

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chairman
Michael Martinez, Vice Chairman
James H. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Gail Whipple (via CMT)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Thomas Howard

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director
William R. H. Broome, Attorney
Ken Craig, PE, Taylor Engineering

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

1. Call to Order

Chair Gentile called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

*Pledge of Allegiance

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

May 10th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chairman Martinez and Commissioner Whipple made note of grammatical edits. Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the May 10th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as**

amended; Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice-Chairman Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Bills

Submission of May Bills:

Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the May Bills and the additional Bills as presented**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice-Chairman Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for June:

Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for June**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice-Chairman Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

5. Treasurer's Report

Approval of May 2023 Treasurer's Report:

Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the May 2023 Treasurer Report**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice-Chairman Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

6. Executive Director's Report

500 N. Delaware Property:

The Town of Jupiter has begun work on the demolition project. We have been closely coordinating with Jupiter and the contractor.

2023 Sand Trap Dredging:

The dredging, placement, tilling, demobilization, and final punch list are complete. Mr. Craig will discuss further in the Engineer's Report.

Inlet Management Plan Study / Sediment Budget Update:

This will be covered in greater detail in the Engineer's report. Of interest, an abstract has been submitted to the American Shore and Beach Protection Association (ASBPA) for their National Coastal Conference.

Office Landscaping Update Project:

Mr. Chaison received the preliminary design, plant list, and costs for the native planting project. Longleaf Design will incorporate JID suggestions into the final design. Chairman Gentile made a

recommendation to minimize Coontie in the planting list because it can be difficult to upkeep, and tweak to the design layout to better showcase all the species that will be planted.

Jones Creek Mangrove Trimming:

The Town of Jupiter has awarded a contract for Jones Creek mangrove trimming (south of Indiantown Road). The Town established a Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) over the next 10 years to fund this project. Mr. Chaison stated that this could represent an opportunity to be proactive with the JID mangroves along Sims Creek. The Board agreed.

US-1 Bridge Replacement:

Mr. Chaison attended a construction outreach event by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding bridge construction progress. The FDOT contractor is also investigating the sand in our Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) to see if it is compatible with their needs for the Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining walls for the project.

Village of Tequesta Workshop - Living Shorelines:

Following our 2023 Boat Tour, the Village of Tequesta scheduled a Living Shorelines discussion at a workshop meeting that was on May 30th. The JID was invited to discuss our project and participate.

Loxahatchee River Preserve Initiative:

Mr. Chaison and Treasurer Davis reported that all the projects in the LRPI have been budgeted for this year. This will give the District 50% cost sharing for the Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance Project. Treasurer Davis noted that project submissions for the 2025 Fiscal Year are due by July 31st and will be ranked at the August 7th meeting.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig performed the Jetty Observations on June 14th. He stated that there continues to be a lot of sand along the beach shorelines adjacent to the inlet. The feature along the inside of the North Jetty is still present.

Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance:

Mr. Craig stated that there has been no change in the status of the application.

Jupiter Inlet Jetties Restoration:

Mr. Craig stated that JB Blumfield will be at the July meeting to present the 90% specifications and drawings.

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap Dredging 2023:

Mr. Craig said the punch list for Atlantic and Gulf Dredging & Marine (AGD) included replacing a palm tree that was gouged during demobilization. AGD submitted their final payment which includes the final 20% for demobilization and release of the retainage for a total of \$186,819.38

Sediment/Inlet Study 2023:

Mr. Craig noted that the numerical model is being calibrated and the sand samples have been collected.

Local Government Funding Request (LGFR):

Mr. Craig and Mr. Chaison proposed moving LGFR work out of the general task assignment for Taylor Engineering and create a task order to better track the spending. **MOTION to approve the Proposed LGFR Task Order for Taylor Engineering;** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED;** Vice-Chairman Martinez **SECONDED.** There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome reported that the trial docket period for the Kezber matter is January 8 - February 28, 2024. The judge will fix a date and time for all parties. Mediation will need to occur in the meantime, whomever is sent on the District's behalf will need to have authorization to agree on a settlement.

9. Unfinished Business

Legislative Update:

Chairman Gentile reported that JID's Local Bill has been sent to the Governor for his signature. It will either be vetoed or signed by the Governor or it will automatically become law on July 1st.

10. New Business

None.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Whipple

None.

Commissioner Howard

Absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Davis

None.

Vice-Chairman Martinez

Vice-Chairman Martinez asked if we would submit the same project for LRPI the next cycle (FY 2025). Mr. Chaison stated that if this current cycle doesn't get funded or is vetoed than we would resubmit the same project. Otherwise, we do not currently have a project advanced to the stage that would be appropriate for submittal.

Chairman Gentile

Chairman Gentile stated he has had some calls regarding the St. Lucie Bridge and Brightline and Mr. Chaison was approached about JID's Boat Study from 2015. Mr. Craig stated that the Coast Guard also asked Taylor Engineering for a report regarding the St. Lucie Bridge.

Chairman Gentile noted that the Coast Guard has created a schedule for the opening/closure of the railroad bridge, with it being open on the 0:15 and 0:45 of every hour.

Mr. Broome agreed that the District can and should share its 2015 Boat Study with any requestors.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

Regular Board Meeting- July 12th, 2023, 7:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice-Chairman Martinez **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Michael Martinez, Vice Chairman