

Sebastian Inlet Tax District
Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 4 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Grant Community Center, 4850 1st Street
Grant, 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), Douglas Kinder (SISP), and Marie Yarbroug (Atkins).

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 Jan. 12, 2022. 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 discussion

B. Executive Director's Reports:

1. Summary of Sebastian Inlet Management Plan – TAC Meeting No. 1

Mr. Gray reported on the first Sebastian Inlet Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held January 26 at the North Indian River County Library. He stated that the purpose of the meetings is to evaluate the current state of the sediment (sand) budget and to update the plan if it is deemed necessary. Mr. Gray said that TAC Chairman Dr. Gary Zarillo shared 14 years of data with the TAC Committee and that Bob Brantly of DEP suggested that SID use its wealth of data to examine a particular shoreline contour that might aid in the review process. SID has made available all data and State of the Inlet reports as requested by the TAC Committee. The next meeting is slated for April 20, 2022, at the same location. Commissioner Mitchell said she recalled that DEP had received SID annual reports in the past and asked whether any surprises could pop up during the review process. Mr. Gray responded that annual reports are sent to DEP and that he is in communication with colleagues at other inlet districts undergoing review, which should provide beneficial insights for SID during the TAC review process.

2. Update on the status of State Park Submerged and Upland Easements

Mr. Gray provided handouts updating the Commission on the status of easements, including perpetual easements at the north and south jetties, north and south shorelines and Coconut Point; submerged easements and upland easements. Upland easement 33359, which provides wave gauge equipment access, north access, and south access near the state park. SID received approval for 33359 in January, but the easement was rescinded by FDEP due

to concerns over FDOT encroachment. Mr. Gray is scheduled to meet with FDOT to discuss the issue on February 10, 2022. Mr. Gray pointed out that the easements have been established for decades.

3. **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - North and South Shoreline Stabilization Project**
Mr. Gray said the shoreline stabilization project is going out for bid in March. SID is bidding the project as a base bid and alternate bid, which will allow SID to anticipate additional costs if they are above the budgeted \$825,000 available and move the project to the following fiscal year. Mr. Gray said he will present the bids to the Commission during its April meeting.
4. **Discussion of Consent agenda**
Mr. Gray reviewed the Consent Agenda items for the Commission's approval. (Details are found under item VIII).

Under Agenda Item IV

Public Outreach Activities — Mr. Garland updated the Commission on outreach activities, including the publication of a new website article focusing on the history of the James H. Pruitt Memorial Bridge, and the continued popularity of the SID website and Facebook posts. The most popular Facebook post in January was on January 28 with a post that reached approximately 7,5000 people. SID is averaging more than 1,000 visits daily to its website.

Under Agenda Item V

Park Matters – Ken Torres, SISP Park Manager

Mr. Torres said that he has been focusing on facilities maintenance and continuing to learn about the responsibilities of SISP. He said that his staff replaced 60 clips at the north jetty and conducting other maintenance work. The turtle sculpture for SISP is being painted, so it is not yet ready for display in the park.

Under Agenda Item VI

Legal Counsel Update – Jack Kirschenbaum, GrayRobinson

Nothing to report.

Under Agenda Item VII

Public Comment Period

No public comment

Under Agenda Item VIII

Consent Agenda

Under Agenda Item IX

Consent Agenda

A. **Authorized Work for Commission Review**
None currently.

B. **Recommended for Approval**

1. **Work Order No. 2122-009-GR – GrayRobinson General Legal Representation FY 2021/22**

Mr. Gray said this agenda item is the continuation of the three-year contract with GrayRobinson. The budget for general counsel is \$35,000.

2. Work Order No. 2122-010-ATM – Applied Technology and Management Inc. – 2022 Post Construction Monitoring

This work order is for the continuation of sea turtle and hard bottom post-construction monitoring. Post construction monitoring is required in SID project. Mr. Gray said SID has not expended all monies over several years of work orders. The budgeted amount is \$274,977.

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

Under Agenda Item VIII
Commissioner Items

Commissioner Frazier — Nothing to share.

Commissioner Rowland — Nothing to share.

Commissioner Hendricks — Nothing to share

Chairwoman Lawton Seal — Nothing to share.

Commissioner Mitchell — Asked whether any thought has been given to updating the economic benefit analysis of the inlet. Mr. Gray said he could contact the Balmoral Group to see about updating the study.

Under Item IX
Unfinished Business
No unfinished business was discussed.

Under Item X
New Business
No new business was discussed

Under Item XI
Adjournment — Chairwoman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.



Secretary/Treasurer

March 8, 2022

Date