

St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 15, 2005

The Regular Meeting 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 Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Jack McGuinness. Roll call of members found the following members present: Chairman McGuinness, Commissioners Tom Rivers, Richard Gleeson, and Barry Benjamin.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dennis Bell reported that as of September 1, 2005 the District had \$1,304,000 in funds and as of September 6, 2005, the District had available funds of \$1,303,000.

Commissioner Dixon arrived.

It was noted that the Brochures had been approved. **Upon Motion made by Commissioner Benjamin and Seconded by Commissioner Gleeson the expenditures of unbudgeted funds for the brochures was approved unanimously.**

Dennis Bell further reported that the District had approved \$36,000.00 but only expended \$12,000.00 on the River Walk. No action was required.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the August 23, 2005, meeting were approved on Motion made by Commissioner Benjamin and Seconded by Chairman McGuinness with the following changes:

Page 2 paragraph 4, "lack of inlet" changed to "in the inlet."

Page 4 Paragraph 4 to read "no local cost."

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Dr. Rajesh Srinivas reported that there was insufficient time to permit an agreement to expand the scope of the current Corps of Engineers dredging project; that the project was scheduled for completion on October 1, 2005. He had discussed with the Corps the problems of smoke and noise as to the present project, the possibility of a reconnaissance of the feasibility of relocation of the jetties for the inlet. He further reported on dune stabilization with regard to sand fencing and sea oats. He had received estimates that sea oats would cost approximately \$8.20 per front foot of shore for sea oats in 10 rows set 15 inches on center. Sand fencing would cost between \$3.44 per foot and \$13.45 per foot. Dr. Srinivas noted that he had found no projects elsewhere where jetties had been relocated. He noted that the Corps was short of funds due to recent hurricanes.

Chairman McGuinness reported that a marker was down in Salt run.

REPORT BY COMMANDER FRICKE.

Commander Fricke noted that he had logged 25-30 hours since the 1st of October but the City of St. Augustine will not expend all funds budgeted by the District. He noted that an estimated \$23,000.00 was expended upgrading his vessel utilizing federal funding. He noted, additionally, that two derelict vessels had been removed. He further reported that the City had conducted eleven rescues in the past year and the problems were "fading." He noted that a meeting Harbor Management had gone well. John Reagan will look at issues relating to Lighthouse Park and Mooring Fields. He requested that the District budget for his operation \$25,000.00 for the ensuing year. Commander Fricke further reported that the City had entered into a mutual aid agreement with the Sheriff. The District's guides are being distributed at the City Marina.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT.

Chuck Nusbaum, President of Old City Web Services reported on the development of the District's website and listed items needed.

RECESS OF MEETING.

The Meeting was recessed at 5:05 for purposes of holding a special meeting for consideration of the millage and budget for the ensuing year.

Following the Budget meeting the meeting was again called to Order by the Chairman with all commissioners present.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT.

The Chairman reported that he had received a communication from David Roach of the Florida Inland Navigation District relating to a bill which would provide funding for dredging.

SEA OATS.

Commissioner Dixon requested that the issue of Sea Oats be placed on the next agenda.

ESTUARIAN RESEARCH CENTER.

It was reported that the new Research Center is opening at Guana State Park. All commissioners were invited to the opening.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Comment was received as to the need for clean up of mud and oyster shells at Lighthouse Park in support of the Youth Sailing Program. Discussion ensued with it being noted that the restaurant had closed and the City Commission will use it as a civic center. Estimates had been received as to the costs of various floating docks.

A request was received that the District consider support for an artificial surfing reef as a means of controlling beach erosion and in support of recreation.

ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

Consideration of becoming a member of the Association of Special Districts is to be placed on the next month's meeting.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be October 18, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Chambers, St. Augustine Beach City Hall.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Consideration of Sea Oats.

Consideration of joining Association of Special Districts.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

CHAIRMAN