

**ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

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, January 18, 2022.

**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**

Commissioner Tom Rivers gave the Invocation.

**4. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Matt Brown, Vice-Chairman Chris Way, and Commissioners Tom Rivers, and Sandy Flowers were present. The meeting was also attended by Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper and Clay Meek, General Counsel for the District. Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering, District Engineers, was present as well.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A suggestion to amend the agenda by moving new business items 12B, 12C, and 12D to a future meeting was made by Commissioner Flowers and Chairman Brown. **A Motion to approve the agenda with that modification was made by Commissioner Flowers, seconded by Chairman Brown, and passed by a 4-0 vote.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Slavin spoke.

Terry Parker reported back to the District as to the sand fencing project undertaken by the Friends of the Summer Haven River with the funding approved by the District. Mr. Parker indicated that the project was completed and that it had come in at \$3,891.85 less than had been expected as a result of donated materials and

time. Mr. Parker indicated he would attempt to have photos available for review at the next District Commission meeting.

#### **7. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Jim Piggott appeared on behalf of the City of St. Augustine. Mr. Piggott indicated there was one new derelict vessel. Because of its location and already planned marine activities, the new boat could be pulled out and destroyed for up to, but not more than \$390.00. **A Motion to approve up to \$390.00 from the derelict boats removal budget for this project was made by Commissioner Rivers, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and carried by a 4-0 vote.**

Mr. Piggott was asked by Chairman Brown about the medallion program discussed at the prior meeting. Mr. Piggott indicated that the program expired in 2016 or 2017, to the best of his off-hand recollection.

Carl Blow of the Florida Inland Navigation District ("FIND") provided a handout regarding 2022 derelict boat removal funding as to the City of St. Augustine. The handout showed that FIND had contributed significantly to the funding of the removal efforts that had been partially funded by District money. Mr. Blow commented that he wished to show how important the District's funding was to securing FIND funds for the area.

Mr. Blow discussed the medallion program as well. He indicated it had been managed by FWC as part of a statewide pilot program and that the one operated by the City of St. Augustine was regarded by many as the best. It operated for 5 or 6 years and the statewide program ended when Broward County adopted its own program. Mr. Blow indicated there were efforts and discussions within FWC on possible tweaking the program and bringing it back.

#### **8. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper delivered the financial report. As of December 31, 2021, the District spent: \$401 for overtime hours of police officers of the City of St. Augustine and \$4,280 for overtime hours of deputies of the St. John's County Sheriff's Department. \$7,940 had been spent for May Street pot holes fill. The State Board of Administration account had a balance of \$23,173. The Operating Account had \$457,147 as of December 31, 2021. The money market account had \$1,500,000 in the reserve for projects and \$1,111,657 in addition. Taxes received as of December 31, 2021, were \$527,649.



## **9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Rivers indicated the draft minutes should be changed from "River Haven" to "Summer Haven" under item 10 on page 3. **A Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021, regular meeting with that revision was made by Chairman Brown, seconded by Commissioner Rivers, and passed by a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Flowers in opposition.**

## **10. ENGINEERING REPORT**

Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering indicated that the video that had been requested from Taylor Engineering at the prior meeting had been brought on a portable memory device and was turned over to the District in the present meeting.

The County had expressed interest in a five year extension instead of a two year extension on their River Haven permit. A letter to that effect had been sent and was at FWC and under review.

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **12. New Business**

### **A. FIND Grant dredge Salt Run inter-local agreement**

Mr. Piggott brought forth the third of the three annual interlocal dredging agreements. As to the pending interlocal agreement, a **Motion to approve continuing with the third of the three application instalments and entering into the inter-local agreement for that was made by Chairman Brown, seconded by Vice-Chairman Way, and approved by a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Flowers opposed.**

Mr. Piggott also mentioned that it appeared there might be additional funding available through FIND if there was interest in pursuing additional funding, with matching funds. Carl Blow spoke and encouraged an effort to come back for another \$50,000.00 as it appeared that there would be additional funds available and the funds do not roll-over to subsequent years.

### **E. Jason Harrah USACAE updates**

Jason Harrah, Senior Project Manager, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), spoke to the Commission about the

USACE activities and programs. St. Augustine Beach renourishment off of Pope Road was projected to start in Winter, 2022, earlier than previously planned and would extend for about 3 miles south.

There was no currently assessed need for dredging in the St. Augustine inlet. A study was ongoing on how to stabilize Porpoise Point. A prior plan to put groins in to stabilize the area had been rejected by FWC.

A Vilano Coastal Storm Risk Management project had been set to start in May, 2021, with part of the cost to be borne by the County. Due to the three Nor'easters that had affected the project, it was now going to be 100% funded by the Federal Government and would use sand from offshore to restore the beach.

A new study for beach erosion the northern portion of the County beach up to the Duval County line was to be done in 2024. Design would then be done in 2025, with construction to begin in 2026.

Commissioner Flowers asked about the potential of having a study done for the 1 mile of unprotected beach at Summer Haven. Mr. Harrah indicated that studies cost \$3,000,000 and the cost is split 50/50 with the local sponsor. He also noted that the items that are typically of primary concern with the studies are protection and support of homes and roads, few of which are in that area.

### **13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Slavin

### **14. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

There were no Commissioner comments.

### **15. NEXT MEETING**

February 15, 2022, was announced as the next regular meeting date. As such, the **next regular meeting will be at 3:00, p.m., on February 15, 2022**, 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 4:14, p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Commission Chairman Brown