

**Sebastian Inlet Tax District**  
Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.  
Regular Commission Meeting  
Sebastian Inlet State Park Fishing Museum  
Vero Beach, Florida

**Minutes**

Present at the meeting were: Chairwoman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioner Beth Mitchell (Vice Chair), Commissioner Chris Hendricks (Secretary/Treasurer), Commissioner Michael Rowland and Commissioner Lisa Frazier. Also, in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, Contracts & Accounting Manager Dave Kershaw, SID Public Outreach Associate Ed Garland, SID Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Ken Torres (SISP), Bryan Flynn (ESA), Andy Risi (Sea & Shoreline), Stephen Jachec (ATM), and David Barney (District resident/ SID Commissioner-elect, (District 4).

Under Agenda Item I

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

Under Agenda Item II

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of June 8, 2022. Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. The **motion carried 5-0**.

Under Agenda Item III

There were no presentations.

Under Agenda Item IV

Information and Discussion Agenda

A. Media and information

No comments.

B. Executive Director's Reports:

1. 2022 Certified District Manager certificate designation

Mr. Gray informed the Commission that he had completed a Certified Manager Training Course and received his certification. The Commission congratulated him.

2. Summary of Sebastian Inlet Management Plan – TAC Meeting No. 2

Mr. Gray shared with the Commission highlights of the finalized minutes from the June 1 TAC meeting held in Sebastian. He noted that Indian River County plans to analyze additional cells outside the current sediment budget cells to determine if additional erosional signatures exist. He provided a copy of an item from the previous week's Indian River County Commission's agenda seeking to hire a consultant to complete additional analyses. Staff requested beach survey data from Indian River County so District consultants can perform a similar analysis as Indian River County prior to the next TAC meeting. Some of the requested survey data has already been received. Commissioner Rowland complimented Mr. Gray on focusing on the contemporary effects of the inlet. Commissioner Mitchell asked how "contemporary effects" are defined. Mr. Gray said the TAC is focusing on data between 2007 and 2021. Commissioner Mitchell said she is concerned that the TAC is resurrecting

old issues, such as the influence of the inlet, which had been resolved during the last TAC assembly in 2005. Mr. Gray said that current analysis, using the robust data collected by the District, is consistent with the 2005 TAC conclusions that the area of inlet influence is 15,000 to 20,000 feet south of the inlet. He also said DEP has not indicated that it would expand the boundaries of the area of influence. He said he believes DEP supports SID's data analysis conducted by Dr. Zarillo. TAC meeting number 3 is scheduled for August 24, 2022. During the next TAC meeting, the plan is to define the inlet sediment budget objective and area of inlet influence.

3. Tour/Project Update- Sebastian Inlet North Shoreline Stabilization Project (Tour commenced following the Commission meeting)
4. Discussion of Consent Agenda

#### Under Agenda Item V

Public Outreach Activities — Mr. Garland provided a brief update on outreach activities, including a presentation he gave to the Exchange Club of Vero Beach on August 12, and a media interview he coordinated between Mr. Gray and Spectrum News 13 that focused on the North Shore Shoreline Stabilization Project.

#### Under Agenda Item VI

Revised Draft FY2022-23 Detailed Budget and 5-Year Draft Pro Forma (FY 2022-23-FY 2026/27)

Mr. Kershaw gave a presentation on the proposed FY 2022-23 budget, as well as a draft proforma looking out five years – FY 2022-23 through FY 2026/27. The latest draft budget is based on the Certified Taxable Values provided by Brevard and Indian River counties. The current roll-back rate is 0.0765. Using the Certified Taxable Value figures, the new rollback rate is 0.0681. The District's proposed tax rate is 0.0773, which would raise an additional \$403,231 over the current rate. That translates to a 13.5 percent budget increase, which would be used for upcoming projects, such as jetty maintenance. Mr. Kershaw guided the Commission through the budget spreadsheets. No vote was needed, and none of the Commissioners opposed Mr. Gray and Mr. Kershaw from moving forward with submitting the DR-420s to the Department of Revenue before the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and developing the budget based on the proposed tax rate.

#### Under Agenda Item VII

Park Matters — Ken Torres, SISP Park Manager

Mr. Torres said the DEP secretary is visiting SISP in a couple of weeks. He also noted that the new bathrooms on the north side of the inlet are open and that the new turtle statue is in place.

#### Under Agenda Item VIII

Legal Counsel Update — Jack Kirschenbaum (Gray Robinson)

Nothing to report.

#### Under Agenda Item IX

Public Comment Period

Mr. Jachec introduced himself as a senior engineer with ATM. Mr. Barney introduced himself as the commissioner-elect, running unopposed, to succeed Commissioner Hendricks, who is not running for re-election

#### Under Item X

## Consent Agenda

### A. Authorized Work for Commission Review None at this time

### B. Recommended for Approval

1. Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida – Amendment No. 1 – Upland Lands Easements 30247  
Mr. Gray has been updating a number of easements that have expired. This amendment provides a new boundary for the District’s beach access. The amendment doesn’t change the date of expiration (2049). Mr. Gray said he is also updating a DMMA easement.
2. Resolution Requesting Funding from State of Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program – FY 2023/24 Resolution No. 07.13.22.01  
Mr. Gray said the resolution is required for the District to receive funding assistance consideration from the state. The District plans to seek funding assistance from programs that include sea turtle and hardbottom monitoring, as well as a sand truck haul project.
3. Work Order No. 2122-023 – ESA, Environmental Science Associates Sebastian Inlet North Jetty Work Plan Services  
The District completed structural assessments of the North jetty and ESA will design and permit the necessary maintenance needed for the structure. The total amount of the work order is \$253,687. This process would occur over several years, but Mr. Gray wants to expedite work before FDOT is on site to begin replacing the Sebastian Inlet bridge.
4. Work Order No. 2122-024 – ESA, Environmental Science Associates Sebastian Inlet South Jetty Work Plan Services  
Mr. Gray said that this work order provides the engineering services from ESA to design and permit the work needed for repairs and structural maintenances at the South jetty. The Total amount of the work order is \$65,595.

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

### Under Agenda Item XI

#### Commissioner Items

Commissioner Rowland — Nothing

Commissioner Mitchell — Congratulated Commissioner Frazier and Commissioner-elect Barney for filing election papers. She requested that Mr. Gray discuss the District’s Memorandum of Understanding with Indian River County at the next Commission meeting. She said she feels that the working relationship between the District and the county has declined.

Commissioner Frazier — Nothing

Commissioner Hendricks — Nothing

Chairwoman Lawton Seal — Nothing

Under Item XII

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

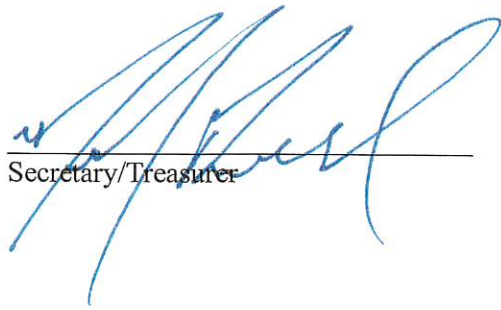
Under Item XIII

New Business

No new business was discussed

Under Item XIV

Adjournment — Chairwoman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

8/15/22  
Date