

**Sebastian Inlet District**  
Regular Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, 4 PM, June 12, 2024  
Sebastian Inlet District Office  
114 Sixth Avenue  
Indialantic, FL 32903

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioner Beth Mitchell (Vice Chair), Commissioner Michael Rowland (Secretary/Treasurer) and Commissioner Lisa Frazier. Commissioner David Barney was absent (excused). Also, in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, SID Contracts and Accounting Manager David Kershaw, SID Public Outreach Associate Ed Garland, SID Legal Counsel Shawn Demers, Quintin Bergman (IRC), Eric Charest (IRC) and Justin Bartusek (AtkinsRéalis).

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Lawton Seal called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of May 8, 2024. Vice Chair Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Under Agenda Item IV

Information and Discussion Agenda

A. Executive Director's Reports

1. Update on the North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project – Phase 1

Mr. Gray said Phase 1 of North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project went out to bid on June 4, 2024. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2024, and a bid opening is slated for August 7, 2024. The goal was to get the project out to bid so that the Commission could have an informed discussion about costs prior to the District's budget workshops. The project cost estimate is currently \$3.9 million.

Mr. Gray noted that he received a message from the District's lobbyist, Chris Lyon of Lewis, Longman and Walker, who informed him that Governor DeSantis vetoed the District's funding request that would have provided \$1 million toward the District's North Jetty Revetment Improvements Project. Mr. Gray is exploring other funding opportunities.

2. Update on the Status of the Revised Memorandum of Understanding between Indian River County and the District RE: Coordination of Supplemental Beach Nourishment and Related Coastal Activities

Mr. Gray said he has been working with Mr. Charest on revisions to the MOU, which codifies the ongoing collaboration between the District and Indian River County of sand placement on Indian River County Beaches. Vice Chair Mitchell asked whether Mr. Gray

anticipates any significant revisions to the new MOU. Mr. Gray said the revisions will be minor, such as updating the sediment bypassing objective from the annual average of 90,000 cubic yards to 75,000 cubic yards (as set by the TAC in 2023). Commissioner Frazier, referring to a recent newspaper article about the MOU revision process, asked for clarification regarding the District's sand placement responsibilities and sand sources. Mr. Gray explained that the target bypassing objective is calculated through monitoring data and the sediment budget. Vice Chair Mitchell noted that Dr. Zarillo's work provided the foundation for the revised bypassing objective. Mr. Gray also discussed the District's collaboration with Indian River County on sand placement projects to emphasize that the cumulative sediment bypassing objective of 1.9 Million cubic yards of sand (2000-2023) has been met, in conjunction with the County's beach nourishment projects. Responding to Commissioner Frazier, Mr. Gray said Indian River County supports the MOU and the District's desire to fulfill the 75,000 cubic yard annual average objective. Following additional discussion by the Commission, Mr. Charest said Indian River County looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the District on sand placement projects via the MOU.

### 3. Discussion of Consent Agenda

Mr. Gray reviewed the Consent Agenda items for the Commission's approval. (Details are found under Item X).

#### Under Agenda Item V

##### Public Outreach Activities

Mr. Garland provided an overview of recent and upcoming public outreach activities, including improvements and additions to the SID website and app. Commissioner Rowland asked whether the webcam icon in the District app could be re-labeled to include a mention of NOAA weather availability. Mr. Garland said he will check with the app developers when he meets with them later in the week.

#### Under Agenda Item VI

##### Budget Discussion – Draft 2024-25 Budget Summary and 5- Year Draft Pro Forma (FY 2024-25 – FY 2028-29)

Mr. Gray provided the Commission with two versions of the draft budget plan for the 2024/25 fiscal year; one version showed anticipated FY 2024/25 expenses and capital outlay, while Version 2 was a five-year budget summary of the anticipated expenses and capital outlay over the next five years. Mr. Gray said the draft budget is based on a 0.1077 millage rate, approximately \$4 million from Brevard County, approximately \$900,000 from Indian River County, \$775,000 in interest from Florida Prime, an anticipated \$6.1 million FDEP grant, and the utilization of \$6.2 million from the Use of Fund balance.

In response to the Commission's request last month to trim the draft budget where possible, Mr. Gray said that he and Mr. Kershaw have trimmed the draft budget by approximately \$130,000. The current millage rate is 0.1066. Mr. Kershaw added that the District will receive certified numbers from Brevard and Indian River counties no later than July 1. Mr. Gray responded to numerous questions from commissioners regarding anticipated grant reimbursements and noted that the draft budget summary does not include the Sector 2 sand placement project (Item B2 in this agenda). Mr. Gray also clarified that the \$6.1 million DEP grant has been encumbered and the District expects to receive the grant agreement from FDEP after July 1. Mr. Gray responded to questions regarding the costs of truck hauling and sand placement. Following up on a Commission request from the previous month, Mr. Gray investigated the estimated cost of using a bond to fund future truck haul projects. Staff identified that a \$4 million loan at four percent for 24 months would cost approximately \$175,000 a month to offset that debt. Mr. Gray said he would not recommend this option at this time as the borrowing rates are too high.

Under Agenda Item VII

Park Matters

Sebastian Inlet State Park Manager Ken Torres was not in attendance to provide a report.

Under Agenda Item VIII

Legal Counsel Update — Shawn Demers (Gray Robinson)

Mr. Demers had no update.

Under Agenda Item IX

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Under Agenda Item X

Consent Agenda

A. Authorized Work for Commission Review

1. Summerlin's marine Construction, LLC Work Order No. 2324-018-Summerlin Channel Marker Repairs

Under the proposed work order, Mr. Gray authorized Summerlin's Marine Construction, LLC, to repair Sebastian Inlet Channel Markers Green 15 and 17 and Channel marker Red 24. The work order totals \$3,750. Funding is budgeted and available. Mr. Gray noted that Channel Marker Green 17 may need to be relocated because it seems to be damaged on an annual basis.

Mr. Gray requested the Commission to revise the agenda to add an item related to Consent Agenda Item A 1. Vice Chairman Mitchell made a motion to add item A 2 to the agenda. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. **The motion carried 4-0.**

2. Summerlin's Marine Construction, LLC Work Order No. 23-24-019-Summerlin Channel Marker Repairs

Mr. Gray said the work order is for Summerlin's Marine Construction to replace and install Red Marker buoys 2A and 4, and realign Green Marker buoys 3 and 3A. The work order includes the purchase of additional red and green spares for storage and rapid deployment when needed. The total cost is \$14,100 and funding is budgeted and available.

Due to confusion about the initial vote to add Item A2 to the agenda, Chairman Lawton Seal called for a vote on Vice Chair Mitchell's original motion to add this item. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. **The motion carried 4-0.**

B. Recommended for Approval

1. FDEP Grant Agreement No. 24IR1 Sebastian Inlet IMP Implementation

Mr. Gray said FDEP has agreed to provide a partial reimbursement of \$625,000 for the District's 2022/23 Upland Sand Truck haul and Beach Placement Project, completed in March 2023. The recommendation of staff is for the Board to approved FDEP Grant Agreement No. 24IR1 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the District.

2. Change Order No. 1 – Work Order No. 2324-006-ATK, AtkinsRéalis 2024-25 Sebastian Inlet Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project

Mr. Gray said local governments and municipalities impacted by hurricanes Ian and Nichole are eligible for 100% state funding for projects that are completed by July 1, 2025. Mr. Gray said staff will apply for Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program (HRRGP) funds for the upcoming 2024/25 Sebastian Inlet Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement

Project to balance anticipated costs not funded through the traditional FDEP beach project grants. The purpose of the change order, totaling \$22,955, is to authorize AtkinsRéalisis to expand the design of the upcoming Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project to include Sector 2 beaches. The total work order amount, including the requested change order, is \$211,165. Responding to Commissioner Frazier, Mr. Gray explained that the entire project, including the proposed expansion into Sector 2, is eligible for the HRRGP funding.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Under Item XI

Commissioner Items

Secretary/Treasurer Rowland – Nothing.

Vice Chair Mitchell – Announced she has not filed papers for re-election. The District is in a good place and in good hands and she has enjoyed serving the agency for 20 years.

Commissioner Frazier – She is saddened to hear that Vice Chair Mitchell is not running for re-election.

Commissioner Barney – Absent (excused)

Chairman Lawton Seal – Announced she is not running for re-election. She is moving to South Carolina after the 2024 election.

Under Item XII

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished business.

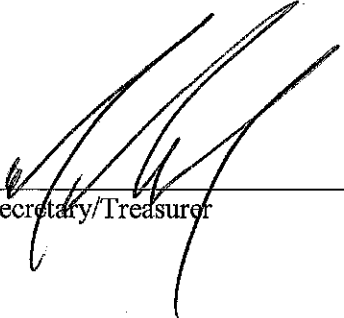
Under Item XIII

New Business

No new business.

Under Item XIV

Adjournment — Chairman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date

  
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