

**Sebastian Inlet District
September, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4:30 PM, September 11, 2013
Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum
Vero Beach, Florida**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order –Chairman Mitchell**
- II. Approval of Minutes – Regular Commission Mtg. – August 13, 2013**
- III. Information and Discussion Agenda**
 - A) Media and Information**
 - B) Executive Director’s Reports:**
 - 1. South Shoreline Repair – Substantial Completion**
 - 2. DEP Cost Sharing Update**
 - 3. Sand Trap Expansion & Bypass – Review of Bids and Schedule**
 - 4. Sea Turtle Nesting Results**
 - 5. Additional Items**
 - 6. Discussion of Consent Agenda**
- IV. Administrator’s Performance Evaluation**
- 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**
 - B) Recommended for Approval:**
 - 1. Accept lowest of two responsive and qualified bids for the Sand Trap Excavation and Placement. Lowest Qualified Bid from Orion Marine Construction of Tampa, Florida for \$3,304,501.14
Authorize Administrator, Legal Counsel and Coastal Engineer to negotiate contract documents and approve a Work Order and Notice**

to Proceed for work to begin in FY 2013-14. Funds are budgeted under Account Number 5372-311 Sand Trap Dredging.

- 2. Approve Work Order 1314 – 001 – ATM with Applied Technology and Management for Engineering Support Services for Construction Management and Monitoring of the Sand Trap Expansion and Beach Placement – Not-To-Exceed \$147,908.**

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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14251 N. A-1-A, Vero Beach, FL 32963

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, Kevin Jones of the Sebastian Inlet State Park, Marie Yarbrough and Bryan Flynn of Atkins, Mike Donovan with Sea Diversified and Melbourne Beach citizen Dave Pasley.

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 Rowland moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 regular commission meeting with Commissioner Perry seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Under Agenda Item III

Information and Discussion Agenda

- A) Media and Information – The Commissioners liked the positive comments in the newspaper regarding the economic study of the inlet.
 - B) Executive Director’s Reports were moved to accommodate the two power point presentations first.
3. Sand Trap Expansion & Bypass – Review of Bids and Schedule – Dr. Mike Jenkins gave a power point presentation on the upcoming project. This project has been a multi-year project to expand the sand trap to bring it up to full capacity. The expansion means it will be longer between dredging projects, saving costs considerably. Dr. Jenkins has been working on obtaining a new, combined permit for the State and ACOE. The permit has been secured and the final draft is being written. The permit conditions will be consistent and will be good for 15 years. There will be more bird monitoring included, but that will be a statewide mandate. Part of the inlet channel is included in an Aquatic Preserve which does not allow any background turbidity. The natural variability of the inlet is 5 NTU and a variance will be issued. Two bids were received, and Orion Marine Group was the lowest qualified bidder. Their bid came in at \$3.3 million. The contractor will go in with a cutter head to cut through the softer coquina rock. The beach quality sand will go to the beach south of the inlet and the rock will go to the District’s DMMA site. They estimate a 90 day construction window, which will get the equipment off the beach by March 1st. Orion will use a 14” dredge named the J.B. and a notice to mariners will be issued.
 2. South Shoreline Repair – Substantial Completion – Bryan Flynn and Marie Yarbrough of Atkins gave a power point presentation on the project. Mr. Flynn did a punch list walk through with the contractor that day and a few small items are left to complete. The pathways have been reinforced with geoblock, replaced the damaged geoweb, installed articulated concrete block in the non-motorized areas and added additional bollard fencing. A change order was issued to fill in the “gap” areas with large boulders and chinking of revetment. Marie Yarbrough was on site for most of the project and she reviewed the progression with photos.

The project is complete except for the planting of vegetation and coastal Bermuda grass. The District uses the shoreline for its pipeline during dredging projects, it was important to stabilize it.

3. DEP Cost Sharing Update – The District submitted the cost sharing request for future cost sharing the prior week as the deadline for 2014 – 2015 was due Sept. 12, 2013. This year they had an inlet management portion to be included with the forms including bypass objectives, certified inlet management plan, etc. Mr. Smithson noted that the District accepted the TAC recommendations of 2005, but did not agree with the bypassing numbers. With the cost-share money, the District will have the funding it needs to carry out its mission. The District received a draft agreement for Hurricane Sandy appropriations of \$2.1 million and Dr. Zarillo and Dr. Jenkins are checking the template to see how much additional sand it can hold after the current dredging project of 150,000 cubic yards is placed on the beach from the sand trap. The District requested \$276,000, which was 50% of what was spent last February. The District may work in unison with other entities, such as Indian River and Brevard Counties.
4. Sea Turtle Nesting Results –The Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge had a record setting year for Green Sea Turtles. Rick Heron is performing the Sector 3 monitoring for Indian River County and reported that the reproductive success rate was higher in the renourished beach than in the natural beach for all three species. Kevin Jones with the SISP reported that numbers were up everywhere.
5. Additional Items – There were no additional items.
6. Discussion of Consent Agenda – The items on the consent agenda were discussed during meeting.

Under Agenda Item IV

Administrator's Performance Evaluation – Chairman Mitchell thanked Mr. Kirschenbaum for handling the matter. Commissioner Perry moved to give Mr. Smithson a 2% increase in salary. Commissioner Lawton Seal seconded. Chairman Mitchell called for discussion. Commissioner Rowland relayed that he thought Mr. Smithson was doing a good job, but in light of the federal budget sequestrations, he could not vote for a raise at this time. Chairman Mitchell called for the vote, motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Rowland dissenting.

Under Agenda Item V

Park Matters – Kevin Jones – Mr. Jones reported that the Park was very happy with the Shoreline Repair Project; many good decisions were made using common sense. There were no written complaints from the public and very few complaints overall. The new Marina building is up and running and the numbers for the Concession stand are up. The visitation numbers for the Park are up as well. Properties that had been put aside as preservation land had been deemed as unessential or surplus by the Governor got citizens very upset regarding the lands surrounding the Park and in the Archie Carr National Wildlife Preserve. Those lands in the ACNWP and 6+ acres on the south side of the SISP have been removed from the list and will remain as preserved land.

Under Agenda Item VI

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

Under Agenda Item VII

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Perry moved to accept the consent agenda as written, with Commissioner Culberson seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

Under Agenda Item IX

Commissioners Items – Commissioner Rowland reiterated that Mr. Smithson did a great job, but could not approve his raise. Commissioner Perry commented that Mr. Smithson’s work couldn’t be compared to other Districts. Commissioner Culberson relayed that he was happy to be part of such a successful team. The permitting job was an incredible accomplishment. Chairman Mitchell complimented ATM and Atkins for their work they’ve done for the District, the year has been very successful.

Under Agenda Item X

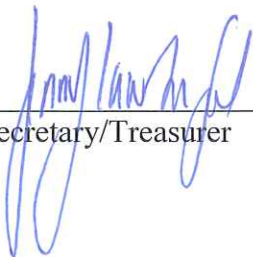
Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Under Agenda Item XI

New Business – There was no new business.

Under Agenda Item XII

Adjournment – Chairman Mitchell adjourned the regular commission meeting at 5:42 before reconvening for the Tentative Millage and Budget Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

9 October 13

Date