term policy has always been to hire lobbyists on an as-needed basis, but that he would bring the matter to the Commissioners at the following meeting. Chairman Mitchell said that she would like to stand by the as-needed policy, as did all the other Commissioners. Mr. Smithson was instructed to prepare a letter declining the invitation.

Additional Items: The FIT work order for the wind and weather tide data collection for \$120,000 was not completed at the time the agenda was written, but is in the budget. Commissioner Culberson moved to amend the consent agenda to add the work order to the consent agenda. **Motion carried 5-0.**

The TRIM and millage rate compliance notices came back with no violations or discrepancies.

Discussion of Consent Agenda: Under Item VIII, A, is a work order for Carr, Riggs and Ingram for an additional audit required by government standards for receiving and spending greater than \$500,000 in outside funding assistance, from the State for cost-sharing. Under Item VIII, B, is a budgeted work order for Land and Sea Surveying to perform the winter survey. The survey is coordinated with IRC surveyors from R-30 and south, and is one month earlier due to Hurricane Sandy, in order to help with damage assessment for FEMA documentation.

Park Matters- Terry Coulliette: Mr. Coulliette had a conflicting meeting and could not attend, but he sent an update for Mrs. Maxwell to relay to the Board. A few grates were recovered that were blown out during Hurricane Sandy, leaving only about 80' at the tip of the north jetty that is closed to the public. Additional grates have been ordered, but there is no estimated time of arrival. The concession building is expected to receive its certificate of occupancy in a few weeks and open in mid-December. The Marina should be completed by the end of February, but will remain open and operational during construction.

Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum – Gray Robinson: A new government in the sunshine manual has been issued and Mr. Kirschenbaum will get one to the District. Paragraph II, Section III of the District’s Charter says “newly elected board members shall take office at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, or, if that meeting is not planned within 30 days after the election, then a special meeting shall be called for the purpose of seating the new members of the Board and providing them with an orientation. When the final count is received from both counties Supervisor of Elections Office, the District will need to keep that in mind. Mr. Kirschenbaum expects to get the final results by Monday, which will be within 30 days. There was a consensus of the Board to move up the December meeting from the 12th to the 5th, which would be 29 days after the election. Commissioner Culberson relayed that he would be out of town.

Public Comment: In answer to a question posed by Mr. Pasley, the FSBPA does have an in-house lobbyist.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Culberson moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.
Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners Items: Commissioner Westlake stated that she hoped to be at the December 5th meeting in an official capacity.

Unfinished Business: Bryan Flynn of Atkins, who was not present, relayed to Mr. Smithson that any recreational use of the DMMA site is not recommended.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment: Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer

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Date