

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
December 9, 2020**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

George Gentile, Chairman  
Thomas Howard, Vice Chairman  
Michael Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer  
Gail Whipple  
Mary Patricia Walker

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph Chaison, Executive Director (In Person)  
William H. Broome, Attorney (In Person)  
Ken Craig, Taylor Engineering (In Person)  
Yehya Siddiqui, Taylor Engineering (Via CMT)  
Sonja Kezber, Administrative Assistant (In Person)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Griffin Walker

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Gentile called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Comments from Public**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- October 28, 2020, Workshop Meeting

Chairman Gentile called for discussion or changes to the minutes as presented. Commissioner Whipple noted that on Page 1, the 20-07 resolution should include the name of the resolution to clarify which resolution it is. Also, on Page 2, "Boards" should be "Board's" and remove the word "it" from the sentence regarding the "recessed and it reconvened" meeting. Vice Chair Howard noted on Page 3 the clarification of "by itself" should be added to his comment regarding the spoil site.

Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Meeting Minutes as amended**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED** and Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

- November 5, 2020, (Resume) Workshop Meeting

Chairman Gentile called for discussion or changes to the minutes as presented. There were none.

Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED** and Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

- November 13, 2020, (Resume) Workshop Meeting

Chairman Gentile called for discussion or changes to the minutes as presented. There were none.

Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED** and Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

- November 18, 2020, Regular Meeting

Chairman Gentile called for discussion or changes to the minutes as presented. Vice Chair Howard noted that on Page 3, Mr. Arrington should be addressed as "Dr.". Commissioner Whipple noted that in paragraph 6 "in his report" was duplicated and one should be removed. Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Meeting Minutes as amended**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED** and Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

#### 4. Submission of Bills

- Submission of December Bills. Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Submission of Bills as presented along with additional bills presented at meeting**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Chairman Gentile called for discussion; there being no other discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
- Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for January. Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Submission of the January Bills as presented**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Chairman Gentile called for discussion; there being no other discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

- Approval of November 2020 Treasurer's Report



Staff recommended approval. Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the November 2020 Treasurer's Report**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Chairman Gentile called for discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Commissioner Martinez stated there was still a large sum in the BB&T account and asked when the sand trap dredging and railroad project invoices were expected to come in. Mr. Chaison stated that the sand trap dredging invoices were expected within the next 3 months but the railroad invoices were not expected for 4 to 6 months. He also stated that a transfer of funds to the interest bearing account would be completed before the end of the year.

## **6. Executive Director's Report**

### **Sand Trap Dredging:**

Mr. Chaison reported that a Notice of Award has been issued to Coastal Dredging / Gulf Atlantic Dredging who are currently performing the Martin County portion of the Corps of Engineers Intracoastal Waterway dredging project. Following completion of that work, they will proceed to the Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap and we expect sand trap dredging to start before the end of this month. A pre-construction meeting has been set up for next Thursday. Vice Chair Howard questioned the delay and Mr. Craig responded that equipment breakdowns and weather issues had caused the delay.

Mr. Chaison stated that our Corps of Engineers permit decision documents were completed on November 27<sup>th</sup> and were currently being reviewed.

### **FDEP Local Government Funding Request (LGFR):**

Mr. Chaison reported that our Inlet Projects Grant application for FY 2021/22 scoring was finalized, and our application is tied for fourth of the eleven inlets which submitted applications. The Jupiter Inlet District requested 50% cost-sharing from the program, which is estimated at \$1,518,525, if funding is approved by legislature.

### **Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) Offloading:**

Mr. Chaison reported that the South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD) has been offloading material from our DMMA and operations were completed Saturday, December 5, 2020. During the project, they improved our DMMA roadway and it has proved to be a mutually beneficial endeavor.

### **Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District – Enabling Legislation Update:**

Mr. Chaison stated that the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District (LRECD) revised their proposed enabling legislation update language following input from JID staff and counsel. A letter was written supporting the LRECD efforts.

**Living Shoreline Project at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse:**

Mr. Chaison reported that the Living Shoreline Project was put out for bidding on November 30<sup>th</sup> and bids are due on January 6<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he was meeting one of the prospective contractors tomorrow morning at the site.

**Executive Orders – Pandemic – Special Districts:**

Mr. Chaison stated that the Executive Order (EO) 20-69 which relaxed the requirement that a quorum be “physically present” for public meetings was not extended beyond October 31<sup>st</sup>. As such, our meetings will require a quorum to be physically present. We will continue to arrange for remote attendance. Staff continue to follow Palm Beach County Emergency Order #12, which requires facial coverings and posting of signage. He also stated that he had emailed an article out earlier that day that reported other municipalities continuing with remote meetings.

**7. Engineer’s Report**

**General Engineering**

*Jetty Observation*

Mr. Craig reported that Taylor Engineering staff (Yehya Siddiqui) had performed the monthly jetty condition assessment and found no significant changes from the prior assessment.

**Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap**

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering continues to coordinate extensively with several permit reviewers at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to determine how to move the process forward given the new requirements associated with the new South Atlantic Regional Biological Opinion (SARBO). All parties agree that the modified beach fill template developed by Taylor Engineering eliminates the need for further coordination between USACE and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Decision documents have been forwarded by the permit reviewer for final senior level review at the USACE. At the time of this report, the permit is still pending, but expected at any time.



Mr. Craig also stated that notably, he anticipates submitting a permit modification request at a later date 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.

Mr. Craig reported that the dredging contractor has continued to experience weather delays associated with work at the Crossroads area in Martin County. He must complete that work before mobilizing to the Jupiter area. He stated that he anticipates mobilization to occur in mid-December.

### **Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance**

Mr. Craig reported that Mr. Chaison has 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. Taylor Engineering will revise the project as appropriate once they receive the data.

### **AAF In-Water Permitting**

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

### **Living Shorelines Project**

Mr. Craig reported that Taylor Engineering advertised the project to prospective contractors on Monday, November 30, 2020. Ninety-five emails were sent out to about forty organizations and at this time, nine have downloaded the package and six seem interested; Cavache, Brothers Construction, Poseidon, Orion, Ferreira, etc. Bids are due Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Taylor Engineering anticipates making a recommendation of award at the January board meeting.

### **8. Legal Report**

None.

### **9. Unfinished Business**

None.

### **10. New Business**

None.

### **11. Commissioner Reports/Remarks**

**Commissioner Walker**

Commissioner Walker expressed her appreciation of everyone that she had worked with over the last 12 years.

**Vice Chair Howard**

Vice Chair Howard stated that he felt Commissioner Walker's contributions would last much longer than the people themselves and that's the mark of dedicated and effective leadership. He looked forward to getting her input in the future.

**Commissioner Martinez**

Commissioner Martinez stated it had been a pleasure working with Commissioner Walker and also expressed his intent to call her for her opinion after so many years of working with her. .

**Commissioner Whipple**

None

**Chairman Gentile**

Chair Gentile presented a plaque to Commissioner Walker and thanked her for her years of dedicated service.

**12. Next Meeting Date(s)**

- Regular Meeting, January 13, 2021

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Walker **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM



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George G. Gentile, Chairman



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Thomas L. Howard, Vice Chairman