

St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District

Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 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 Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 4:05 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, and Jerry Dixon. Absent was Commissioner Barry Benjamin. Visitors were Carl Blow, 100 Santa Monica Avenue, St. Augustine and Walt Mathews, Naval Air Station Key West.

**REPORTS.**

Dennis Bell reported that the District had \$1,236,719 in funds available as of November 10, 2005. The report was accepted.

Dr. Rajesh Srinivas reported on Beach re-nourishment at St. Augustine Inlet and on St. Augustine Beach. He reported that 120,000 to 127,000 cubic yards of material had been dredged and 2.6 to 8.2 million yards of material had been placed on the beach. Some of the pipeline was anticipated to be off the beach by next week. It was reported that Green Marker No. 1 in Salt Run was missing and Intracoastal Marker No. 1 was also missing. Replacement signs had been ordered.

**RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR ENGINEERING.**

A proposed Amendment No. 23 to the Contract for Engineering Services between the District and Taylor Engineering, Inc. was presented by Steven Schropp. A copy will be attached to these minutes in the District's permanent Minute Book. Dr. Schropp explained that the rates represented approximately a 3.5 percent increase. A provision for renewal for two years was requested with a provision for the District to opt out of a renewal was requested by the Board. The Contract will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

**HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

Commissioner Joseph Boles of the City of St. Augustine requested that the District adopt a Harbor Management Plan. He reported that the City Commission had passed an Ordinance on Second Reading relating to "live aboards" in Hospital Creek.

Commander Fricke reported that he did not anticipate any problems with enforcement of the Ordinance. It was proposed that Taylor Engineering prepare the Harbor Management Plan. The City will prepare and propose an outline. It was anticipated that the Plan will require 715 hours of effort. The City will submit a formal request to the District following its next meeting of December 12, 2005.

**DERELICT VESSELS.**

Commander Fricke reported that requests for bids on the removal of derelict vessels will go out from the City on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. Derelict vessels will be placarded.

**NEXT MEETING.**

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be at 4:00 p.m., December 20, 2005, at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Chambers.

**CONDITION OF DOCK AT LIGHTHOUSE PARK.**

Commander Fricke reported on the condition of the dock at the Salt Run Community Center at Lighthouse Park. Maintenance is the responsibility of the City. The City will make a formal proposal to the District.

**SEA OATS PLANTING.**

Chairman McGuinness reported on discussions with Paul Crawford, Dave Williams and Max Royle. The District needs assurance that there will be no traffic south of "C" Street. There will be more input at the next meeting. Discussion indicated that the planting of the sea oats would either have to be now or in May or June. The plants go dormant after temperatures fall below 50 degrees F.

**APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH ACCOUNTANT.**

Mr. Bell presented a proposed engagement letter, a copy of which will be attached to these minutes in the District's permanent minute book. **Upon Motion by Commissioner Gleeson and Seconded by Commissioner Rivers the engagement letter was approved unanimously.**

**MATANZAS INLET SIGNS.**

Commissioner Gleeson reported that he had talked to Dave Weiner and Rick Butler and was still gathering information.

**MINUTES.**

It was reported that Debbie Paterson was still ill, but that tapes of the meeting were available and minutes would be prepared.

**PUBLIC INPUT.**

Walt Mathews introduced himself.

Jerry Bliss of Sailing, Paddling and Rowing, requested help at the Lighthouse Park Boat Ramp regarding the removal of oyster shells and the problem of launching small boats. Commissioner Dixon will raise the issue with the City.

Carl Blow made a presentation relating to a location for unsuitable dredged materials and presented an Email from Florida Inland Navigation District.

**NEXT MEETING.**

Next meeting will be on December 20, at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.**

Amendment of contract with Taylor Engineering.

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CHAIRMAN