

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

October 8th, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chair
Gail Whipple, Vice Chair
Thomas Howard
Michael Martinez

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

James Davis, Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jay Carpenter

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)*

Mr. Carpenter commented that he was glad to see the Fiscal Year 2026 budget passed. He also requested that the Board direct staff to investigate what would be required to establish, mark and maintain a channel at the Jupiter Inlet.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **August 18th, 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting**
- **September 11th, 2025 Tentative Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting**
- **September 18th, 2025 Final Budget Hearing**

There were corrections made by Commissioner Howard for the September Regular Meeting Minutes. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve all four (4) sets of Minutes as presented and amended**; Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. Approval of Bills

Submission of September 2025 Bills:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September 2025 Bills as presented.** Vice Chair Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

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

5. Treasurer's Report

Approval of September 2025 Treasurer's Report:

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

6. Executive Director's Report

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap Survey:

Mr. Chaison reported that the sand trap was surveyed on September 17th. This survey shows 40,094 cubic yards of sand in the trap. The comprehensive ebb shoal survey will be completed as conditions allow.

Vice Chair Whipple inquired about the viability of extending the sand trap to the west. There was a discussion.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) - Grant Reimbursement:

On September 22nd, the District received two checks, totaling \$1,130,000 in grant reimbursement through the FDEP Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. Grant Agreement 25PB2 represented 50% cost-sharing for the Sediment Budget Update Study and the 2024 Sand Trap Dredging Project.

Mr. Chaison also shared a tabulation of the funding the District has received through the Program since 2020; \$4.3M received, \$5.9M awarded, \$8.1M ranked and eligible.

Corps of Engineers Intracoastal Waterway Dredging Project:

The Corps of Engineers has awarded Intracoastal Dredging Project to Southwind Construction Corporation. Notice to Proceed will be issued this month with 200 calendar days for completion.

Southwind's baseline construction schedule shows them completing the Jupiter portion of the dredging in mid-February.

2025 Annual Inlet Report:

The FDEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection issued its Annual Inlet Report. This is a statute-required report which details the "extent to which each inlet project has succeeded in balancing the sediment budget of the inlet and adjacent beaches". Jupiter Inlet is shown to have met or exceeded its bypassing objective throughout the 28 years since our Inlet Management Plan adoption in 1997.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering:

Jetty Observation

Matt Ryan of Taylor Engineering performed the Jetty Observations on October 7th. It was noted that the adjacent beach to the south is highly eroded due to recent weather.

Local Government Funding Request:

Previously stated in the Directors report.

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 expects more information to be available by the November Board Meeting.

BLM JILONA Shoreline Stabilization Project Update:

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

2026 Sand Trap Proposal:

Mr. Craig presented Taylor Engineering's proposal for the 2026 Sand Trap work, in a lump sum of \$53,199. There was a discussion.

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Taylor Engineering 2026 Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap Dredging Proposal**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

8. Legal Report

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

9. New Business

None.

10. Unfinished Business

Chair Gentile acknowledged Mr. Carpenter appeared to want to speak further and invited him to do so. Mr. Carpenter stated that he has been collecting signatures as part of a petition to encourage the District to investigate establishing, marking, and maintaining a navigation channel. General discussion followed, and the Board directed the District Engineer to develop a document outlining the required steps and considerations involved with the District establishing, marking, and maintaining a channel. Chair Gentile requested Staff to include an Agenda item on future meetings for ongoing discussion.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Martinez

None.

Commissioner Howard

None.

Secretary/Treasurer Davis

None.

Vice Chair Whipple

None.

Chair Gentile

None.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

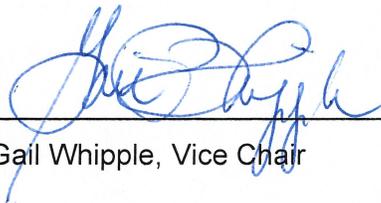
- Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chair



Gail Whipple, Vice Chair