

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

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, July 28, 2020.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Tom Rivers called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chairman Tom Rivers and Commissioners Sandy Flowers and Chris Way were in attendance. Matt Brown was absent. The meeting was also attended by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper, District Counsel Jim Bedsole, and Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Tom Rivers announced the meeting was for the purpose of voting on the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and Commissioner Way moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flowers and passed unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

6. **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Jim Piggott, Director of General Services for the City of St. Augustine, said the city had submitted an insurance claim for the latest derelict vessel removed two months ago, and that the city had been reimbursed for the expense of seven hundred dollars for Sea Tow services. He said the city will be refunding the expense to the District.

7. **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper delivered the financial report. As of June 30, 2020, the District had spent \$195,829 on budgeted projects, \$103,217 in operating expenses, and \$4,919 for the Summer Haven restoration project. As of that date, the District had a total of \$2,441,253 on deposit with expected tax revenue of \$5,668 in the remainder of the current fiscal year.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tabled by the Vice-Chairman

9. ENGINEERING REPORT

Ken Craig appeared for Taylor Engineering and said the only item was approval of the new contract for engineering services. Mr. Craig said the contract has been reviewed by the board and by the board's counsel, with some small changes, and is ready for approval at the next regular meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed millage rate - TRIM

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper explained the options available to the board by the use of the rolled-back rate, which yields approximately the same income as last fiscal year, or the current millage rate, which will yield an increase in revenue due solely to an increase in District property tax assessments during the past year. Commissioner Flowers moved to use the rolled-back rate of 0.0598 mills in next fiscal year. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion by Commissioner Way to tentatively use last year's tax rate of 0.0638 mills was seconded by Vice-Chairman Rivers and passed by a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Flowers dissenting.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Update to May Street boat ramp for kayak launch-Commissioner Flowers

Commissioner Flowers said she has no new information to discuss regarding this item.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

13. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Way read a prepared statement regarding unsupported allegations published on social media by Commissioner Flowers alleging Commissioner Way was in business or was a business partner or associated with Bacon Marine Construction, LLC, or James E. Bacon, its owner. Commissioner Way stated he does not know Mr. Bacon and has never done business with him or his company.

14. NEXT MEETING:

Vice-Chairman Rivers announced the next regular meeting of the board will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, in the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Room.

15. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Rivers adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer
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Chairman