

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES
May 12, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chairman
Thomas Howard, Vice Chairman
Gail Whipple, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Martinez
James Davis

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director
William H. Broome, Attorney
Kenneth Craig, PE, Taylor Engineering
Sonja Kezber, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Patricia Walker and James Towner (Via CMT).

1. Call to Order

Chair Gentile called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance

2. Comments from Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **April 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2021**. Commissioner Whipple noted some corrections to the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED to approve as amended**; Commissioner Davis **SECONDED**. Chair Gentile called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. Submission of Bills

- **Submission of May Bills** - Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Submission of Bills and the additional Bills as presented**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
- **Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for June** - Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for June** -Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

5. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of April 2021 Treasurer's Report

Staff recommended approval. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the April 2021 Treasurer's Report**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Davis **SECONDED**. Chair Gentile called for discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

6. Executive Director's Report

Sand Trap Dredging:

Mr. Chaison reported that we had received one-time 15 day permit extensions for both our State and Federal permits for the completion of our sand trap dredging event. He stated that this was an intense effort and he was very appreciative of the work put in by the regulatory and consulting agencies. He also stated that Loggerhead Marine Center was very helpful with supplying historical sea turtle nesting data. Dredging is now completed and specific details will be included in the Engineer's Report. Commissioner Davis suggested a thank you letter be sent out to Loggerhead from the District. All agreed.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach and Inlet Funding Program Grant Application:

Mr. Chaison reported that the Program received \$50M in recurring funds and surprisingly received \$50M in non-recurring funds. This means that we can expect to receive our full funding request of \$1,518,525 in FY 2021/22.

Living Shoreline Project at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse:

Mr. Chaison reported that Ferreira Construction has made good progress to date and specific details will be included in the Engineer's Report. He also reported that he had conducted several site visits with local entities and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) was pleased with the seagrass avoidance measures. He stated the archaeological oversight has been coordinated very well with the contractor. Chair Gentile noted that a segment by a local news affiliate had been developed that would be used to inform the public of the project.

JID Boat Tour of Loxahatchee River and Inlet:

Mr. Chaison reported that plans are progressing for the June 16th JID projects boat tour. We will depart Jonathan Dickinson State Park on Loxahatchee Queen II, a 22-passenger vessel, for our river tour. We will progress downriver viewing all project areas, stopping for lunch and a convenience break in the inlet area. He stated that he is expecting it to take 4-5 hours and have 15-20 attendees.

JID Centennial Efforts:

Mr. Chaison stated that the list below is a list of efforts which will used to acknowledge the JID centennial;

- June 16th Boat Tour
- Website makeover with historical elements
- Statue dedication
- Commemorative poster of inlet
- October event at lighthouse for Centennial / Living Shoreline

Taylor Property:

Mr. Chaison reported that the Town of Jupiter has agreed with Mr. Taylor on a purchase price of \$3.3M for the parcel. This agreement was discussed and approved at the Town's May 4th meeting.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig reported that he had performed the monthly jetty condition assessment earlier in the day and had no significant changes from the prior assessment to report.

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap

Mr. Craig reported that the dredging contractor remobilized to the Sand Trap and began pumping on April 17, 2021. Mr. Craig stated that as of the writing of his report, the contractor had dredged ~90,000 cy and that he had included a graph showing their production rate since remobilization.

Mr. Craig stated that on behalf of JID, Taylor Engineering had submitted a request to both FDEP and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for a one-time construction window extension through May 31. USACE/FWS issued an extension through May 15 on April 28. FDEP then issued a similar extension on April 30. The extension requires that all on-beach work conclude no later than May 15. As such, the contractor will likely have to cease pumping operations on May 13 in order to remove his equipment and till the beach per permit requirements.

The contractor submitted pay application #1 on Monday, May 3, 2021. The total requested is \$1,036,901.00 minus 10% retainage for a payment amount of \$933,210.90. All line items and calculations appear to be in order. Taylor Engineering recommends approval of pay application #1. Mr. Craig stated that the image included in his report, shows the interim quantity survey provided by the contractor in support of his pay application.

Mr. Craig stated that during the upcoming summer months, Taylor Engineering anticipates submitting a permit modification request that reestablishes the full Jupiter/Carlin beach fill template as the authorized disposal area. This will require diver review of several small areas offshore of the fill template to determine the presence or absence of endangered corals.

Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance

Mr. Craig reported that Taylor Engineering submitted the state and federal environmental permit applications to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The SFWMD issued a Request for Additional Information (RAI) on March 19, 2021. Taylor Engineering collected additional field data at the project site on May 6, 2021 and is in the process of addressing items requested in the SFWMD RAI. Taylor Engineering submitted the RAI response to SFWMD prior to the (May) board meeting.

Mr. Craig reported that Mr. Chaison tasked Lidberg Land Surveying to collect additional bathymetric survey data at the two previously constructed oxbow restoration projects upstream of the current project as well as near the Moonshine Creek project area. Based on the results of the survey, Taylor Engineering will evaluate the need for maintenance at the previously

constructed oxbow restoration project sites. Any necessary maintenance will be added to the current project permitting effort as a modification or submitted under a separate permit authorization request.

AAF In-Water Permitting

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering remains available to coordinate with Brightline/All Aboard Florida as needed.

Living Shoreline (Shorelines) Project

Mr. Craig reported that project construction is currently underway. The contractor (Ferreira Construction) is constructing the breakwater components first. Taylor Engineering continues to actively coordinate with the contractor during construction. JID (Joe Chaison) met with representatives of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission onsite to observe construction activities on May 5, 2021. The meeting went well and FWC indicated it was happy with project progress and construction methods observed. Taylor Engineering coordinated and led the first onsite project progress meeting on May 6, 2021.

Mr. Craig reported that additional rock had been needed for the construction of the breakwaters and funds had been used out of the contingency line item in the contract. A discussion ensued regarding contracts and contingency line items and the process by which additional costs should be addressed. Mr. Broome stated that while the line item had been included in the contract and therefore approved, all expenditures should be approved by the board ahead of time.

8. Legal Report

None.

9. Unfinished Business

None.

10. New Business

None.

11. Commissioner Reports/Remarks

Commissioner Martinez

None.

Commissioner Howard

None.

Commissioner Whipple

Commissioner Whipple stated that HB 1103 looked as though it would be approved including amendments recommended by Lewis, Longman and Walker.

Commissioner Davis

None.

Commissioner Gentile

Chair Gentile reported that the FWC had completed it's reading on the slow wake zone being considered for Jupiter Narrows and that it looked like it would be approved for enforcement during holidays and weekends.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

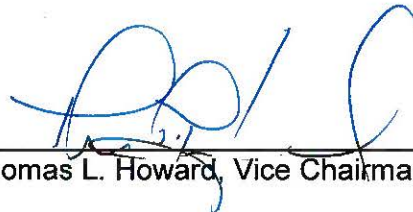
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13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Davis **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Thomas L. Howard, Vice Chairman