

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

February 12th, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chair (Absent 2/12, Present 2/19)
Gail Whipple, Vice Chair
James Davis, Secretary/Treasurer (Present 2/12, Absent 2/19)
Thomas Howard
Michael Martinez

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

James Towner, Atlantic Gulf & Dredging

1. Call to Order

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

**Pledge of Allegiance*

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

January 8th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

• Final Budget Hearing Minutes

Vice Chair Whipple entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 8th, 2025 Final Budget Hearing Minutes as presented and amended**; Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

• Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Whipple entertained a **MOTION to approve January 8th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented and amended**; Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Bills

Submission of January 2025 Bills:

Vice Chair Whipple entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 2025 Bills as presented.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for February 2025:

Vice Chair Whipple entertained a **MOTION to approve the Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for February 2025.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

5. Treasurer's Report

Approval of January 2025 Treasurer's Report:

Vice Chair Whipple entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

6. Executive Director's Report

2025 Biennial Boat Tour of Loxahatchee River and Jupiter Inlet:

Since 2021, the District has conducted a biennial boat tour of the Loxahatchee River and Jupiter Inlet as an opportunity to visit JID projects with our partners and interested public. A 2025 boat tour will allow for adding the completed River Mile 6 project as well as a preview of the Bureau of Land Management's upcoming shoreline stabilization at the Jupiter Lighthouse. This event is best done outside of the summer months. Staff would like the availability of the Board and suggested Fall 2025. The Board agreed.

Upcoming Outreach Events:

- Nature Conservancy- 2025 Center for Conservation Initiatives Lecture Series
- Florida Public Archaeology Network - 2025 Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Field School
- Friends of Jupiter Beach- August 2025
- Town of Jupiter Centennial Celebration
 - The Town of Jupiter is celebrating its centennial throughout 2025 with numerous events. Staff have been invited to assist with the Natural Environment Centennial Committee and the Preserving Paradise Presentation on March 19th.

2025 Ebb Shoal and Shoreline Evaluation:

The District's 1997 Jupiter Inlet Management Plan (IMP) recommends that the JID "Implement a comprehensive beach and offshore monitoring program". The Sediment Budget update to the IMP has been submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This update includes the proposed strategy that "a comprehensive beach and inlet hydrographic monitoring program shall be conducted to evaluate the performance and impact of existing sand bypassing and nourishment projects and to periodically update the inlet sediment budget".

Mr. Chaison asked for the Board's direction on performing an inlet shoreline evaluation on a yearly basis to streamline the updating process in the future. The Board agreed.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering:

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig performed the Jetty Observations on February 12th and did not report any concerning conditions.

Jupiter Inlet Jetties Restoration:

Mr. Craig reported that the project is almost complete. The final walk through was earlier in the day. The final invoice is expected by the March Board Meeting.

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap FDEP Permitting:

Mr. Chaison has received a copy of the District application for review from Taylor. The next step will be to submit.

2025 Sand Trap Project:

The bid opening for the 2025 Sand Trap Dredging Project was Monday, February 10th. Taylor Engineering reviewed the three bids. Mr. Craig recommends award to the low bidder, Gator Dredging.

Mr. Criag also reviewed several other options available to the Board.

There was a discussion. The Board asked Staff and Taylor Engineering to gather additional information before a decision regarding the 2025 bids.

Commissioner Howard made a **MOTION to Recess the Board meeting to Wednesday February 19th, 2025 at 7:00 PM, Time Certain**. Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. The **MOTION PASSED unanimously**.

The meeting was recessed February 12th, 2025 at 8:40 PM.

The meeting was reconvened February 19th, 2025 at 9:00 PM. (Chair Gentile Present, Treasurer Davis Absent)

Mr. Chaison gave a brief overview of the previous discussion regarding the 2025 Sand Trap Dredging Project and included additional information that was gathered. Terraquatic survey showed 93,000 CY in the sand trap.

There was further discussion.

Commissioner Howard noted that he intended to make a motion to award the bid, and this decision was based, in part, on three important factors. These factors were the navigation concerns related to sand volume in the trap, the eroded condition of the shoreline south of the inlet, and the decreased efficiency of the trap to capture sand when it is full.

Noting these reasons Commissioner Howard made a **MOTION to award the 2025 Sand Trap Bid to Gator Dredging, provided they produce all required paperwork and Mr. Broome reviews the contract including liquidated damages and protections.** Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED.** There being no further discussion, the **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome had no written report this month and nothing further to add.

9. New Business

➤ Ebb Shoal Planning and Discussion

The Commission agreed to move the presentation by Mr. Craig to the March Board Meeting.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Martinez

None

Commissioner Howard

None.

Secretary/Treasurer Davis

None.

Vice Chair Whipple

None.

Chair Gentile

Chair Gentile reminded everyone of the Palm Beach Boat Show that will be happening March 19th-23rd, 2025.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

Regular Board Meeting- March 12th, 2025 – 7:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Vice Chair Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned on February 19th, 2025 at 7:37 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chair

Gail Whipple, Vice Chair