

**Sebastian Inlet District
July, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4:00 PM, July 10, 2013
Sebastian Inlet District Offices
114 Sixth Avenue, Indialantic, Florida 32903**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell**
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Commission Mtg. – June 12, 2013**
- III. Information and Discussion Agenda**
 - A) Media and Information**
 - B) Executive Director’s Reports:**
 - 1. South Inlet Shoreline Stabilization Update**
 - 2. Sebastian Inlet Economic Benefits Analysis**
 - 3. Flood Shoal Seagrass Survey Update**
 - 4. Sand Trap Expansion and Beach Placement Permitting Status**
 - 5. Web Cam Maintenance**
 - 6. Additional Items**
 - 7. Discussion of Consent Agenda**
- IV. Budget Discussion and Recommendation of Not-To-Exceed Millage Rate for FY 2013/14**
- V. Park Matters – Kevin Jones**
- VI. Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum, Gray Robinson**
- VII. Public Comment Period**
- VIII. Consent Agenda**
 - A) Authorized Work for Commission Review:**
 - None at this time.**

B) Recommended for Approval:

- 1. Resolution No. 07.10.13 Not-To-Exceed Millage Rate for FY 2013-14**
- 2. Resolution No. 07.10.13-1 Supporting Inlet Sand Transfer Projects and Cooperation with FDEP Beach Management Program.**

IX. Commissioners Items

Commissioner Lawton Seal

Commissioner Rowland

Commissioner Perry

Commissioner Culberson

Chairman Mitchell

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment

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Regular Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Present at the meeting were Chairman Beth Mitchell, Commissioners Jenny Lawton Seal, Ann Perry, Michael Rowland and Jim Culberson, Administrator Martin Smithson, District Staff Kathleen Knowles and Nedra Maxwell, District legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Marie Yarbrough and Bryan Flynn of Atkins, James Gray of Indian River County, Kevin Jones of the Sebastian Inlet State Park, and Dave Pasley of Melbourne Beach.

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell - Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 regular Commission meeting with Commissioner Perry seconding. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Information and Discussion Agenda

A) Media and Information – There was no discussion of the media packet.

B) Executive Director’s Reports:

1. South Inlet Shoreline Stabilization Update – Mr. Smithson, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Flynn met with Dickerson that morning for a kick off meeting at the State Park. The performance bonds have been received and Dickerson will start stock piling rock on the south side of the inlet. The State Park boat ramp to the west is shoaled in and a discussion with Dickerson resulted in a suggestion to take the material from the boat ramp first to fill the holes in the articulated block and then to move on to use the material from the DMMA. Mr. Flynn stated that the contractor had until Dec. – Jan. timeframe, but he believes they will be finished between Oct. – Nov. timeframe. Some of the weaker spots are still eroding and the District is permitted to strengthen the entire shoreline, but limited to the project scope due to budget. It may be possible to add additional rock to the weak spots to strengthen the shoreline.
2. Sebastian Inlet Economic Benefits Analysis – The final draft is nearly complete. Once the final product is delivered, Mr. Smithson plans to release it to the public, place it on the web site and distribute the report to cities and other interested parties. Chairman Mitchell suggested that a glossary of terms be added as an appendix.
3. Flood Shoal Seagrass Survey Update – An email from Don Deis of Atkins commented on their recent flood shoal survey. Mr. Deis was surprised at how fast the Johnsons seagrass is growing back and that water clarity was good on both the incoming and outgoing tides. Mr. Deis will be coordinating with other members of the research team to coordinate the experimental transplanting efforts in July. Mr. Smithson had some notes from Dr. Bob Virnstein, who is considered an academic expert in the seagrass field. Mr. Virnstein noted that a lot of floating seagrass was in the northern end of the Indian River Lagoon and Halophila species are spreading up and down the lagoon. He noted that he had never seen the Indian River Lagoon behave the way it has been over the past couple of years.

Commissioner Rowland inquired that since the grass is coming back, will the transplanting still be necessary. Chairman Mitchell felt that the call needed to be made by the SJRWMD. The “team” was supposed to be meeting that morning and Mr. Smithson committed to find out and report back. Land and Sea completed the summer hydrographical survey that morning.

4. Sand Trap Expansion and Beach Placement Permitting Status – The Public Notice for the intention to issue the permit has been published. The State draft permit is in hand. The Fish and Wildlife piping plover issue will stand and the District will have to accept the additional monitoring. It would cost more to fight it than to pay for the monitoring. The bids for the expansion will go out in late July or August and at the September meeting, a recommendation for a contractor will be presented to the board.
Currently, Boynton Inlet is expanding its sand trap and ATM is working on that project.
5. Web Cam Maintenance – Mrs. Maxwell provided an update on the web cam replacement and informed the Board that the web site tracker “Urchin” had been bought out by Google and was now “Google Analytics”. Chairman Mitchell reported that the Chamber who also had Urchin had been switched to Google Analytics and that the number of hits on their site went down significantly and to be prepared to see changes in reporting.
6. Additional Items – Mr. Gray reported that the Sector 3 redesign is ongoing and the County will have a complete survey data set this year. They used the District’s survey to R-30. They are still assessing all the losses from Hurricane Sandy. The next time the County goes out to bid for renourishment, they will accept offshore and upland sources, or they will try to get it permitted so they can accept bids from both sources.

Mr. Smithson reported that DEP is starting to look at Inlet Management Plans and the District has been asked to send its IMP to DEP for review. Mr. Smithson relayed to them that the District wanted to review the Technical Advisory Committee’s (TAC) recommendation of 90,000 cubic yards of sand each year. DEP does not seem to be aware of how much data the District has collected to demonstrate its position on lowering the recommended sand budget.

7. Discussion of Consent Agenda – The items on the consent agenda are Resolution No. 07.10.13 Not-To-Exceed Millage Rate for FY 2013-2104 at a rate of 0.1124 and Resolution 07.10.13-1 for Supporting Inlet Sand Transfer Projects and Cooperation with FDEP Beach Management Program.

Under Agenda Item IV

Budget Discussion and Recommendation of Not-To-Exceed Millage Rate for FY 2013/2014 – A summary was presented with the same millage rate as the past six years. A history of millage rates since the mid 1980’s was also included in the Commissioner’s packets. The budget will be decreased by 7% than the previous year. The revenue from Brevard County will increase by 5% and Indian River County revenue increased by 0.4%. Chairman Mitchell inquired about the insurance and liability coverage. The Florida League of Cities provides the District’s insurance. Commissioner Rowland wanted to discuss several items on the budget. Commissioner Rowland reviewed all the minutes regarding Mr. Smithson’s salary. He was not a Commissioner last budget year, so did not vote for a raise. Mr. Rowland agrees with everything in the budget except that issue. While he realizes that Mr. Smithson has done an excellent job, with the current sequestration going on and the current state of the economy, he did not believe a raise is a good idea and requested it be duly noted. Chairman Mitchell relayed that there is no other inlet in the State that operates the way the Sebastian Inlet operates. She feels as if the District is doing the job it’s chartered to do under the

Administrator's leadership, in the public or private sector, that person should be justly compensated. Commissioner Lawton Seal suggested that the raise was already issued prior to Commissioner Rowland being elected and perhaps a better way to deal with it would be the next review for the Administrator.

Mr. Smithson discussed the changes with the FRS contributions for staff and Commissioners. Commissioners contributions from the Inlet District will go from 10.23% to 33.03%. Mr. Smithson's class category will go from 6.3% and effective July 1st it will be 18.1%. These are "catch up" rates mandated by the State.

Under Agenda Item V

Park Matters – Kevin Jones – Mr. Jones reported that he had been with the Sebastian Inlet State Park years ago, he has worked all over the state and was finally "back home". The concession is getting great reviews, the Marina building is finished and the concessionaire is moving from the old building to the new one. The seawall construction is being started. The depth of the channel is a continuing problem. SISP would like to make some improvements to the Fishing Museum and McLarty Treasure Museum.

Under Agenda Item VI

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

Under Agenda Item VII

Public Comment – Mr. Pasley of Melbourne Beach commented that the new displays at the Park were looking very good. He also felt that DEP requesting the District's IMP could be a great time to bring up reducing the sand budget.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the consent agenda with Commissioner Perry seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Under Agenda Item IX

Commissioners Items – Commissioner Lawton Seal requested the August meeting be moved, if possible to Tuesday, the 13th. She has two meetings on the regularly scheduled day and will not be able to attend the meeting. There was a consensus of the Board to move the August meeting to Tuesday, August 13th, 4:30 p.m. at the Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum.

Under Agenda Item X


Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Under Agenda Item XI

New Business – There was no new business.

Under Agenda Item XII

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



Secretary/Treasurer

13 August 2013

Date