

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES**

December 8, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Call to Order

Chair Gentile called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Comments from Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **November 10, 2021 - Regular Meeting**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2021.** Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED.** Commissioner Howard **SECONDED.**

Chair Gentile called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

4. Submission of Bills

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

5. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of November 2021 Treasurer's Report

Staff recommended approval. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the November 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

Palm Beach County Beach Nourishment:

Mr. Chaison reported that Palm Beach County has contracted with Great Lakes Dredge and Dock to place 416,000cy between Jupiter Beach Park and Carlin Park. He stated he had attended their progress meetings and encouraged them to ensure adherence to their fill template. Beach placement is scheduled to start on December 7th. The new survey information has been received for our sand trap and is currently showing 53,000 cy in the trap.

Main Channel Maintenance Dredging:

Mr. Chaison stated that we received our Corps of Engineers permit and Mr. Craig will discuss the project in his Engineer's Report.

Taylor Property:

Mr. Chaison reported that he has engaged Jupiter's Acting Town Manager, Thomas Driscoll, to ensure that the Interim Town Manager will advance our Agreement once onboard.

Taras Oceanographic Foundation:

Mr. Chaison stated that he attended one of the Taras lecture series events on December 1st. It was very well done, well attended, and he was pleased to see that the Foundation demonstrated their appreciation of the JID's support by including our logo on their handouts and on their slides as well as a specific acknowledgement in the opening remarks.

Florida Department of Revenue – Truth in Millage (TRIM) Certification:

Mr. Chaison reported that we received a letter from the Dept. of Revenue indicating that our TRIM certification and submittals are in compliance. This is typical, expected, and was only mentioned informationally.

Living Shoreline Presentation Request:

Mr. Chaison stated that Leadership Palm Beach County has requested an on-site presentation of our Living Shoreline project. He is currently coordinating this with them and our partners at the Bureau of Land Management.

Site Landscaping:

Mr. Chaison reported that he has continued to discuss native plantings with our landscapers as we prepare to move the project forward.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering

Jetty Observation

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

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering submitted the permit modification request to establish the full Jupiter/Carlin beach fill template as the authorized disposal area and extend the permit length from 5 years to 10 years. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has assigned Jerilyn Ashworth as our permit processor. Notably, the pending Palm Beach County project will fill the full template after receiving USACE approval. Taylor Engineering has also received the preconstruction survey from Terraquatic which indicates 33,150 cy in the trap on October 24th. In conjunction with Mr. Chaison, we are developing a protocol for additional surveys over the next few months to help monitor any impacts from the County project on the sand trap.

We have provided a scope and cost proposal to Mr. Chaison for board consideration at the December meeting. As Mr. Chaison previously noted, we are now at 53,000 cy.

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap scope and proposal as presented.** Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED.** Commissioner Davis **SECONDED.** Chair Gentile called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Loxahatchee River Main Channel Maintenance Dredging

Mr. Craig reported that the bid package is complete and the permit has been received. The bid package has been emailed out and 7 firms have downloaded it to date. The bids will be opened January 7th and a recommendation will be provided to the board at the January meeting.

Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance

Mr. Craig stated 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 (USACE). SFWMD issued the environmental resource permit on November 4, 2021. Taylor Engineering reviewed the permit and found the conditions to be reasonable and acceptable. Taylor Engineering provided the state permit to the USACE to satisfy the water quality certification requirement. The federal application is still under review by the USACE. And an RAI was received today.

AAF In-Water Permitting

Mr. Craig reported that Taylor Engineering is coordinating with Scott Bridge Company regarding the dredging under JID's state and federal permits for the bridge navigation channel. Scott Bridge commenced dredging on September 1, 2021 and completed the effort on October 1, 2021. Scott Bridge submitted turbidity monitoring reports to Taylor Engineering and Taylor Engineering provided those reports to FDEP compliance in accordance with the permit. Under contract to Scott Bridge, Taylor Engineering completed the pre-construction seagrass survey on August 18, 2021 and the post-construction survey on October 7, 2021. Scott Bridge has provided Taylor Engineering with a post-construction ("as-built") hydrographic survey of the dredge area. Taylor Engineering reviewed the submittal and provided comments to Scott Bridge. Scott Bridge is in the process of making minor revisions to the survey product. Once received, Taylor Engineering will submit the final survey and "as-built" certification to the regulatory agencies.

Living Shoreline Project

Mr. Craig stated that the only remaining item is retainage held during the vegetation establishment period which ends on February 2, 2022.

8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome stated that he did not have a legal report for this month.

9. Unfinished Business

None.

10. New Business

None.

11. Commissioner Reports/Remarks

Commissioner Martinez

None.

Commissioner Howard

None.

Commissioner Whipple

Commissioner Whipple noted that FASD (Florida Association of Special Districts) has joined the National Special District Coalition and has been promoting special districts to elected officials in Washington. They have also been talking about federal support for climate resiliency and disaster preparedness which could affect us. It was questioned whether this had caused the increase in fees this year and Mr. Chaison responded that FASD had restructured its fees a few years ago between Ad Valorem and Non Ad Valorem members.

Commissioner Whipple also stated that FASD is sponsoring a legislature forum on January 26th in Tallahassee for members that would give everyone a chance to see the legislature in action. Chair Gentile stated there is also 3 day process for Palm Beach County officials to meet legislators. Commissioner Whipple asked for an update on the signs for the dredging project. Mr. Craig responded that there would be signs posted during our project. Chair Gentile noted that we might want to do one of our boat trips during the next meeting of the Leadership of Palm Beach County.

Commissioner Whipple also brought up the buoys that had been presented by the Jupiter Inlet Foundation at the last meeting. She wondered if support of the project as the Town of Jupiter has done might be helpful. A discussion ensued regarding the location and size of the proposed buoys; Commissioner Martinez expressed his opinion that the buoys are large and will add to the general clutter of the river and the proposed buoys by our Mangrove Island Project are in an area that is visited by families and could hinder recreation. Commissioner Martinez asked if the Coast Guard has to approve the markers and Mr. Craig stated private aids of navigation have to be, but not regulatory markers, and he is not sure if the agencies talk to each other. Chair Gentile asked Mr. Broome if we had any legislative authority in this area and Mr. Broome responded that only FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) is required to notify us of applications but the District has a right for our viewpoint to be considered. Mr. Broome stated we have an appellate decision that states we do have standing to be concerned about things in the waterway. General consensus was that future projects should be reviewed by the Commission and a donation would not be appropriate.

Commissioner Martinez asked if we could ask them to consider downsizing the size of the buoys because of our concerns. Chair Gentile stated that there was no reason that we could not direct Staff to do so. Commissioner Howard noted that as the Chair stated, we have a consensus to ask Staff to contact them about downsizing and also to have them confirm in writing that they will notify us before placement of any markers in the future. Commissioner Whipple suggested we also collaborate on the buoys in question. Chair Gentile stated that Mr. Chaison should draft a letter and have it reviewed by Mr. Broome. Commissioner Howard suggested that Mr. Chaison get confirmation from law enforcement on their process for signs. Chair Gentile asked if a "new" speed sign had been placed on the south side of the sand bar in the channel. Mr. Chaison stated he thought there was an existing informational sign there and he would look into it.

Commissioner Howard stated that he had read that Gov. DeSantis is advocating 11 resiliency projects in Palm Beach County regarding sea level rise and would be interested in knowing more about them. Mr. Chaison responded that he had received a list of grant recipients and Chair Gentile asked that he send it to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Davis

None.

Commissioner Gentile

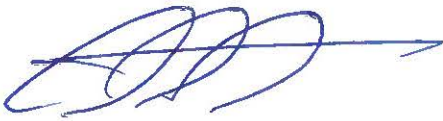
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12. Next Meeting Date(s)

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2022

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Thomas L. Howard, Vice Chairman