

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the St. Augustine Port, Waterway & Beach District was held at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida, on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Matt Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00, p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed.

3. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Thomson.

4. ROLL CALL

Chairman Matt Brown, Vice-Chairman Chris Way, Commissioner Tom Rivers, and Commissioner Linda Thomson were present in person. The meeting was also attended in person by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper and Clay Meek, General Counsel for the District. Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering, District Engineers, was slightly late, but present in person as well and in time to give the engineering report at the time of its normal place on the agenda.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice-Chairman Way, seconded by Commissioner Thomson, and passed by a 4-0 vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Patrick Harvey of the St. Augustine Police Marine Operations Unit indicated that the Unit's boat sustainment/maintenance was expected to be fully completed by the end of the week. This would allow the boat to be returned to service well ahead of schedule as a result of a vendor having been asked to move quickly by Vice-Chairman Way.

Lieutenant Bill Miller of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission ("FWC") spoke briefly regarding a derelict vessel of concern. The 45 day grace period had expired. The process was currently in the stage of boat owner to be stickered shortly, after which the owner would have 21 days to respond.

Corey Sakryd, General Services Director for the City of St. Augustine, indicated that the contractor had mobilized to start repairs on the Marina breakwater dock repairs. Mr. Sakryd also indicated that the next City Commission meeting would address the presence of a tall ship in St. Augustine from Mid-January to Mid-February, as the expected first event following completion of the dock project. Mr. Sakryd also gave an overview of the prior fiscal year as to the Marina. Fuel sales and moorings were the highest ever and dockage and electric were third highest ever.

8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper then delivered the financial report. As of September 30, 2023, the District spent: \$7,633 for overtime hours of police officers of the City of St. Augustine; \$16,020 for overtime hours of deputies of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department; \$4,339 for derelict boats; and, \$9,470 for channel marker repairs. The State Board of Administration account had a balance of \$24,401. The Operating Account had \$492,873 as of September 30, 2023. The money market account had \$0 in the reserve for projects and \$1,117,806 in amounts not reserved for projects. Taxes received as of September 30, 2023, were \$716,809 for the current year and the balance of the remaining expected tax income was negative \$189 as the taxes received were greater than expected for the year and no further taxes were anticipated to be received.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023, regular meeting, September 14, 2023, TRIM meeting, and October 3, 2023, TRIM meeting was made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Commissioner Thomson, and passed by a 4-0 vote.

10. ENGINEERING REPORT

Ken Craig discussed current beach restoration projects. The Vilano Beach/South Ponte Vedra project was still working in the north and building south and was expected to be completed in a

couple of months. The St. Augustine Beach project was expected to start at the end of the year or early 2024. Both projects were behind schedule.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on Replacement for Commissioner West

General Counsel Meek updated the interaction with the Governor's Office and indicated that applications for nomination were now being accepted by the Governor's Office as of October 2, 2023, and could be filed on-line. Commissioner Rivers noted that Ken Manning had applied. There was no timeframe or deadline for the appointment to be made, but the District had timely done everything appropriate and needed relative to the process that was now entirely in the hands of the Governor's Office.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ginn spoke briefly as to the third and final town hall meeting regarding the Summer Haven study.

14. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Thomson and Rivers commented on having been at the town hall discussed by Ms. Ginn and some of the other attendees.

Chairman Brown mentioned he had been contacted by the County Parks and Recreation Department regarding an upcoming November 7, 2023, County Commission meeting where FIND would present a check for approximately \$1,000,000.00 for funding for the Genovar purchase. The County had asked a representative of the District to be there as well to make comment on the District's participation and Chairman Brown indicated he would attend.

15. NEXT MEETING

November 21, 2023, was announced as the next regular meeting date. As such, the **next regular meeting will be at 3:00, p.m., on November 21, 2023**, at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Matt Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:14, p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer

Commission Chairman Brown