

**Sebastian Inlet District
November, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4:30 PM, November 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. – October 9, 2013**
- III. Information and Discussion Agenda**
 - A) Media and Information**
 - B) Executive Director’s Reports:**
 - 1. Indian River Lagoon Issues**
 - 2. Lionfish Summit Update**
 - 3. 2013 TRIM Process**
 - 4. DEP Funding Agreements and Budget Amendments**
 - 5. Orchid Island Task Force Update**
 - 6. Additional Items**
 - 7. Discussion of Consent Agenda**
- IV. SID Board – Election of Officers**
- V. Seagrass Monitoring and Transplanting Program - Leslie Manzello, Atkins**
- VI. Park Matters – Kevin Jones**
- VII. Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum, Gray Robinson**
- VIII. Public Comment Period**
- IX. Consent Agenda**
 - A) Authorized Work for Commission Review**
None at this time.
 - B) Recommended for Approval:**
 - 1. Resolution No. 11.13.13 – Budget Amendment Resolution to increase the General Fund and budget for Sand Trap Dredging by \$1,749,709. These dollars reflect the additional funding provided by FDEP through our cost-share agreement (Contract 08IR1, Amendment No. 5)**

- 2. DEP Grant Agreement No. 14IR1 – Beach Management Funding Assistance for Post Sandy Hurricane Repair Projects. Total available from DEP (legislative appropriation) \$2,137,500 to be matched by SID 50:50 for a project total of \$4,275,000. \$276,531 immediately available as reimbursement for post-Sandy dune repair project. \$1,860,969 available for future construction.**

- 3. Approve Work Order 1314 – 004 – ATK with Atkins North America for a required pre-construction seagrass survey of the sand trap area. – Not-To-Exceed \$5,075.**

X. Commissioners Items
Commissioner Lawton Seal
Commissioner Rowland
Commissioner Perry
Commissioner Culberson
Chairman Mitchell

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Adjournment

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Tuesday, November 13, 2013, 4:30 p.m.
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Sebastian Inlet Fishing Museum
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 Kathleen Knowles, District legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Leslie Manzello and Marie Yarbrough of Atkins, Terry O'Toole and Kevin Jones of the SISP 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 the October 8, 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 Culberson commented on all the articles regarding the Indian River Lagoon.

B) Executive Director's Reports

1. Indian River Lagoon Issues – The IRL National Estuary Program attracted a lot of attention recently. An Advisory Board member had suggested creating more inlets to flush the Lagoon. Dr. Gary Zarillo of FIT was invited to speak on the merits of the issue. After his talk, it was evident that the venture would be very costly and the benefits would be limited. The consensus was that sources of nutrient loading was the problem. \$3.7M has been designated for the SJRWMD to study the IRL over the next three years. Reduction of TMDL (total maximum daily load) for each county will help.

The District received a notice that the Aquatic Preserves Office will be creating and placing an oyster reef restoration project, north of Paul's Island. Their permits have been received; they will install 16 oyster reef modules, 30' long and 4' wide. Maximum final reef elevation will not exceed 18". Hopefully the project will not only help with cleaning up the Lagoon but also keep the north side of the island from eroding.

2. Lionfish Summit – A three day summit on the Lionfish invasion was held in Cocoa Beach in October. The invasion is getting worse each year, they are now being found as far north as Maine, the entire East Coast, the Gulf Coast and they are now being found in fresh water as well as salt water. The Lionfish are preying on juvenile snapper, grouper and reef fish. The reproductive ability is 10,000 – 15,000 eggs every 4 days. Traps and spearing the fish are being considered to stop the species from entering the inlet. Ranger O'Toole of the SISP reported that a person was at the Park netting them under the T-Dock on the south side and was catching hundreds of them. Ways to interfere with their reproductive system has been discussed as well, but not a lot is known about the species.

3. 2013 TRIM Process – The Department of Revenue issued letters of compliance for the TRIM Certification and the Millage Levy Final Disclosure. The process gets more complicated each year. Ms. Knowles pointed out that this year Brevard County had switched to electronic filing but Indian River County had remained manual.
4. DEP Funding Agreements and Budget Amendments – Last month the Board approved an amendment # 5 to the DEP Cost-Share Contract. The auditors say the budget has to be amended to reflect it. A new contract, 14IR1 for \$2,137,500, which is 50% of the cost-share for the post-Hurricane Sandy damages for a total of \$4,275,000 will also need to be approved. Both of the items are on the Consent Agenda for approval. Once the Hurricane Sandy contract is fully executed, the Board will be required to approve another budget amendment, to add the money to the budget.
5. Orchid Island Task Force Update – The Orchid Island beach front is in Sector 3 at R-34. A task force has been put together to create their own beach management plan. They invited Dr. Zarillo to give a presentation on where and how the sand moves and how dynamic the shoreline is. Dr. Zarillo explained that Sebastian Inlet is actually a very small inlet and that there is no way it could affect the beach that far south. Protection of the primary dune is the best tool available. All the Commissioners agreed that the inlet does not affect the shoreline that far south.
6. Additional Items – There were no additional items.
7. Discussion of Consent Agenda – Items IX, B -1 and IX, B-2 were discussed under Item III, B-4. Item IX, B-3 is for a work order for Atkins for a pre-construction permit to ensure there is no seagrass in the sand trap area that is to be dredged. This is mandated by permit and must be done. Atkins will have three divers in the water who are very familiar with the area.

Under Agenda Item IV

SID Board – Election of Officers – Chairman Mitchell opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Perry nominated Commissioner Lawton Seal for Chairman with Commissioner Mitchell seconding. Chairman Mitchell asked for any other nominations. Commissioner Rowland nominated himself. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Mitchell asked the nominations be closed. Commissioner Perry moved to close the nominations with Chairman Mitchell calling for a vote to close the nominations. **Motion carried 5 – 0.** Chairman Mitchell then asked for a roll call vote between Commissioner Lawton Seal and Commissioner Rowland. Commissioner Lawton Seal voted for herself, Commissioner Mitchell voted for Commissioner Lawton Seal, Commissioner Perry voted for Commissioner Lawton Seal, Commissioner Culberson voted for Commissioner Lawton Seal and Commissioner Rowland voted for himself. Commissioner Lawton Seal was elected as Chairman. Chairman Mitchell asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Perry nominated Commissioner Culberson as Vic-Chairman, hearing no other nominations, Chairman Mitchell announced Commissioner Culberson Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Perry nominated Chairman Mitchell as Secretary/Treasurer, hearing no other nominations, Chairman Mitchell accepted the position as Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Mitchell asked that Commissioner Rowland's interest in the Chairman position be noted.

Under Agenda Item V

Seagrass Monitoring and Transplanting Program – Leslie Manzello, Atkins – Ms. Manzello performs all the insect monitoring for the District. Ms. Manzello reported on the preliminary finding of the work she was doing with Harbor Branch. In 2009, the seagrass beds were healthy. There was a loss of more than 72 acres of seagrass in the northern portion of the IRL in 2011/2012. In 2012/2013 there has been an increase of 34 acres of seagrass. Johnson's seagrass is the grass that has come back the best. Every zone had some increase. The transplanted seagrass planting units are surviving. They will be monitored monthly over a two year period. If the project is successful, transplanting will be done on a larger scale.

Under Agenda Item VI

Park Matters – Kevin Jones – Mr. Jones reported that Park attendance and revenue were up.

Under Agenda Item VII

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

Under Agenda Item VIII

Public Comment Period – There was no public comment.

Under Agenda Item IX

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Perry moved to approve the consent agenda as written with Commissioner Lawton Seal seconding. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Under Agenda Item X

Commissioner's Items - Commissioner Lawton Seal thanked the Board for electing her Chairman for the year and she thanked Ms. Knowles for her hard work.

Under Agenda Item XI


Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Under Agenda Item XII

New business - There was no new business.

Under Agenda Item XI

Adjournment – Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer

12.11.13
Date