

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

March 11th, 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

Ed Kawecki Chris Ball
Bonnie Carpenter Jay Carpenter
Russ Bruce
Stephen Melchiorre & James Towner 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)*

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

➤ **January 28th, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes**

There were changes made by Commissioner Whipple. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the January 28th, 2026 Minutes as presented and amended**; Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

➤ **February 11th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

There were changes made by Commissioner Whipple. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the February 11th, 2026 Minutes as presented and amended**; Commissioner Whipple so

MOVED; Vice Chair Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Bills

Submission of February 2026 Bills:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the February 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 March 2026:

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

5. Treasurer's Report

Approval of February 2026 Treasurer's Report:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the February 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 demonstration of a drone-based bathymetry system by SPH Engineering that was scheduled for March 5-6th, was postponed due to weather conditions. Rescheduling will be based on the technical crew's schedule. The tentative plan is for April.

U.S Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) Dredging Project:

The Corps IWW dredging contractor, Southwind Dredging, began dredging on February 25th. That project will involve maintenance dredging of the IWW channel. Sand placement began along the shoreline by Ocean Trail Condominiums and is expected to progress to Carlin Park.

The contractors have moved slightly North in their current sand placement, Mr. Chaison will have more information following a progress meeting on March 12th.

Jupiter Inlet Ebb Shoal February Hydrographic Survey:

The District's most recent hydrographic survey of the Jupiter Inlet ebb shoal complex was completed on February 13th. This survey was converted to MLLW (mean lower low water) Datum, posted on

the website, and distributed. The survey indicates that the area of deeper water exiting the inlet remains in southeasterly direction, with 8' and 10' depth contours at low tide.

Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) April Meeting:

During the February LRPI Meeting, it was noted that the Town of Jupiter's Utilities Field Office will not be available for hosting LRPI in April due to scheduled renovations. Following discussion, JID offered the use of our facilities to host the Monday, April 13th General Meeting of the LRPI. The host also typically provides lunch; the Board agreed.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering:

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig of Taylor Engineering performed the Jetty Observations on March 11th.

Loxahatchee River Sedimentation Study:

Mr. Craig shared a sediment map/survey update. Mr. Criag is currently coordinating with previous, similar sedimentation studies to compare data. He is also coordinating with District partners to share information and guide the next steps of testing.

2026 Sand Trap Proposal:

Atlantic and Gulf Dredging, LLC (AGD) Pay App #2 was approved in this month's bills. Mr. Craig shared the idea of coordinating a survey resweep of the sand trap with AGD. He shared AGD's proposed expected costs. There was a discussion.

The survey will happen the week of March 18th and a decision will be made at the Workshop Meeting.

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

Letter of Permission (LOP) Permit Summary:

Mr. Craig and Mr. Chaison recently had a meeting with the USCAE to discuss the feasibility of establishing a LOP for a dredged channel outside the inlet. Mr. Craig reviewed this meeting and viability of qualifying for such a permit. Mr. Criag noted that LOP permits are for projects under 50k CY, with minimal public interest, placement above MHW, and require State permits to have been issued. There was a discussion.

Ebb Shoal Modeling:

Mr. Craig presented that simulation for channel alternatives. This task is not fully complete; however, preliminary results point to channel infilling above 10 feet in two to four months, when considering typical conditions for the four configurations.

Mr. Craig also noted that he had spoken with Dare County NC Staff and reported that they feel their dredging program has overcome some initial issues and conditions are greatly improved.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Martinez

Commissioner Martinez asked what the next steps would be to pursue a LOP. There was a discussion. It was decided that a decision needed to be made after being informed of costs and steps associated.

Two motions were made and then withdrawn by Commissioner Martinez.

Commissioner Martinez then made a **MOTION to hold a workshop meeting on March 25th, 2026 with Mr. Criag submitting the needed information for the next steps**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Commissioner Whipple

Commissioner Whipple stated the legislative session will not complete the State budget by the end of March and will have a special session in April.

Secretary/Treasurer Davis

None.

Vice Chair Howard

None.

Chair Gentile

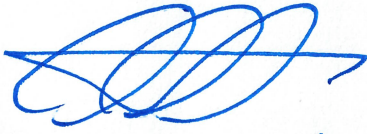
Chair Gentile reminded everyone that the Palm Beach Boat show will be March 25-29th, 2026.

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

- Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 - Workshop Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chair



Thomas Howard, Vice Chair