

Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4 PM, October 8, 2025
Sebastian Inlet District Office
114 Sixth Avenue
Indianapolis, FL 32903

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Chairman David Barney, Commissioner Lisa Frazier (Vice Chair), Commissioner Michael Rowland (Secretary/Treasurer), Commissioner John Campbell and Commissioner TJ Marshall. Also, in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, SID Contracts and Accounting Manager Stacy Busche, SID Public Outreach Associate Ed Garland, SID Legal Counsel Alec Russell, Katie Crocker (AtkinsRéalis), Marie Yarbrough (AtkinsRéalis), Tres Holton (public) Kendra Bergman (CCinc), and Jeanna Kent (CCinc).

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Barney called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

The Commission discussed the minutes of the regular Commission meeting of September 10, 2025; the minutes of the Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing on September 10, 2025; and the minutes of the Final Millage and Budget Hearing of September 24, 2025, and approved them without changes or corrections.

Under Agenda Item III

Additions and Deletions

Chairman Barney said Ms. Busche will give a brief presentation on the District's finances later during the meeting.

Under Agenda Item IV

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Under Agenda Item V

Information and Discussion Agenda

A. Executive Director's Reports

1. 2025/2026 Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project

Mr. Gray, using a PowerPoint presentation, gave an update on how the south beaches have fared since the recent storms passed. Mr. Gray said the waves slightly steepened the slope of the beaches but that they fared well in the wake of the storms. Commissioner Campbell asked whether there is a method for determining how much sand is lost. Mr. Gray said observed changes can be done, but it is more prudent to wait a week or two because sand is still in the system. Regarding the status of the upcoming Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project, Sector 2 is completed, but the District will be placing approximately 130,000 cubic yards of additional sand in Sector 1 only. The project also entails dredging approximately 40,000 cubic yards of non-compatible sand from the inlet and sand trap and pumping it into the DMMA. Mr. Gray shared a timeline for the project. The anticipated start time is November and will begin with dredging sand to the DMMA. The contractor, ATL, is planning a workshop with the boating/fishing community, potentially at Captain Hiram's, during this month. Chairman Barney said the District will have a "lessons learned" meeting when the project is completed. He asked Mr. Gray whether the contractor has the available manpower to dredge the DMMA while simultaneously fusing pipe for the beach portion of the project. Mr. Gray confirmed that ATL said it can manage both parts of the project at the same time. Commissioner Frazier asked whether there has been resolution regarding ATL dredging outside of the dredging zone earlier in the year. Mr. Gray said the regulatory agencies reviewing the issue have yet to decide. ATL is not relieved of its responsibility if

the regulatory agencies determine that a violation occurred, Ms. Yarbrough noted that no seagrass was found in the area where ATL dredged outside of the zone. Commissioners raised questions about public outreach to raise awareness about the project. Mr. Gray said public outreach strategies will be part of a discussion during an October 9 meeting with ATL and other project partners. Commissioner Marshall suggested posting an announcement on the District's webcam page and website.

Under Agenda Item VI
Consent Agenda

A. Authorized Work for Commission Review

No items.

B. Recommended for Approval

1. FDEP Grant Agreement No. 26IR1 – Amendment 1 Sebastian Inlet IMP Implementation
Mr. Gray said District staff and its lobbyist submitted a \$2 million legislative funding request for the Sebastian Inlet North and South jetty Maintenance and Safety Improvement Project. During the 2025/26 Legislative session, the Legislature appropriated \$1 million in funding for the project. In addition to the Legislative funding, the District received FDEP grant agreement No. 26IR1 for up to \$2,477,000 in funding for design, permitting, and maintenance of the north jetty. Amendment 1 increases the total state grant funding by \$1 million to \$3,477,000. Funding for the local match is budgeted and available under North Jetty Maintenance and Repair, Account No. 5375-472. Commissioner Marshall asked whether the upcoming Sebastian Bridge project will impact District's ability to complete the jetty projects. Mr. Gray said FDOT is aware of the District's projects and staff is coordinating construction schedules to minimize interruptions to our projects. Commissioner Campbell supported moving the jetty project forward and seek time extensions later if necessary. Commissioner Marshall asked whether the District is insured for this project. Mr. Gray said insurance is required and that the District submits the necessary coverages to the FDEP grant manager.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve Amendment No. 1 to FDEP Grant Agreement 26IR1 and authorize Mr. Gray to sign on behalf of the District.

2. Work Order No. 2526-006-CCinc., Coastal Connections Inc. FY 25/26 Beach Basket Program – North Shore Project Area
Mr. Gray said the District has collaborated with CCinc since August 2022, when the Board approved a pilot project to supply beach basket stations and informational signs for debris collection. Staff requested Board approval for the continuation of the Beach Basket Program and quarterly marine debris cleanup events through FY 2025/26. The total amount of Work Order No. 2526-006-CCinc is \$4,800, which is \$400 less than similar services for FY 24/25. Mr. Rowland asked whether the theft of the beach baskets is an issue. Ms. Bergman said beach basket thefts have actually declined over the years. Commissioner Marshall asked whether the District participates in the annual International Coastal Cleanup events. Mr. Garland responded in the affirmative and stated that the 2025 cleanup was successful in removing several pounds of trash. Commissioner Marshall requested quarterly reporting results. Mr. Gray said quarterly reports will be posted on the District's website and shared with the Commission in the future.

Recommended Action: Staff Recommends that the Commission approve Work Order No. 2526-006-CCinc with Coastal Conn3ections Inc. and authorize Mr. Gray to sign on behalf of the District.

3. Work Order NO. 2526-007-ATKR, AtkinsRéalis 2025-2026 Sebastian Inlet Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project -Construction Engineering and Observation Services
Under the proposed work order, ATKR will provide construction engineering and observation services for the continuation of the 2025-2026 Sebastian Inlet Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project, Mr. Gray said the total amount of Work Order No.

2526-007-ATKR is \$145,239 and will be invoiced on a not-to-exceed fee basis only for actual expended effort. The fees are \$75,755 less than ATKR's fees during the 2024-2025 period of the project. Commissioner Marshall asked to see the protocols for dredge position data sharing during the project. Ms. Yarbrough said the contract documents address the requirements and this topic will be further discussed during the October 9th pre-construction meeting with ATL. Commissioner Marshall also asked for details about environmental monitoring during the project. Mr. Gray said ATL is responsible for water quality monitoring and submitting its qualifications to FDEP. He described in detail the process for collecting and submitting data to FDEP.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve Work Order No. 2526-007-ATKR to the contract with AtkinsRéalis and authorize Mr. Gray to sign on behalf of the District.

4. Master Services Agreements – For Continuing Professional Coastal Engineering and Biological Support Services – 1-month extension
In 2020, the Commission executed Master Services Agreements (MSA) with Applied Technology & Management, now Geosyntec; Atkins North America, now AtkinsRéalis; and Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for continuing professional coastal engineering and biological support services, Mr. Gray said. All three companies would like to extend the MSA for an additional five-year term. Staff has begun negotiating new rate schedules with each consultant and will be unable to complete negotiations prior to the October 14, 2025, contract renewal date. Staff is requesting the Commission approve a one-month extension of the MSA so that contract renewal negotiations can be completed. Commissioner Marshall asked Mr. Gray to explain the deliverables. Mr. Gray said the MSA allows the District to issue specific work orders for specific tasks to be performed by the three respective consultants.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve a one-month contract extension with Geosyntec, AtkinsRéalis, and Environmental Science Associates to enable staff and the consultants to complete contract renewal negotiations.

Under Agenda Item VII

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Under Item VIII

Board Vote on Consent Agenda

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item IX

Public Outreach Activities

Mr. Garland gave an update on the District's public outreach activities. The District participated and promoted an International Coastal Cleanup event on September 20 and will also participate in an Indian River Lagoon Day event on October 18. The District's website receive more than 103,000 visits in September, a new record. Commissioners resumed an earlier discussion about posting notices regarding state park and jetty closures. Mr. Garland said the District posts notices on the District app, social media page and its website. Commissioner Marshall asked whether the District could assist the state park in placing and removing the north jetty grates. Mr. Gray said there may be ways for the District to assist the state park and will discuss with Mr. Torres. Mr. Gray said he will, inform the Commission at a future date.

Under Agenda Item X

Park Matters — Ken Torres

Mr. Torres was not in attendance.

Under Item XI

Legal Counsel Update — Alec Russell, Gray Robinson

Mr. Russell, filling in for Shawn Demers, said Mr. Demers would return to attend the November 12 Commission meeting.

Chairman Barney invited Ms. Busche to give a presentation on the District's finances.

Ms. Busche shared a series of graphic representations of the District's finances, including an income breakdown, previous year's income and expense comparisons, income and expense trends, account balances and an expense breakdown. Ms. Busche's presentation is available in the recorded minutes.

Under Item XII

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Under Item XIII

Commissioner Items

Chairman Barney — Sought to complete the Commissioner Orientation Guide and vote on approving the document during the November 12, 2025, regular commission meeting. Discussed with commissioners final edit suggestions and requested commissioners to submit edits for inclusion in the document.

Vice Chair Frazier— Nothing.

Secretary/Treasurer Rowland — Nothing.

Commissioner Campbell — Nothing.

Commissioner Marshall — Nothing.

Under Item XIV

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished business.

Under Item XV

New Business

Under Item XVI

Adjournment — Chairman Barney adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer


Date