

St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District

Minutes of Public Workshop

June 21, 2005

The Public Workshop concerning the Master Plan of the Port, Waterway & Beach District was held in the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 AlA South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Jack McGuinness called the Public Workshop to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Bell called the roll. Commissioners Rick Gleeson and Tom Rivers were in attendance. Absent were Commissioners Barry Benjamin and Jerry Dixon. Also in attendance from Taylor Engineering was Dr. Rajesh Srinivas and the District's Attorney's partner, Ron Brown from Dobson and Brown. In attendance from the public were: Carl Blow and Jay Bliss.

Chairman Jack McGuinness asked each member of the Commission to give a quick "opinion statement" of the 5 or 6 recommendations suggested in the Master Plan. After that, each particular recommendation will be taken up individually and in detail.

Commissioner Rick Gleeson said, "I guess these recommendations...pretty much concur with the statements here that we pay attention to the boat ramps, channel maintenance - that's a traditional activity of this Board and we should continue to do so where we can and particularly in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers in the Federally maintained channel areas. Of course, I support the enforcement of the existing laws in terms of the anchorage issues that we've discussed many times before. There's an effort to come up with a Workshop with the City...join in that and share our experiences in the many meetings in the past that we've had on that issue...looking after vessels that are abandoned in the anchorage area is an issue that comes up many times and every time a storm comes along...implementation of the St. Augustine Inlet Management Plan - there are some extensive pieces to that - that we can certainly encourage the Federal partners to pursue that and maintain the navigation channels through the Inlet and also sort of offset the erosional effects that have been experienced since it was put in - in 1940. Okay, the maintenance of the San Sebastian River - I guess we've pursued that with a potential boardwalk at one time going after - well, I guess a boat ramp in that area - of course that goes back into the boat ramp issues...to put in boat ramps is a real challenge for everybody; not just this Board, but the County has also has some studies on that as well. I guess the San Sebastian River - the efforts of the City of St. Augustine in that area, we can try to cooperate with them as we can in supporting some of the engineering if it's appropriate for that development. The District boundaries is something that perhaps we should work to expand the boundaries to cover more of the County folks that benefit from the activities of the Board but that is a real challenge politically. We've tried that at one time so that might be a difficult road to hoe and then hiring an Executive Director. I think that might be a good idea, maybe not full-time but part-time, to help us get things done. There's a lot of activities that are taken on by the Commission members and if we had somebody that could actually do that for us, that would certainly move us along in the various fronts that we move along in. So, I guess for the most part, I find these recommendations useful. We probably...we can discuss each of them - we can talk about prioritizing where we want to put most of our monies' efforts as we can discuss the individual recommendations here".

Commissioner Tom Rivers said, "well...after I read the Master Plan and then got to the end, one of them had the recommendations - I thought the recommendations were good. I thought they were probably all worthy of us acting on them in some manner. I think probably with the boat ramps - start out with that. We probably need to be more aggressive in trying to find locations. I passed by the Vilano Ramp several times this weekend and it was - I mean there were cars literally from the Vilano Bridge on the highway - both sides down to the Hospital Creek Bridge...we've been hearing for a couple of months, probably years, about property that the Airport

Authority has...where there is an old boat ramp that perhaps could be used in cooperation with them and I think that's something I think we should pursue. As far as channel maintenance, the part that caught my eye was that the District should work with its Congressman to modify the Coastal Barrier Resources Act for Salt Run and to allow completion of the Federal study. I know some members of the public have been working also - especially Carl (Blow) - I think you've been working on that, haven't you? Maybe the Commission as a whole has done something in the past - perhaps passing motions to support this and then getting that information to the Congressman's office here in St. Augustine. The support and enforcement of existing laws - Taylor Engineering recommended that the District address these issues by promoting enforcement of existing laws regulating vessel operation and I know that we have a close working relationship with the City and also with the County and you know Sheriff Shoar was supposed to be here today at the 4:00 meeting. I don't feel he's going to make it...I just saw in the paper where he had an automobile accident. But anyway, I know there's an effort on the part of the County and I think certainly we ought to cooperate to have a little more enforcement - more full-time and I think that's what Sheriff Shoar has in mind. I'm going to skip over to the District boundaries. There was an article in the paper - I think it was in the editorial that I cut out on Saturday or Sunday that talked about the vehicles that were parked at the boat ramps and how many of them are out of District and I, too agree that the District boundaries ought to be expanded. It is a political thing but I don't think that we ought to be afraid to tackle it. I am totally in favor of hiring an Executive Director because I went to the Florida Association of Special Districts Meeting last week and sat at a table at one of the social functions with some people...and they had their - they called her a Manager there with them. She wasn't really an Executive Director but it amounted to the same thing and I asked what their annual budget was and it was less than a hundred thousand dollars and they still found some money and I don't know where they got it from - didn't go into that - and when she found out our budget was close to a million, she asked for one of my cards so she may be applying for the position, but I have served on some other Boards as I know some of you all have and where there is somebody you can go to - to do some of the leg work - you know between meetings, it sure helps and what you end up doing is kind of micro-managing this organization. It would be better if we had an Executive Director - full-time if possible, but half time would be better than nothing. That's about it."

Chairman Jack McGuinness said, "just some quick comments from a general standpoint and general areas of recommendations. Inlet Management Plan - one of the things that sticks out in looking over the recommendations is a dune management program. It looks like the Federal government is not going to be doing that in the present renourishment. That's a particular area that we might be able to lend some financial assistance somewhere and it's a good long-range type program. Boat ramps, of course, that's been one of my things for a good many years and the problems associated with finding adequate land, and given the real estate climate in this town and in this County right now - that particular thing gets worse. You're right, the use of the Vilano Ramp - we did a survey about four years ago on three or four successful weekends in the summertime and we found that the percentage usage of the Vilano Ramp by St. Johns County residents was in the order of 25-30%...so expanding the boundaries would be a nice idea if we could possibly do it. As Commissioner Gleeson has alluded to - we've done this on a number of occasions - we've had people in Tallahassee pleading our case. The problem area, of course, is two-fold. Since this District came into existence under referendum - it can only be expanded by referendum and prior to that step, the first step would be the Legislature has to vote - yes you can hold a referendum and the Legislature has been very negative towards expanding Districts and giving permission to even hold a referendum so whatever we decide there, we've got a pretty tough road to hoe, there's no doubt about it - and that ties in with this Executive Director. Off hand, I'm not real in favor of hiring an Executive Director given the level of activities that we're involved in now. If we expanded to the County, I certainly would be in favor of that. Maybe there is some...a Director of some sort to handle some of the issues but full-time where you're paying a salary - doing taxes and all the issues so far as performance goals and performance standards...just see where the problem's at - the Mosquito Control District went through last year with their Executive Director - but that's neither here - we're going through a quick and dirty thing here on

where my - at least my particular emphasis is. San Sebastian River - certainly that's an area that's been identified, not only in this Master Plan but in the previous Master Plan on a real jewel over there - working with the City - maybe upgrading the channel facilities - it hasn't been dredged in a long time - problem being, of course, finding spoil areas to put that fill - but that's a worthwhile area to consider, I think, along with the Riverwalk - I still think that the Riverwalk is a worthwhile thing. This District's definition is Port, Waterway & Beach District - it's not just for boats - for commercial enhancement of the District...as far as the boat ramps is concerned, one of the areas that we identified quite awhile ago is that east area underneath the east end of the 312 Bridge which...down in Flagler County, the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway there has a beautiful boat ramp facility under the east end of that bridge, partially funded by F.I.N.D. and the area under the 312 Bridge is a perfect area; it's got good access from the road - from a vehicular standpoint - fairly close to the Inlet, however, it is controlled through an easement granted by the Department of Transportation to the individual who owns the property on both sides - Pierre Thompson. I had contacted just in the past week, Dr. Proctor, the new representative for this area - the representative taken over from Representative Wiles and he promised me that he would look into that further to see under what basis that easement was granted - under what conditions - how long it would last, because the person who has the easement is not using it. I mean it's just sitting there. I don't think he ever intends to use it so I think that's a worthwhile for us to pursue in some manner, even to the point of condemnation - getting it back for the taxpayers of this District to use. One person should not control such a prime piece of land and sit on it and do nothing with it. That's my personal opinion. So, that's kind of the areas that I'm looking at".

Commissioner Tom Rivers suggested that this is where an Executive Director could come in and assist. He elaborated on how an Executive Director could work on that type of problem as well as District boundaries. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Jack McGuinness suggested starting off with each individual area of the recommendations and discuss them in depth. The first recommendation was the boat ramps. He again stressed the 312 area as being a possibility and suggested getting together with the County Administrator because the County has identified boat ramps as a particular area where they intend to spend some money. He noted that the problem there was that the County looks at the entire County and the Port Board is just looking at their particular District boundaries. He asked how the other Commissioners felt in proceeding with the boat ramp issue.

Commissioner Rick Gleeson suggested talking with Pierre Thompson.

Chairman Jack McGuinness agreed saying, "that's a perfect spot and it would answer a lot of the needs. Everyone who seems to want to use these boat ramps want to be close to the Inlet - want to be able to get outside..."

Commissioner Tom Rivers asked, "what extent would we prepare the property - the land, parking, paving...?"

Chairman Jack McGuinness said, "I think we'd could probably go in with - first of all, we could probably spearhead an effort between ourselves, F.I.N.D. and the County - a three way situation and probably the County would be the lead in it if they were interested insofar as the actual acquisition of the property and the design and the engineering and so forth and we could - my idea would be for us to be more of a grant agency towards it and contribute a certain amount of money to keep it moving forward".

Discussion followed regarding the area being State property originally and they have given Pierre Thompson an easement on the property. Hopefully Dr. Proctor will get some information on the whole situation.

Chairman Jack McGuinness indicated he thought that should be the Board's prime focus with additional focus on identifying smaller areas further on down the waterway to the south. When Commissioner Tom Rivers asked about the boat ramp at the airport, Chairman Jack McGuinness answered, "that's a good one. I think Commissioner Dixon was involved in that and having

discussions with that and I'm not sure where that stands". He told the two members of the public present, Mr. Blow and Mr. Bliss, to feel free to address any of the items being discussed as this was a Workshop.

Carl Blow asked about the land on the north side of the 312 Bridge near Fish Island.

Chairman Jack McGuinness indicated, "well, my hope is that, you know, are the conditions the same as when the easement was granted and if they're not, does that invalidate the - is Mr. Thompson free to sell that easement to whoever he wants - it seems like it's kind of a nebulous thing to - when something was granted to them by the citizens of this State..." Discussion followed regarding the area as well as an adequate parking area at that site. Discussion also followed regarding the boat ramp at the Airport and other possible sites in the County.

Chairman Jack McGuinness indicated that Shorty Robbins of the St. Johns County Recreation Department has volunteered to come to the Port's next meeting to give an update on what their plans are specifically for the F.I.N.D. money they are trying to get. They are planning to include kayak and canoe launch ramps in the planning phase. That's an area that the Port, Waterway & Beach Board may be able to participate from a funding standpoint.

Jay Bliss took the podium. He noted that the kayak ramp at Lighthouse Park, as the tide goes in and out, "it winds up being a slippery surface. It can be halfway treacherous if you try to walk out on the perimeter..." When asked by Chairman Jack McGuinness if it was between the two bulkheads, Mr. Bliss answered, "no, on the bulkheads themselves and a lot of people use that walkway which is 12-14" wide and anyway, it gets all slimed over and so it's treacherous and then also because of tidal action, the ramp itself gets gooey stuff there - so, you know, it's a nice facility and I have seen cars back down in there and use that ramp...I was also concerned and I know people have asked me, well, who's responsible for maintaining it because at this point there is a jagged edge on the outboard end of that and I don't know who's responsible".

Chairman Jack McGuinness noted that this was a good point and the Board will take that up with the City of St. Augustine. "At this point, it is their facility. I would have no qualms - if there's a cost problem - I don't see there would be a cost problem - it might just be a manpower problem so far as inspecting it on a regular basis - similar to what the regular boat ramp is there, but it's good that you brought that up".

Mr. Bliss said, "and certainly the maintenance of it does seem to fall upon the City and the City has diligently worked on other areas, but I must say, I've seen the City out there and working, but they've got plenty to do and I don't know what kind of impetus the Port can provide, but at this point..."

Chairman McGuinness thought it was just a matter of bringing it to the City's attention. He asked Dr. Srinivas to make note to take those things that Mr. Bliss mentioned into consideration in the event that any additional kayak launch sites were to be designed.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the Intergovernmental group was still in existence. The Board thought that Commissioner Dixon was its representative.

Chairman Jack McGuinness suggested one member of the Board take charge of that particular area in the Master Plan recommendations and if meetings are necessary with the City or the County, that particular member would "carry the ball on it and that way, we'll continue to move forward on it as opposed to discussing them each month. What do you guys feel on proceeding in that manner? I mean it will take a little bit more of each of our time other than one meeting a month, but, I think it's worthwhile to proceed in that manner. Anyone - Any of you have any particular preferences on the areas that you would like to carry the ball? Maybe let's do this, as we go through all these different areas and discuss boat ramps, San Sebastian, District boundaries and so forth - after we've kind of come up with a little bit of a more defined plan, let's say who wants to carry the ball on each of these things - I can appoint someone".

Carl Blow, 100 Santa Monica, took the podium. He indicated that he briefly read the Master Plan and commended Taylor Engineering on doing an excellent job - "but there was one thing that I was wondering maybe we should add to it - is the issue about the artificial reefs offshore, particularly since you guys are involved in that - it would probably just complete the picture if you just...that would be ongoing, especially if you continue the partnership with Flagler County - because I think those guys are dedicated to have an ongoing program..." He then handed out copies of articles in the Record re: registered boats in St. Johns County and the Artificial Reef Program, copies of which will be attached to the final copy of these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Public Workshop was adjourned by Chairman Jack McGuinness noting that the Workshop would be continued at 3:00 p.m. prior to the July Regular Meeting.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

CHAIRMAN

St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 21, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Port, Waterway & Beach District was held in the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Jack McGuinness called the Meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Bell called the roll. Commissioners Rick Gleeson and Tom Rivers were in attendance. Commissioner Jerry Dixon arrived late. Absent was Commissioner Barry Benjamin. Also in attendance from Taylor Engineering was Dr. Rajesh Srinivas and the District's Attorney's partner, Ron Brown from Dobson and Brown. In attendance from the public were: Carl Blow, Chris Benjamin, Jay Bliss, Chuck Nusbaum with Old City Web Services, Commander Steve Fricke from the St. Augustine Police Department and Major Chuck West from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Tom Rivers and seconded by Commissioner Rick Gleeson to accept the Minutes of the May 17, 2005 Meeting as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Bell presented the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2005. The Police Law Enforcement Overtime Project is the only Project open at the moment. Of the \$35,000.00 which was committed to that Project, \$9,205.00 has been spent. Funds available total \$1,335,874.00. Of that total, \$49,390.00 had been committed, leaving net funds available of \$1,286,484.00. Taxes budgeted for year 2004-2005 total \$361,899.00 - of that total, \$340,765.00 has been received, leaving a total of \$21,144.00 of expected tax income. As of June 20, 2005, net funds available totaled \$1,285,357.00. The second page of the Report showed the Projects and what has been spent on each Project. One of the significant changes from last month's Treasurer's Report was a check to be signed today for the University of Florida for \$24,000.00 for the information brochures.

Commissioner Tom Rivers notified Mr. Bell that the check sent for Commissioners Rivers and Benjamin to attend the FL Association of Special Districts will be returned. They were able to get scholarships, therefore, the money will be returned. He explained the reasons why.

Mr. Bell said that the budgeting process begins next month.

Dr. Srinivas reported that there were no issues or projects on which to report.

When asked by Commissioner Jerry Dixon what the timeframe for dredging would be, Dr. Srinivas said he thought the dredging was to begin tomorrow and it should take about four months to complete. The weather has held them up. About two and a half million cubic yards is expected to be dredged. Discussion followed.

Chairman Jack McGuinness noted that in the latest issue of The Chronicle, the Correspondent indicated that the City of St. Augustine removed several boats without the financial aid of the Port Authority.

Commissioner Jerry Dixon indicated that there were a lot of derelict boats at the present time, however, his small boat was out of service. He hoped to get pictures of them prior to the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding where the various derelict boats were located.

Chairman Jack McGuinness reminded the Board that they have informed the City of St. Augustine that there were funds available to assist with the derelict boats, depending on the cost of removing the boats. The Port Board is awaiting someone from the City of St. Augustine to say, "hey, we need funds to do this. Can you give us \$1,500.00; can you give us \$5,000.00 for this or whatever"? More discussion followed.

Commander Steve Fricke said he had documented a total of 14 derelict boats. The City has removed two since his last report. Most of the derelict boats are a result of the abnormal storms that St. Augustine had last year and a decision made by the Governor to eliminate the trust fund for removing derelict vessels. Meetings regarding derelict boats would be tied together with a meeting regarding mooring issues. Discussion ensued regarding the process involved with removing derelict boats.

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerry Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Tom Rivers to allocate \$30,000.00 for this budget year for the City of St. Augustine to help with the removal of derelict vessels. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

When asked by Chairman Jack McGuinness if a Resolution was necessary to support the Motion, Mr. Brown indicated that a Resolution would be drawn up for signature. At that point, the funds would be available to the City of St. Augustine.

Commander Steve Fricke reported that there is currently a bid out to replace all of the No Wake Zone signs for all of the bridges in St. Johns County. This time, divers will actually jet them down and "hopefully that will take care of the problem with the wandering buoy markers - but that should be online probably by the end of the summer". Discussion followed.

Major Chuck West of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office took the podium. He reported he was standing in for Sheriff Shoar, who was doing well following last evening's car accident. Major West is the head of the Special Operations Bureau. He has reorganized the team and put more of a presence on the water. By the 2005-2006 budget year, he hopes to have one full-time person committed to water operations. They currently have three boats, two of which will be patrol boats and one of which is a special purpose boat. That special purpose boat is a Carolina Skiff that's flat and has no sides on it and it has a jet drive on it. A lot of their patrolling is done within the District. Currently, there are ten individuals who will be part of the marine unit who have experience from Captain on down. He would like to see 20-30 hours presence on the water per week especially on the weekends. In St. Johns County, there are over 11,000 boats registered. On Memorial Day, they did a survey checking boat ramps. There were only 30% from this County; all the rest were from surrounding counties. There are additional Federal Statutes that they will be able to enforce in the future enabling more patrol over navigable waters.

Chairman Jack McGuinness explained to Major West about the District's jurisdiction. He thanked Major West and indicated he would have the Port's Assistant Secretary direct future Agendas to him so he would know meeting dates.

Vice-Chairman Rick Gleeson reported that there was a tremendous demand for the Waterways Guide. The folks at Sea Grant developed a press release which described the guide and it was sent to him for potential release to local press. Ms. McGuire, the local Sea Grant Extension Agent, had been involved recently in completing a Boater's Guide for Duval County. She will distribute the Guides to local marinas.

Chairman Jack McGuinness suggested that when Ms. Paterson retrieves a message asking for a Waterways Guide, she refers them to a place where they can obtain a copy.

Commissioner Jerry Dixon suggested she refer callers to the Municipal Marina in that it is government owned versus a private marina. Other points of distribution will be local marinas.

Chairman Jack McGuinness brought up the idea of charging for the Waterways Guides. Discussion ensued regarding costs involved and how the Port District could charge for the Guide. It was decided to take a "wait and see" kind of attitude for now. Chris Benjamin volunteered to distribute the Guide as well. Chairman McGuinness explained about his research for the display cases to hold the opened version of the Waterways Guides. The County is interested in having them at the Vilano Boat Ramp, Doug Crane Boat Ramp in St. Augustine South and Butler. About five or six of the display cases may be needed. He asked if the Board wished to have the Port's logo on the display cases or some way that people would recognize that the Port is a contributing factor in the boating area. Commissioner Jerry Dixon will talk with John Regan from the City of St. Augustine with regard to distribution points within the City - perhaps the Lighthouse Ramp as well.

Vice-Chairman Rick Gleeson noted that 200 of the Guides were printed flat. Unfortunately, the color didn't come out the way it should have on the photo side of it. The Sea Grant folks are getting back with the printers to get that corrected.

Chairman Jack McGuinness asked if any of the Commissioners recalled that about four or five years ago, the Commission worked with Flagler College on a poster - "a wake zone-type poster". He wondered if they were still in the Port's office. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Tom Rivers volunteered to contact the St. Augustine Technical Center to possibly contract with them for the display cases. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Website Development was next on the Agenda. Mr. Nusbaum distributed amended copies of the front page. The logo had been corrected. He explained each category and the links involved. Discussion followed and suggestions were given by the Commissioners.

Chairman Jack McGuinness said he would work on the "About Us History" for the Website.

Vice-Chairman Rick Gleeson pointed out that a significant amount of that information might be found in the Master Plan.

Mr. Nusbaum and the Commissioners discussed other items of importance such as e-mail addresses, etc. that need to be included on the Website. The deadline for getting pictures of the Commissioners and their bios to Old City Web Services is two weeks. Website Calendar Update will be added to each Agenda. Old City Web Services will handle all of the updates to the site for a monthly fee of \$80.00.

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rick Gleeson and seconded by Commissioner Jerry Dixon to accept \$80.00/month for Old City Web Services to handle

Website issues for the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Tom Rivers reported on the Florida Association of Special Districts. St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District is included in the Florida Association of Special Districts, although they aren't members. "The Association serves as the Department of Community Affairs Primary Education and Training Arm. The purpose of the education program is to ensure that Boards and District Managers comply with Florida Statutes governing Special Districts...subjects for elected officials and staff are presented at the annual conference in June". He suggested that this yearly conference should be mandatory for everyone elected to the Port Board in the future because it teaches about the Sunshine Law, other election laws, Special Districts, etc. Some of the seminars included how to conduct a Board Meeting, what is a Special District, Financial Management, Government in the Sunshine, Public Sector Contracting and Public Records Management. He appreciated the opportunity to attend the Conference. In 2006, the Conference will be held in the Keys.

Chairman Jack McGuinness asked Commissioner Rivers if either he or Commissioner Barry Benjamin would be able to provide the rest of the Commission with written material that would be pertinent to the Board. Commissioner Rivers answered in the affirmative and indicated he would bring that information to the next meeting.

Chris Benjamin, 9 Davis Street, took the podium and asked if Commissioner Barry Benjamin gave Chairman Jack McGuinness the proofs for the pennants for the Trash Buster's Program. Chairman McGuinness indicated Commissioner Benjamin had them but he was unable to pick them up prior to the meeting. He noted that Commissioner Benjamin liked the blue pennant. The flags are 12 x 18. They are 2-sided flags. He thought that 50 flags would be appropriate. The usual price for a flag runs about \$45.00 - \$50.00 a unit. He worked out a deal where if 25 flags were ordered, it would be \$33.00 a unit. If 50 flags were ordered, they are \$25.00 a unit which includes the setup and the artwork which has already been done. Discussion followed.

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerry Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Rick Gleeson to approve the initial purchase of 25 blue pennants and 25 blue flags. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Jack McGuinness asked Mr. Brown what documentation he would need. Mr. Brown answered he would need either a Purchase Order or an Invoice.

Mr. Benjamin suggested a schedule to replace the documents in the displays for the Waterways Guide because of moisture, etc. He offered his assistance.

Under Public Input, Carl Blow, 100 Santa Monica Avenue, took the podium. He gave an update on the Salt Run Cobra issue. The Senate passed the Water Resources Development Act for fiscal year 2006 and that is the Bill that Congressman Mica plans to insert the necessary language to correct the problem that they have with the Salt Run channel being inside the Coastal Barrier Protection Act Jurisdiction. The Senate has passed the bill. The companion bill is in the House of Representatives and is working its way out of Committee to the floor and hopefully the companion bill will be passed soon. "So, if we're lucky, the House will pass their bill this year and the two bills will end up in a Conference Committee and then Congressman Mica's staff can make the necessary insertion that will remove the Salt Run channel from the Cobra jurisdiction on the basis that Conch Island belongs to the State and is protected as a State park and so forth". He will draft a letter for Chairman Jack McGuinness to send to Congressman Mica, Congressman Nelson and Senator Martinez's office thanking them for their assistance.

Comments by Commissioners was next on the Agenda. None of the Commissioners had any further comments.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. preceded by a continuation of the Workshop on the Master Plan at 3:00 p.m. at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman