

St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 18, 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 Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dennis Bell reported that the District had \$1,276,000 in available funds.

It was reported that Mrs. Paterson was still ill.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Dr. Stephen Schropp reported that two channel markers were done, one in the Intracoastal Waterway and the other in Salt Run. The Corps of Engineers indicated that two dredging contractors had taken responsibility and that the markers would be replaced by Chip Yelton at the expense of the contractors.

Dr. Rajesh Srinivas reported that the beach renourishment project had reached to north of the Beachcomber but was temporarily halted due to weather. The project at the Inlet was halted for the same reason but was expected to resume shortly.

Dr. Srinivas noted that Taylor Engineering's contract was due to expire on December 15, 2005.

It was additionally reported that a letter had been sent to the Corps of Engineers inquiring about the Inlet modification. A response was expected in about six months.

COMMANDER FRICKE.

Commander Fricke reported that the City's vessel was being modified and, therefore, would not be in the water for the remainder of the fiscal year. Discussion ensued about checking registrations on moored vessels. Commander Fricke stated that vessels could only be checked for registration if the owner was aboard. In most instances, the vessels are not live aboard. Additionally, he noted that documented vessels do not require state registration. The City is considering adopting regulations relating to mooring of "live aboard" vessels. The first area to be considered by the City will be Hospital Creek.

SEA OATS.

Dr. Srinivas discussed sea oats and discussed the problem of traffic. He will contact the County and the State Park. It was recommended that the sea oats be in ten rows, with the sea oats 16 inches apart.

Gladys Humphreys, 2 C Street, St. Augustine Beach, inquired about the use of snow fences.

MATANZAS INLET.

It was reported that vessels were attempting to navigate out through Matanzas Inlet and that there needed to be a Notice to Mariners.

COUNTY BOAT RAMPS.

It was reported that the County had been contacted and there was nothing new to report.

DENNIS BELL.

Mr. Bell reported that he would present a new engagement letter at the next meeting. He indicated that there would be an increase in compensation from the current \$360.00 per month.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

The Legislative Delegation will be meeting November 22, 2005.

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF WATERWAYS.

The Florida Inland Navigation District sent to the District a copy of an economic analysis of waterways which is available for inspection.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Carl Blow, 100 Santa Monica Avenue, St. Augustine reported that he had met with Mayor Gardner and City Manager Harriss and that it was suggested the District employ Taylor Engineering to prepare a Request for Proposals relating to the floating docks and dredging at Lighthouse Park. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Dixon will discuss the matter with John Regan and will report at the next meeting.

It was reported that Congressman Mica had requested a letter from the Corps of Engineers relating to a waiver. The letter has, as of yet, not been received.

The Chairman noted that the St. Augustine Record had written an editorial concerning the Harbor Management Plan.

NEXT MEETING.

Next meeting will be November 15, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Chambers, St. Augustine Beach City Hall.

Whereupon, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Agreement for extension of Taylor Engineering contract.

Engagement letter with Dennis Bell.

Secretary-Treasurer

Chairman