

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES
April 14, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chairman (Via CMT and In Person at 7:49 P.M.)

Thomas Howard, Vice Chairman

Gail Whipple, Secretary/Treasurer

Michael Martinez

James Davis

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director

William H. Broome, Attorney

Kenneth Craig, PE, Taylor Engineering

Sonja Kezber, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Patricia Walker and Andre Rajoo (Via CMT).

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Howard (as acting Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Comments from Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **March 10, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair Howard entertained a **MOTION to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021**. Commissioner Whipple noted two changes. On Page 4, "Shorelines" should be

singular and on Page 5 add "they" prior to "are being reviewed". Commissioner Davis so **MOVED to approve as amended**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Vice Chair Howard called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

4. Submission of Bills

- **Submission of April Bills** - Vice Chair Howard called for a **MOTION to approve the Submission of Bills and the additional Bills as presented**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
- **Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for May** - Vice Chair Howard called for a **MOTION to approve the Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for May** -Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

5. Treasurer's Report

A. Approval of March 2021 Treasurer's Report

Staff recommended approval. Vice Chair Howard entertained a **MOTION to approve the March 2021 Treasurer's Report**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. Vice Chair Howard called for discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

6. Executive Director's Report

Sand Trap Dredging:

Mr. Chaison reported that permit extension requests were submitted for our state and federal permits. Prior to submittal, staff reached out to all of the reviewing agencies and none stated an objection to issuing an extension. Based on production at the time of the extension request submittal, we (JID) have asked for 31 days.

Mr. Chaison stated that the dredgers saw significantly increased production since the last Board meeting, and at the time of writing, are expected to complete the Corps Intracoastal dredging ahead of the scheduled April 22nd completion date.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach and Inlet Funding Program

Grant Application:

Mr. Chaison stated that the Florida Shore and Beach Association has informed us that “\$50M is the minimum that beaches (and inlets) will receive this year”. As it stands, that would result in Jupiter Inlet District (**JID receiving \$867,280 in FY 21/22**) from the program. Any money the program receives above \$50M will increase our award, up to a maximum of \$1.5M.

Florida Retirement System (FRS):

Mr. Chaison reported that Staff have begun to investigate JID enrollment in the FRS. Given the relatively recent hire dates of all staff, a switch could be made to the FRS with no additional costs to the JID. Elected Officials are also eligible for enrollment within the Elected Officers Class.

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (JILONA):

Mr. Chaison stated that this would be covered in greater detail in the Engineer’s Report. The permit-required pre-construction meeting occurred on April 2nd. We continue to coordinate closely with our co-applicants at the Bureau of Land Management. The contractor’s baseline schedule is attached. Commissioner Gentile expressed an interest in having JID produce press releases.

Mangrove Island Restoration Site Visit:

Mr. Chaison reported that a site visit had been conducted of the Mangrove Island Restoration project on March 24th with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Martin County Ecosystem Restoration Department. The project was well received and FWC indicated that grants are available for ‘Mangrove Island Restoration #2’ if JID pursues that project.

JID Boat Tour of Loxahatchee River and Inlet:

Mr. Chaison noted that Staff have coordinated with Jonathan Dickinson State Park for use of the Loxahatchee Queen II, a 22-passenger vessel, for our river tour. Proposed dates are Tuesdays; June 1st, 8th, or 15th with a lunch stop near the inlet. A discussion ensued and alternate dates of the 2nd and the 16th were also noted. Chaison stated he would continue with the arrangements for one of those dates.

JID Centennial Efforts:

Mr. Chaison stated Centennial elements will be included in the river tour. Staff is continuing efforts for an event for the opening of JILONA and the 100th year anniversary, updates to the website and requests board direction regarding the JID Centennial coffee table book. Commissioner Howard stated that he was opposed to creating a book. The benefits do not outweigh the

costs in his opinion. The board discussed and staff was directed not to move forward with the book. Commissioner Howard stated that Staff should look into resuming the boating seminar.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig reported that he had completed the monthly jetty condition assessment on April 14 and found no significant changes from the prior assessment.

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap

Mr. Craig stated that the dredging contractor has made substantial progress recently on the Intracoastal Waterway dredging for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE/Corps). As of this writing, they have approximately 5,000 cubic yards remaining in an 1,800 ft stretch of channel. Once complete, they will remobilize to the sand trap and resume dredging. Their current estimate places them on site dredging the sand trap on April 15th or 16th, barring any equipment or weather-related issues.

Mr. Craig reported that, on behalf of JID, Taylor Engineering submitted a request to both FDEP and USACE for a one-time construction window extension through May 31. Preliminary discussions with both agencies indicate general agreement on an extension of a yet to be determined length. Taylor Engineering will continue negotiating/coordinating the extension through the coming days as the contractor is better able to define his schedule and production estimates.

During the upcoming summer months, Taylor Engineering also anticipates submitting a permit modification request that reestablishes the full Jupiter/Carlin beach fill template as the authorized disposal area. This will require diver review of several small areas offshore of the fill template to determine the presence or absence of endangered corals.

Commissioner Whipple asked why the dredger didn't seem to be making progress down the beach. Mr. Craig responded that while they are distributing material along the shore, it is not a beach nourishment project.

Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering submitted the state and federal environmental permit applications to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The SFWMD issued a Request for Additional Information (RAI) on March 19, 2021. Taylor Engineering is in the process of addressing items requested in the SFWMD RAI.

Mr. Craig noted that Mr. Chaison tasked Lidberg Land Surveying to collect additional bathymetric survey data at the two previously constructed oxbow restoration projects upstream of the current project as well as near the Moonshine Creek project area. Based on the results of the survey, Taylor Engineering will evaluate the need for maintenance at the previously constructed oxbow restoration project sites. Any necessary maintenance will be added to the current project permitting effort as a modification or submitted under a separate permit authorization request.

Vice Chair Howard asked where Lidberg is on supplying the additional information. Mr. Craig stated he and Mr. Chaison will follow up with them.

AAF In-Water Permitting

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering remains available to coordinate with Brightline/All Aboard Florida as needed.

Living Shorelines Project

Mr. Craig stated that Taylor Engineering continues to coordinate with the contractor (Ferreira Construction) and review pre-construction submittals. Taylor Engineering coordinated and led a pre-construction meeting held on April 2, 2021. Attendees included representatives from JID, Taylor Engineering, Ferreira Construction, Bureau of Land Management, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Ferreira expects to begin mobilization to the construction site in mid-April. We will conduct a project site walk-through on April 14th ahead of contractor mobilization.

8. Legal Report

None.

9. Unfinished Business

- **Taylor Property Cost Sharing Resolution 21-01**

Mr. Chaison stated that he had spoken with the Town of Jupiter Manager, Matt Benoit, regarding the cost of day to day maintenance of the Taylor property and Mr. Benoit had responded that the Town was not looking for a cost share from the JID on maintenance. Vice Chair Howard noted that the property could also be used to display native plants. Vice Chair Howard made a **MOTION to adopt the Resolution**. Commissioner Whipple **so MOVED**, Commissioner Gentile **SECONDED**. Vice Chair Howard called for discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

10. New Business

None.

11. Commissioner Reports/Remarks

Commissioner Martinez

Commissioner Martinez stated he agreed we needed to set up a time for the boating seminar.

Commissioner Howard

None.

Commissioner Whipple

Commissioner Whipple stated that the ongoing legislation for HB 1103 did not appear to be moving forward.

Commissioner Davis

None.

Commissioner Gentile

None.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

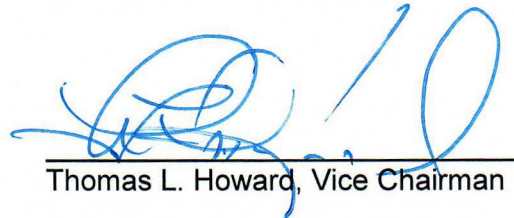
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13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Vice Chair Howard called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Commissioner Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Gentile **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Thomas L. Howard, Vice Chairman