

ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 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, May 17, 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 West gave the Invocation.

4. ROLL CALL

Chairman Matt Brown, and Commissioner Jane West were present at the start of the meeting and Commissioner Tom Rivers arrived very shortly after the meeting began and prior to adoption and approval of the minutes. Several minutes later and after New Business had begun, Commissioner Sandy Flowers arrived. 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

None.

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper delivered the financial report. As of April 30, 2022, the District spent: \$2,460 for overtime hours of police officers of the City of St. Augustine and \$9,056 for overtime hours of deputies of the St. John's County Sheriff's Department. The State Board of Administration account had a balance of \$23,186. The Operating Account had \$440,764 as of April

30, 2022. The money market account had \$1,500,000 in the reserve for projects and \$1,112,086 in addition. Taxes received as of April 30, 2022, were \$600,602.

8. ENGINEERING REPORT

Ken Craig advised that the Corps had issued the public notice for comments on the Summer Haven permit extension.

9. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda with Item 12D tabled for a future meeting was made by Chairman Brown, seconded by Commissioner Rivers, and passed by a 3-0 vote.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Commissioner West, seconded by Chairman Brown, and carried by a 3-0 vote.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Port Consultant

Commissioner Rivers indicated he had spoken with Ken Krauter, who indicated that the Port District did not need a standing full-time retained consultant as such would be too high a cost for the benefit and a consultant could always be retained for a specific project or task on a case-by-case basis. All Commissioners present agreed with those considerations.

12. New Business

A. Presentation Regarding Dolphin Drive

Corey Sakryd, Grants Administrator for the City of St. Augustine, made a presentation as to the timeline of past dredging of the Dolphin Drive Boat Basin and options and estimated costs for current/upcoming dredging. After questioning and discussion, the Commission collectively gave direction that a dredging grant proposal for dredging of the mouth of the Basin only should be made and brought back before the Port District Commission for consideration and vote.

B. Request by City of St. Augustine Beach for Cost Share

A presentation was made by William "Bill" Tredik, Public Works Director of the City of St. Augustine, for a cost-sharing request

to replace beach walkovers. Replacing and improving the walkovers was presented as being something that would improve public access to the beach and also protect and preserve the dunes and dune vegetation. The total cost of the two-year project was estimated at \$670,000.00. After discussion, a **Motion to approve a cost share of \$335,000.00, representing 50% of the proposed cost was made by Commissioner West, seconded by Commissioner Flowers, and carried by a 4-0 vote.**

C. Resolution Regarding Election Records

A Resolution providing certain current information as requested by St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections, Vicky Oakes, was considered. **A Motion to approve, adopt, and resolve Resolution 22-01 providing the information sought was made by Chairman Brown, seconded by Commissioner West, and passed and resolved by a 4-0 vote.**

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

14. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Rivers commented that he was happy with the action taken on the beach walkovers and that all that Mr. Tredik had said was correct.

Chairman Brown agreed with the comments of Commissioner Rivers and mentioned he was continuing to work on the ability to stream meetings virtually and expected to be able to do so at the next meeting.

Commissioner West indicating she was attending a webinar in the coming days on land acquisition funding and would send a link to other Commissioners. She also suggested giving thought to the Port District drafting a letter as a body pushing the Tourist Development Council for funding for projects as well.

Commissioner Flowers indicated that she thought the Port District should consider obtaining dredging equipment.

15. NEXT MEETING

June 21, 2022, was announced as the next regular meeting date. As such, the **next regular meeting will be at 3:00, p.m., on June 21, 2022, at the St. Augustine Beach City Commission Meeting Room, 2200 AlA South, St. Augustine Beach, Florida.**

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Matt Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:59, p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer

Commission Chairman Brown