## **Sebastian Inlet Tax District**

Wednesday, January 12, 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), Douglas Kinder (SISP), Eric Charest (IRC), Quintin Bergman (IRC), Mike Jenkins (ATM), Bryan Flynn (ESA), Jeffrey Bergmann (WGI), Nicole Swanteson (WGI) and William Ferrell (NBCA).

### Under Agenda Item I

Call to Order - Chairman Lawton Seal called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

#### Under Agenda Item II

Approval of the Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of Dec. 8, 2021. Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to amend the minutes to remove the title of vice chair before her name. Commissioner Rowland seconded the motion to amend the minutes. The **motion carried 5-0**.

### Under Agenda Item III

### Presentations

#### A. Brian Flynn (ESA)

Mr. Flynn, using a slide presentation as a visual aid, provided Commissioners with a summary of the Evaluation and Condition assessment of Sebastian Inlet north and south jetties conducted on October 19, 2021. Assessment participants included WGI, GHB and ESA, along with help from SID and SISP. The assessment included railings, rock revetments, sidewalks, aluminum components, concrete pilings and supports. Ms. Swanteson provided additional assessment information about the condition of the jetties, noting erosion, cracking, and spalling in seawall caps and pier slabs, erosion and pitting in railing sections and voids beneath the sidewalk. Mr. Flynn showed the Commission videos taken above and beneath the north jetty. During the next phase, ESA will present to the Commission additional information on costs, estimated shutdown times at the jetties, and responsibilities of SID and SISP.

#### Under Agenda Item IV

Information and Discussion Agenda

- A. Media and information No discussion
- B. Executive Director's Reports:
  - 1. Mr. Gray provided the Commission with an update on the North and South Inlet Shoreline Stabilization Projects, noting that the District has acquired the necessary permits from DEP and SJRWMD. District staff are working with ESA on contract documents and expect to

release them at the end of the month. Bid opening is anticipated to occur in March, followed by the commencement of construction in May or June.

- 2. Mr. Gray provided the Commission with an update on the upcoming Technical Advisory (TAC) Committee Meeting, which will be held on January 26 at the North Indian River County Library in Sebastian. Mr. Gray said he expects three or four meetings to take place, with the initial meeting serving to introduce Dr. Zarillo and the TAC members, the purpose of revising the management plan, history and collected scientific information. Vice Chair Mitchell suggested that each of the commissioners take turns attending the meetings so that they are not absent from discussions. Mr. Gray impressed upon the Commission that the TAC meetings are technical in nature and not pre-litigation. The District is represented and Mr. Gray said he will keep Commissioners apprised. Mr. Kirschenbaum stressed that if more than one Commissioner attends a TAC meeting that the meeting would have to be publicly noticed in advance.
- 3. Mr. Gray reviewed the Consent agenda items for the Commission's approval. (Details are found under item IX).
- 4. Mr. Kershaw provided a brief overview of the Q4 2021 variance report and informed the Commission that the District is moving a maturing CD of approximately \$3 million to Florida Prime Investment, an action that the Commission approved in September 2021.

## Under Agenda Item V

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Public Outreach Activities — Mr. Garland has created a new environment-focused webpage on the District website, added a new photo carousel to the history webpage and noted that more than 1,000 people per day are visiting the website. Regarding social media, more than 11,000 people viewed a recent Facebook post sharing historic aerial photos.

#### Under Agenda Item VI

Park Matters — Ken Torres, SISP Park Manager

Mr. Torres briefly introduced himself as the new park manager replacing former manager Jennifer Roberts. He said the park is always busy and that he looks forward to collaborating with the District. Mr. Torres gave the floor to Mr. Kinder, who praised Mr. Torres for his experience working at other state parks and his commitment to improving infrastructure and maintenance at state parks.

#### Under Agenda Item VII

Legal Counsel Update — Jack Kirschenbaum, Gray Robinson Nothing to report.

#### Under Agenda Item VIII

**Public Comment Period** 

Mr. Ferrell expressed concerns about FDOT's proposed impact on property owners when building a new Sebastian Inlet Bridge. He intends to raise the issue with FDOT.

#### Under Agenda Item IX

Consent Agenda

## A. Authorized Work for Commission Review

1. Florida Institute of Technology, Work Order No. 2021-014-FIT — No-Cost Extension

The no-cost extension extends the contract to May 7, 2022, which is only an additional week, which will allow FIT to extend graduate assistant contracts to align with District contract. There is no cost to the District for the extension.

- 2. Mr. Jenkins announced that due to a change in staffing at ATM that he will be taking over for Peter Seidle.
- 3. Mr. Charest provided the Commission with an update on Indian River County's beach nourishment projects. They have wrapped up phase one of the sector three project which was north of treasure shores to Wabasso Beach. The second half of the project is 100,000 cubic yards complete so far.

## B. Recommended for Approval

1. None currently.

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 — Happy New Year.

Commissioner Hendricks — Happy New Year.

Commissioner Rowland — Welcome, Mr. Torres.

Commissioner Mitchell — Nothing.

Chairwoman Lawton Seal — Nothing to share.

### 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 5:55 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer

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