

St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Vice Chairman Rick Gleeson. Roll call of members found all members of the Board present except Commissioners McGuinness and Dixon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2006 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

It was reported that the District had as of February 15, 2006, \$1,532,000 in available funds.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Dr. Steven Schropp of Taylor Engineering reported that the scope of work on the Harbor Management Plan had been revised. The contract for the Sea Oats Project had been advertised.

REPORTS.

Kayaks.

Discussion ensued relating to the Kayak Launch Proposal.

Boat Ramp Signs.

Dr. Schropp reported that signs for the boat ramps had been ordered.

FIND Reception.

It was reported that the Florida Inland Navigation District reception will be on April 27, 2006.

Mooring Field Scope of Work.

John Regan of the City of St. Augustine reported that the revised mooring field scope of work will be presented to the City Commission at its next regular meeting. It is proposed that the scope of work would eliminate the area north of the Bridge of Lions. It was reported that the longest lead-time would be for the permitting phase of the project; that permitting would take as long as the City Parking Garage. Permitting could take as long as two years. The City will also look at the issue of whether the mooring fields would be operated privately or by the City. The revised scope of work will be presented at the next meeting.

Kayak Launch Area Maintenance.

With regard to the kayak launch area, the issue of long term maintenance needs to be addressed.

Matanzas Inlet Signs.

With regard to the Matanzas Inlet signs, contact has been made with the Coast Guard and the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The identity of who placed the existing signs on the bridge has not been identified. The signs are not permitted. Dr. Rajesh Srinivas of Taylor Engineering reported that it will be necessary that drawings of the proposed signs will have to be provided to the Department of Transportation and an application will have to be submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Commission and to the Coast Guard.

Distribution of Guides.

A report was made as to the distribution of guides. Some 8,000 guides have been distributed. There are some 2,700 guides remaining. Discussion ensued.

Sea Oats Project.

Dr. Srinivas reported that advertisements for the Sea Oats project had been advertised and that two prospective bidders had requested bid proposals.

St. Augustine Beach City Commissioner Edward George expressed his interest in extending the project. Costs of an extension will be available at the next meeting.

Dr. Srinivas indicated that the area of the sea wall will, with erosion, be exposed for 18 months to three years.

COMMISSION REPORTS.

Public Access.

Commissioner Dixon's report on public access was postponed until the next meeting.

Domain name renewal.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Commission authorized the renewal of the domain name for the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No-Wake Zone Hospital Creek.

Dan Ditmore inquired about placing a slow speed sign on his private dock. He was advised that any such sign would not be enforceable. An answer as to the procedure for establishing a "no-wake zone" will be provided at the next meeting.

Removal of Derelict Vessels at Lighthouse Boat Ramp.

A complaint was received as to hydraulic fluid being leaked into the water with the removal of a derelict vessel at the Lighthouse Boat Ramp. Concern was also expressed as to the possible cost of damage to moorings.

Carl Blow indicated that he was a witness to the incident.

Mooring Fields.

John Blackford appeared before the Commission and expressed concern about the cost of mooring, if mooring field regulations were adopted. He indicated that he was a

poor schoolteacher and mooring his boat in Salt Run; that he took care of his boat during storms and could not afford paid mooring.

Harbor Management Plan.

Dan Hunter expressed that the Harbor Management Plan should be developed before undertaking an engineering study.

NEXT MEETING.

It was announced that the next meeting will be April 18, 2006 at St. Augustine Beach City Commission Chambers at 4:00 p.m.

Whereupon, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Items for next Agenda:

Mooring Field Scope of Work

Public Access

Hospital Creek No-wake Zone

SECRETARY-TREASURER

CHAIRMAN