

Sebastian Inlet District
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, 4:30 PM, January 14, 2026
Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum
9700 South Hwy A1A
Vero Beach, FL, 32963

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: SID Executive Director James Gray, SID Public Outreach Associate Ed Garland, SID Contracts and Accounting Manager Stacy Busche, SID Legal Counsel Shawn Demers, Ken Torres (SISP), Alex Kinder (SISP) Marie Yarbrough (AtkinsRéalis), Capt. Terry Wildey (public), Kyle Horstman (ATL), Katie Crocker (AtkinsRéalis), Dr. Gary Zarillo (FIT), Calvin “Tres” Holton (public), Clinton Hodges (ATL), Quintin Bergman (IRC) .

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Barney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

The Commission discussed the minutes of the regular Commission meeting of November 12, 2025 and approved them without changes or corrections.

Under Agenda Item III

Additions and Deletions

Chairman Barney said he was postponing action on the Commissioner Orientation Guide so that further revisions could be made to the draft document.

Under Agenda Item IV

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Under Agenda Item V

Information and Discussion Agenda

A. Executive Director’s Reports

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

Mr. Gray gave a detailed slideshow presentation updating the Commission on the Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project. He shared images of four dredge zones, explaining whether sand from each zone was beach-compatible or non-compatible. Color-coded graphics and cross-sections depicted the inlet channel and sand trap as they appeared before dredging and after dredging. He also shared photos of ATL’s progress in filling the DMMA with sand. An elbow in the channel has accumulated sand and will be dredged, but multi-beam images revealed that other zone will require less dredging than anticipated. Beach-phase mobilization has begun, with dredging expected to begin in early February and occur through April 18, 2026.

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 2 Sebastian Inlet IMP Implementation
Mr. Gray said FDEP awarded the District \$3.4 million during the most recent iterations of the grant. In October 2025, the Commission approved Amendment 1 to Grant 26IR1, adding \$1 million for the Sebastian Inlet North and South Jetty Maintenance and Safety Improvements Project, increasing the total state grant funding from \$2,477,000 to \$3,477,000. Amendment 2 to the agreement modifies the grant start date from July 1, 2023 to June 1, 2023. This amendment enables the District to be eligible for grant reimbursements on items occurring between June 1, 2023 through December 31, 2028. Funding for the local match is budgeted and available under North Jetty Maintenance and Repair, Account No. 5375-472. Commissioner Marshall asked for an explanation of the eligible cost breakdown, which Mr. Gray answered. Commissioner Frazier asked when the next phase of construction will begin at the north jetty. Mr. Gray anticipates FY 26/27 but said all the final permits have not been received to date.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve Amendment No. 2 to FDEP Grant Agreement 26IR1 and authorize the Executive Director to sign on behalf of the District.

2. Approval of Master Services Agreement – Amendment 1 – Extension (FIT 26-0614) 2025-2030 Florida Institute of Technology Inc. for Continuing Professional Inlet Management and Coastal Engineering Support Services
Mr. Gray said the District has had a long-term relationship with Florida Tech, which supports the District’s inlet management program. The current contract with Florida Tech expired on December 9, 2025. The District and Florida Tech have negotiated Amendment 1 to the “master” agreement for continuing professional inlet management and coastal engineering support services. The term of the agreement is five years with the option of an additional five-year renewal, unless terminated by mutual consent. The District’s attorney has reviewed the agreement for legal sufficiency.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Commission approve Amendment 1 to the “master” agreement (FIT26-0614) with the Florida Institute of Technology, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement.

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

Quarterly Financial Reports

Ms. Busche gave a brief update on the District's FY25/26 quarterly financials. The District has received about 84 percent of its ad valorem funding, or about \$6 million so far. Approximately \$179,000 in interest was accrued in the last quarter. Expenses and revenue are on track.

Under Agenda Item X

Public Outreach Activities

Mr. Garland gave an update on the District's outreach activities. The District participated in a quarterly cleanup event on December 30, 2025. He has been working with media outlets to raise awareness about the District's inlet dredging project. Florida Today published an article about the project on January 6, 2026. All dredging information, video and photos used in the Florida Today article were created by Mr. Garland and acquired from the District website.

Under Agenda Item XI

Park Matters – Ken Torres

Mr. Torres said the Florida Forever Program has acquired approximately 2.7 acres of conservation land adjacent to the state park near Long point.

Under Agenda Item XII

Legal Counsel Update – Shawn L. Demers, Gray Robinson

Mr. Demers had nothing to report.

Under Agenda Item XIII

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Under Agenda Item XIV

Commissioner Items

Chairman Barney — Nothing. He removed his discussion item under Agenda Item III (Additions and deletions).

Vice Chair Frazier— Happy New Year.

Secretary/Treasurer Rowland — Happy New Year.

Commissioner Campbell — Asked Mr. Wildey (a boat captain) whether boaters are pleased with dredging operations. Mr. Wildey confirmed that ATL contractors and boaters are cooperating well together. People have told him how happy they are with the contractor.

Commissioner Marshall — Shared examples of dredging videos and described options for increasing public awareness for the District's projects. He suggested adding new features, including drone footage and short-form videos to post on social media and additional funding for equipment and staff training.

Commissioner Frazier said the District should be careful not to jeopardize security issues with regard to drone usage. She also said the District must keep proper records of its social media platforms to abide by Florida Sunshine laws. Commissioner Marshall's second topic focused on the Florida Sunshine Law. He questioned what happens when Commissioners don't have unanimity outside of Commission meetings. He expressed concern about a Sebastian Daily video that the District shared on its website included commentary on fishery regulations, which can be controversial and not part of the District's purview. He requested that his Sunshine Law questions be added to the February 11, 2026 agenda for further discussion. Additional discussion ensued. Mr. Gray asked the Commission for direction on posting external videos in the interim. Chairman Barney said he did not want to keep District staff from doing its job. Commissioner Campbell requested Mr. Demers to create a blanket disclaimer that the District could add to external videos it posts. Commissioner Marshall requested that at the next meeting the Commission

set a policy regarding what occurs when there is lack of commissioner unanimity on an issue evolving outside of a Commission meeting. The entire discussion is available in the recorded minutes.

Under Item XV

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

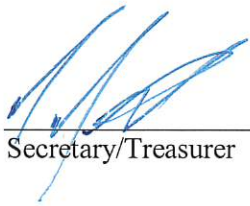
Under Item XVI

New Business

No new business.

Under Item XVII

Adjournment — Chairman Barney adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

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Date