

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES
November 18, 2020**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chairman

Thomas Howard, Vice Chairman

Michael Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer

Gail Whipple

Mary Patricia Walker (Via CMT)

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 14, 2020, Regular 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.**

Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED** and Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

4. Submission of Bills

- Submission of November 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 December. Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve the Submission of the December 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 October 2020 Treasurer's Report**

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

6. Executive Director's Report

2020 Sand Trap Dredging:

Mr. Chaison reported that Coastal Dredging is currently dredging the Martin County portion of the Corps of Engineers Intracoastal Waterway dredging project. Following completion of that work, they will proceed to Jupiter. Mr. Chaison stated that as of today, the Corps has not yet issued our permit and Mr. Craig will have more to cover on this subject in his report.

Vice Chair Howard asked Mr. Chaison what he recommended regarding the contract and Mr. Chaison responded that he recommended that the board execute the piggyback contract with Coastal Dredging Company. Mr. Broome and Mr. Craig agreed.

FDEP Local Government Funding Request (LGFR):

Mr. Chaison reported that the DRAFT scoring had been received for the Inlet Projects Grant application for FY 2021/22, submitted to the FDEP Beach Management Funding Assistance Program on September 30th. Our application is tied for fourth of the inlets which submitted applications. We will now see how much funding is awarded and if the draft scorings change. Our Resolution 20-07 was submitted and accepted.

Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) Offloading:

Mr. Chaison stated that the South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD) was delayed from starting offloading material from our DMMA due to all the rain and expects to start next week.

Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District – Enabling Legislation Update:

Mr. Chaison stated that the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District is updating their enabling legislation and has offered an opportunity for review prior to submittal. The file and transmittal have been forwarded to the Board. Chair Gentile stated he had been approached by Albrey Arrington and asked if the Jupiter Inlet District would be willing to give a letter of support. He therefore had asked Mr. Chaison and Mr. Broome to review the proposed changes. Mr. Broome stated he had reviewed the proposed legislation and had concern over the broadness of #29 (963-966);

(29) To conduct environmental enhancements as necessary and appropriate to minimize damage to the area's resources and environment, to prevent additional environmental problems from being created, and to provide solutions to existing environmental problems.

A discussion ensued and it was decided that Mr. Broome and Mr. Chaison should approach Dr. Arrington and their counsel to clarify the language.

Taylor Property:

Mr. Chaison reported that on November 4th, Town of Jupiter town manager Matt Benoit informed him that Robert Taylor had conveyed to the town that there is an agreement in place with a developer for the property. If that agreement is not successfully completed, Mr. Taylor indicated that he would "be happy to sell the North Delaware Blvd. acreage to the Town of Jupiter".

Executive Orders – Pandemic – Special Districts:

Mr. Chaison stated that Executive Order (EO) 20-69, which relaxed the requirement that a quorum be "physically present" for public meetings, was not extended beyond October 31st. As such, our meetings will resume requiring 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.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig reported that Taylor Engineering staff (Yehya Siddiqui) had performed the monthly jetty condition assessment on November 9 and found no significant changes from the prior assessment.

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering has coordinated 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). The new SARBO serves as the governing environmental regulations for all active coastal projects regardless of when they were permitted. The new SARBO now requires confirmation that corals do not exist within 500 ft of the equilibrium toe of fill (ETOF) for our project. This brings a small section of hardbottom near the jetty into play. Taylor Engineering developed a revised fill template that avoids the hardbottom in question. Taylor Engineering provided the revised template to the USACE for comment and they are consulting with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to determine if the approach meets the SARBO requirements. Mr. Craig stated that if the board approved the template being moved, final plans would be submitted and the permit should be released. A discussion ensued regarding pricing of the dredging contract as presented to the Board

Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to move forward with the dredging contract as presented**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Chairman Gentile called for discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance

Mr. Craig stated that Mr. Chaison had 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.

Living Shorelines Project

Mr. Craig presented the final engineering design and updated project schedule to the board. A discussion ensued and consensus was that Taylor should proceed as outlined during the meeting.

8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome stated he had reviewed the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust insurance questions that had arisen at the last meeting. A discussion ensued and consensus was that the insurance should be kept.

9. Unfinished Business

None.

10. New Business

- Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund Adoption Agreement

Vice Chair Howard asked Mr. Broome if the agreement was in accordance with our current plan and Mr. Broome stated that it was.

Chairman Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the agreement as presented**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Chairman Gentile called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

11. Commissioner Reports/Remarks

Commissioner Whipple

None

Vice Chair Howard

None

Commissioner Martinez

None.

Chairman Gentile

The holiday boat parade is on December 5th and is currently still planning on moving forward. He stated he was not aware of "if or what" parks would be open for the parade.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

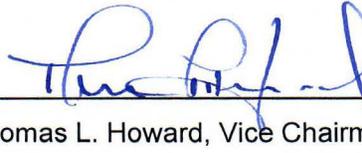
- Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to** recess until November 30th at 6:00 p.m. to continue the discussion regarding the Loxahatchee River District proposed Legislation. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
- Regular Meeting, December 9, 2020.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Thomas L. Howard, Vice Chairman