

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

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Curtis Sigretto	Renee Schaefer
Karen Gallagher	Chris Ball
Gerry Carroll	Kenny Eppert
Rick Sanders	Kevin Kennelley
Leonard Steele	Russell Bruce
Bonnie Carpenter	Jay Carpenter
Don Cook	Henri Desplaines

Multiple individuals online via CMT

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

None.

**1. Call to Order**

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

*\*Pledge of Allegiance*

**2. Comments from the Public** *(please note all meetings are recorded & available upon request)*

Numerous members of the public commented on navigation and conditions outside the Jupiter Inlet. A lengthy discussion followed, detailing the existing District authorization and options which are currently being investigated.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

➤ **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

There were changes made by Commissioner Whipple. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Minutes as presented and amended**; Commissioner Whipple so

**MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. **Approval of Bills**

**Submission of January 2026 Bills:**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 2026 Bills as presented**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

**Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for February 2026:**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for February 2026**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of January 2026 Treasurer's Report:**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

6. **Executive Director's Report**

**Drone Based Bathymetry Demonstration at Jupiter Inlet:**

Mr. Chaison shared that the approved contract with SPH Engineering for a demonstration of their drone-based hydrographic survey system was executed on February 2nd. SPH Engineering requested a change from the week of February 16th to the first week of March for the demonstration.

**United States Army Corps of Engineers Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) Dredging Project:**

Mr. Chaison is currently coordinating with the Corps IWW dredging contractor (Southwind), who expect to begin dredging this month. Mobilization on site is scheduled to begin Feb 17th. That project will involve maintenance dredging of approximately 149,000 CY from the IWW. The placement template is from Ocean Trail to the south end of Carlin Park.

**Jupiter Inlet Colony February 9th Presentation:**

Mr. Chaison gave a presentation at Jupiter Inlet Colony's February 9th Council Meeting, at request of their Town Manager.

**SB 1288 Andrew “Red” Harris Shoal Designation:**

Mr. Chaison reported that Senate Bill SB 1288 was amended to contain the following description; “Shoal S13, a mangrove island adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway within Jupiter Sound, is designated as the “Andrew “Red” Harris Shoal.” The related House Bill, HB 1219 was similarly amended to include the more accurate description of Shoal S13.

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission:**

Mr. Chaison has been in contact with FWC in order to gather data and reported incidents of boat accidents/incidents at the Jupiter Inlet, and in the District boundaries.

**Ebb Shoal Survey:**

Terraquatic will perform the quarterly Ebb Shoal bathymetric either Thursday or Friday of this week.

**7. Engineer’s Report**

**General Engineering:**

*Jetty Observation*

Mr. Craig of Taylor Engineering performed the Jetty Observations on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the jetties are due for their one-year warranty inspection following the concrete maintenance project.

**Loxahatchee River Sedimentation Study:**

Mr. Craig stated that all the initial sediment samples have been collected. They are now in the lab to be analyzed. He is also coordinating with the Town of Jupiter and other District partners to share all data.

**2026 Sand Trap Proposal:**

Atlantic and Gulf Dredging, LLC (AGD) is expected to complete dredging this week(February 12-14<sup>th</sup>). Taylor Engineering has been helpful in coordinating pipeline and ADA ramp guidelines between AGD and Southwind.

**Ebb Shoal Channel Modeling:**

Mr. Craig presented Board his four (4) options of the modeling of the possible East-West Channel outside the Jupiter Inlet. There was a lengthy discussion.

It was decided the model would consider:

- 14 ft depth
- 17 ft depth
- 200 ft wide channel
- 300 ft wide channel

**BLM JILONA Shoreline Stabilization Project Update:**

Mr. Craig gave the Board an update on the Stabilization Project.

**8. Legal Report**

Mr. Broome reviewed his Legal Report.

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Unfinished Business**

- Jupiter Inlet Ebb Shoal and Navigation Discussion

The Board agreed this item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**11. Commissioner Reports**

**Commissioner Martinez**

None.

**Commissioner Whipple**

Commissioner Whipple gave an update an overview of the current Bills regarding Ad Valorem Taxing Authorities.

**Secretary/Treasurer Davis**

None.

**Vice Chair Howard**

None.

**Chair Gentile**

None.

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

- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chair



Thomas Howard, Vice Chair