

Sebastian Inlet Tax District
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Grant Community Center, 4580 1st Street
Grant, Florida

Minutes

Present at the meeting were Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Vice Chairman Michael Rowland, Commissioner Beth Mitchell, Commissioner Chris Hendricks, Commissioner Lisa Frazier. Also, in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, Contracts & Accounting Manager Dave Kershaw, Public Information Associate Adria Carey Perez, SID Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Pete Seidle (ATM), Dr. Gary Zarillo (Florida Tech), Eric Charest (Indian River County), Kylie Ariotti (Indian River County), Molly Klinepeter (Indian River County), Jennifer Roberts (SISP), Matt Scriptor (EAI), and Tuck and Cathy Ferrell (interested citizens).

Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order – Chairman Lawton Seal called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of March 10, 2021. Commissioner Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Under Agenda Item III

Information and Discussion Agenda

- A. Media and Information; no comment
- B. Executive Director's Reports:

1. Welcome Adria Carey Perez
New staff member in the role of Public Information Associate Adria Carey Perez introduced herself to the commission.
2. FDOT Sebastian Inlet Navigation Survey
Mr. Gray noted that FDOT is currently in the project development phase of their bridge project and are completing environmental and feasibility studies. FDOT has put out a survey to the public to assess navigation needs, such as bridge clearance, types of vessels, and boater use. The District has requested that FDOT share the results of the survey so the District can utilize them for analyzing use of the inlet. Survey concludes April 25, 2021.
3. 2021-2022 Budget/TRIM Calendar
Mr. Gray shared the schedule for the upcoming budget and TRIM calendar. Staff is reviewing revenue rates coming in and waiting for announcement of the rollback rate. Mr. Gray also noted that attempts to secure a location for the next commission meeting in Indian River County were unsuccessful because of COVID restrictions at the Indian River County Library and scheduling conflicts with Sebastian City Hall. The District will revisit the Indian River County meeting location options when COVID restrictions have eased.
4. Update to Indian River County Sector 3 Phase 1 Beach Renourishment Project
Kylie Ariotti, Indian River County Beach Specialist, gave an update to the board on the project. The project is nearing its end, and the permit runs out on April 30, 2021. The town of Orchid is complete,



and the project is moving in opposite directions of Orchid to the north and south beaches. Dune planting has begun.

5. Discussion of Consent Agenda

a. Authorized work for Commission review: none

b. Recommended for approval:

1. Work Order No. 2021-011-ATK – Atkins North America, Inc. 2021 Flood Tidal Shoal Seagrass Monitoring

Mr. Gray informed the board that Atkins has conducted seagrass monitoring on a contract basis with the District in the past. Don Deis of Atkins presented the 2020 seagrass monitoring report to the board at the March 2021 meeting. This work order continues the monitoring efforts into 2021. This data is shared with regulatory agencies interested in the health of the lagoon. (amount: \$25,120.00, invoiced on a time and materials basis; account 5373-314—Mitigation and Monitoring)

2. Work Order No. 2021-012 – GPI, GPI Geospatial, Inc. 2021 Inlet Shoal Aerial Monitoring

Mr. Gray noted that this work order is for the continued monitoring of the Inlet shoal. This data is used to assess seagrass health and calculating area of seagrass coverage. (amount: \$10,200; account 5373-314—Mitigation and Monitoring). Commissioner Rowland inquired whether GPI uses drones or helicopters for the monitoring. Mr. Gray clarified that GPI uses a fixed-wing plane because of restrictions around cloud covering, tides, and elevation.

3. Work Order No. 2021-013 – GPI, GPI Geospatial, Inc. 2021 Shoreline Aerial Monitoring

Mr. Gray noted that this work order continues the monitoring effort of the District 30,000 feet north and 30,000 feet south of the Inlet, which is permit required to maintain the Inlet's sand bypass project areas. (amount: \$16,830.00; account 5371-318 Aerial Photography)

4. Work Order No. 2021-014 – FIT – Florida Institute of Technology, Inc. — Wave, Weather, and Tide Data Collection at Sebastian Inlet, Florida for FY 2021-22

Mr. Gray informed the board that this work order continues the collection of data by Dr. Zarillo's group from the 2020-2021 project. Mr. Gray highlighted that the District has and continues to name Dr. Zarillo as the main project investigator and principal investigator in this program. (amount: \$161,942.00, which includes \$12,500 for allowance in the case that instrumentation is damaged in a storm event or equipment failure; amount: \$3500; account 5370-16—Staff Engineer, Data records, Inventory; amount: \$158,442; account—5370-345 Staff Engineer Wind, Wave, and Weather Station)

5. Work Order No. 2021-015 – SDI, Sea Diversified, Inc. Sketch and Legal Description – R-8 Beach Access

Mr. Gray clarified that this work order is for the continuation of acquisition of easements within the state park. This effort is to modify and extend upland and submerged easements. The District currently has Coastal Systems International, Inc., assisting in this endeavor in the engineering component. SDI, Inc., and Land and Sea have been assisting in surveying. On March 26, 2021, the state of Florida formally requested that the District provide a sketch and legal for the boundary survey of the



Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell gave kudos to Mr. Gray on the wrap up of the beach project as well as the upcoming project slate.

Commissioner Frazier – Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Hendricks – Commissioner Hendricks echoed Commission Mitchell’s comments.

Commissioner Rowland – Commissioner Rowland welcomed Adria Carey Perez to the staff.

Chairman Lawton Seal – Nothing at this time.

Under Agenda Item X

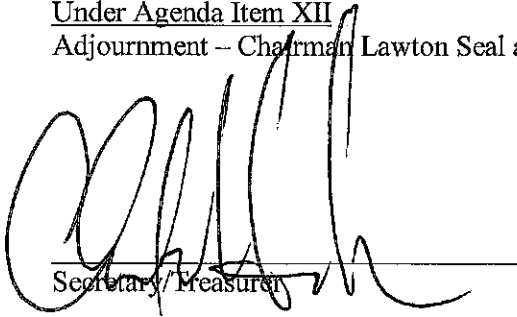
Unfinished Business – Nothing at this time.

Under Agenda Item XI

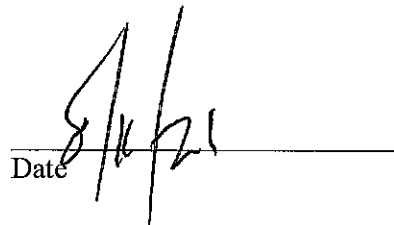
New Business– Nothing at this time.

Under Agenda Item XII

Adjournment – Chairman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer



Date

