

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

**January 28<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**

Jay Carpenter

**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)*

Chair Gentile recognized a member of the public would like to speak.

Mr. Carpenter had multiple questions for the Board and Staff about SPH Engineering and their drone-based bathymetric survey system.

**3. Bathymetric Drone Demo & Contract Discussion**

Mr. Chaison stated that he, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Broome had a productive meeting with SPH Engineering regarding the pending contract and demonstration conditions. SPH has stated that they are confident in their systems' abilities.

Mr. Broome described the details of the contract. There was a discussion with agreement that the contract is satisfactory.

At the time of the meeting, SPH Engineering would like to plan for the demonstration the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Howard inquired whether Sunshine Law would apply, with multiple

Commissioner planning to attend. Mr. Broome stated Board Members should only observe, remain re-separated, and be certain not to discuss District business, or any subject which could conceivably come before the Board. Mr. Broome further noted that the demonstration will not require public notice. Taylor Engineering plans to bring its own drone device to record and take photos of the process. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve and authorize Mr. Chaison to execute and deliver the contract to SPH Engineering.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. Commissioner Howard asked that **delegation also be provided to Mr. Chaison to oversee any details or changes requested by SPH.** Treasurer Davis accepted the change to the **MOTION**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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

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

5. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chair



Thomas Howard, Vice Chair