

**Sebastian Inlet District
August, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday, 4:30 PM, August 13, 2013
Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum
Vero Beach, Florida**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell**
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Commission Mtg. – July 10, 2013**
- III. Information and Discussion Agenda**
 - A) Media and Information**
 - B) Executive Director’s Reports:**
 - 1. Update on South Shoreline Repair**
 - 2. DEP Cost Sharing Update**
 - 3. Sand Trap Expansion & Bypass – Permitting and Bidding**
 - 4. Seagrass Transplanting**
 - 5. Additional Items**
 - 6. Discussion of Consent Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Draft Budget Summary for Public Notice**
- 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:**
 - 1. Summerlin’s Marine Construction – Furnish and Install new dayboards for Markers #23 and #27 and adjust Manatee Sign on Marker #10 for Compliance – Total Cost \$700**
 - 2. Change Orders 1, 2 and 3 with Dickerson Florida, Inc. for South Shoreline Rehabilitation Project totaling \$15,900**
 - 1. \$300 for materials to construct temporary fish-cleaning station.**

2. **No-Cost change order to use dredged boat ramp sand as fill material versus DMMA material.**
3. **\$15,600 for additional 240 cubic yards of large armor stone delivered and placed in shoreline gaps to provide continuous stabilized project as recommended by engineer.**

B) Recommended for Approval:

1. **Amendment to Work Order No. 1213-008-ATM-EA – ATM to amend subcontract with Ecological Associates to add shorebird monitoring required to meet conditions of USACE permit. - Total Not-To-Exceed \$8,305**

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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10251 N. A-1-A, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Minutes

Present at the meeting were Chairman Beth Mitchell, Commissioners Jenny Lawton Seal, Jim Culberson, Ann Perry, and Michael J. Rowland. District Administrator Martin Smithson, District staff Nedra Maxwell and Kathleen Knowles, District legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Marie Yarbrough of Atkins, James Gray of Indian River County

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Perry moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 regular Commission meeting with Commissioner Culberson seconding. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Information and Discussion Agenda

A) Media and Information – Commissioner Rowland questioned the article about the trash clean up at the inlet. He witnessed a family out boating who tossed trash into the ocean, he chased them down and threatened to have them arrested if they didn't go back and pick up their trash. Chairman Mitchell noted that many of the articles in the packet regarding the Indian River Lagoon were negative, but materials in the Commissioner's packets say the opposite. The media didn't seem at all balanced. Mr. Smithson noted that things were getting tense in Martin County due to Lake Okeechobee over flow.

B) Executive Director's Reports:

1. Update on South Shoreline Repair – The project is going well. The heavy rock revetment has been completed and they are now working on the details. The contractor expects to have the project completed by the end of September, which includes clean up. The project mobilized on July 8th, after finding a suitable source for rock. Ms. Yarbrough had a power point with photos showing the area right after the storm and the area with the project in process. Erosion prevention groins were added to keep wave action from hammering the shoreline. There is a change order to add a temporary fish cleaning table for the fishermen to use while the existing table is closed. A change order for \$300 for the contractor to build the table was approved by the Administrator, but the State Park will reimburse the District for the table, as the Park would like to keep it. Another change order was for the contractor to remove the sediment from the State Park's boat ramp to use it for the project, clearing the western ramp, just prior to mini-lobster season. Adjacent areas to the newly armored shoreline are vulnerable to erosion and rock will need to be placed to "blend" the shoreline to make it cohesive. Another ten loads of rock will be needed to finish that portion of the shoreline. Commissioner Rowland moved to place a change order on the consent agenda to place additional rock on the shoreline to complete the project, not to exceed \$13,000. Commissioner Culberson seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**
2. DEP Cost Sharing Update – DEP is very receptive to funding the dune restoration work through fund they've dedicated for Hurricane Sandy. It will be a 50/50 cost share with the State. Ms. Alex Reed relayed that DEP would like to use the District as a model for good management.

3. Sand Trap Expansion and Bypass – Permitting and Bidding – This is a very big project for the District that will make dredging the trap much easier in the future. A pre-bid meeting was held the Friday before and quite a few contractors attended, although the meeting was not mandatory. A good mix of companies attended and a few smaller companies may team up with some larger ones. The permits are in good standing. The ACOE waits on the State to approve its permit, then they assume that all requirements have been met as far as water quality certification goes. The inlet is included in an Aquatic Preserve and water quality is of utmost importance, turbidity cannot be increased above background. In the past the District has always been issued a variance. Turbidity data from previous projects has been forwarded to DEP, to demonstrate variability in background turbidity. The variance is the only thing that the District needs in order to have the permit issued.
4. Seagrass Transplanting – A photo documentary was included in the Commissioner’s packets. Seagrass experts from Atkins went out to transplant seagrass from a donor site the week of July 22nd. Three areas were identified as reciprocal sites under the guidance of SJRWMD. An update from Don Deis of Atkins explained that when they went back to check the transplanting, manatees or turtles had been eating the grass, so they placed wire cages over the transplant sites. Even so, the grasses that had been eaten were still healthy. Field work on the seagrass survey that is required by DEP has been completed. Zone A was covered in shoal grass. Zones C, F & B were still kind of bare but a 30% improvement could be seen. Chairman Mitchell suggested the Board see a preconstruction survey of the area prior to the District’s successful seagrass transplanting efforts in 2007, to compare to the 2013 survey.
5. Additional Items – The Economic Analysis will be sent out for a press release to newspapers and other government entities, once the Commissioners review and approve it.

A lot of excitement in the Sea Turtle community as a record number of turtle nests have been Recorded in the Archie Carr Wildlife Refuge. There were 10,000 Loggerhead nests, 8,000 Green Turtle nests, 24 Leatherback nests and 2 Kemps Ridley nests. In one day a record number of 337 Green Turtle nests were laid which beats the all-time record of 137.

6. Discussion of Consent Agenda – Summerlin Marine adjusted a manatee warning sign, and replaced day boards for markers 23 and 27 for \$700.00. An amended work order for Ecological Associates to add shorebird monitoring, per ACOE permit, not to exceed \$8,305. Everything else on the consent agenda had been discussed during the meeting.

Under Agenda item IV

Approval of Draft Budget Summary for Public Notice – The Budget had been discussed during prior meetings. On page 23 in the Commissioner’s packets was a draft budget to be advertised to the public. Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the draft budget for advertising to the public with Commissioner Perry seconding. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item V

Park Matters – Kevin Jones – There was no representative from the State Park.

Under Agenda Item VI

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

Under Agenda Item VII

Public Comment Period –There was no Public Comment.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Perry move to approve the consent agenda as revised with Commissioner Culberson seconding. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item IX

Commissioner Items – Chairman Mitchell thanked Commissioner Rowland for taking care of the waterways and that she was very excited about the sand trap expansion project coming up, and wondered if the down-drift homeowners realized how much benefit they would get from the project. Mr. Smithson reported that the Beach and Shore Committee in IRC were pleased with everything the District had done, so far.

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 5:33 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer



Date