

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES**

October 25th, 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chair
Michael Martinez, Vice Chair
James H. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer (7:29 P.M.)
Thomas Howard
Gail Whipple

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director
William R. H. Broome, Attorney
Ken Craig, Taylor Engineering
Cami Cunningham, Assistant Director

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

1. Call to Order

Chair Gentile called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance*

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

September Meeting Minutes:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September 11th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**; Vice Chair Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September 11th, 2024 Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes as amended**; Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September 25th, 2024 Final Budget Hearing Minutes as amended**; Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September 25th, 2024 Final Budget Hearing Minutes as amended**; Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

4. Approval of Bills

Submission of September Bills:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September Bills and the additional Bills as presented**. Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for October:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for October**. Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

5. Treasurer's Report

Approval of September 2024 Treasurer's Report:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report**. Commissioner Whipple so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

6. Executive Director's Report

US-1 Bascule Bridge Construction Progress:

Mr. Chaison updated the Board on the US-1 bridge project. As of October 1st, the US-1 drawbridge construction project was 69% complete and was on schedule to open one lane of traffic in each direction "in Fall 2024". Navigation will be maintained throughout the construction. The temporary channel will remain available until the bascule section is operational. As of October 23rd, FDOT announced that the Fall 2024 deadline has been revised to December 2024.

Hydrographic Survey for 2025 Sand Trap Dredging:

The District typically conducts a bathymetric survey in October or November to inform sand trap dredging planning. Mr. Chaison has requested a proposal to include additional survey of the ebb shoal. The cost for surveying the sand trap and the ebb shoal is \$13,230.

An updated survey of the ebb shoal could be useful for understanding conditions, planning, and for providing to the public. This could also support a potential inlet boating workshop.

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the bathymetric survey proposal by Terraquatic- to include the entirety of the ebb shoal.** Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Website Accessibility Compliance:

The District's website host, Streamline, held a training webinar for upcoming additional legislative requirements regarding website accessibility. These requirements will become effective for Florida on April 24, 2026. Staff intends to ensure 100% compliance and accessibility prior to that date.

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering:

Jetty Observation

Mr. Craig performed the Jetty Observations on October 25th. He reported that the inlet and jetties did well during Hurricane Milton.

Jupiter Inlet Jetties Restoration:

Mr. Craig reported that the project is going well. The completion of the project is dependent on weather, as the new coating will need a three (3) clear day window to be installed.

Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance:

Mr. Craig stated that the project looks great. The punch list and demobilization is currently underway.

Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap FDEP Permitting:

Taylor Engineering stated the next step is to schedule the pre-application meeting.

8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome had nothing further to report.

9. New Business

None.

10. Unfinished Business

None.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Whipple

None

Commissioner Howard

Commissioner Howard may not be able to attend the November Board Meeting

Secretary/Treasurer Davis

None.

Vice-Chair Martinez

Vice Chair Martinez may not be able to attend the November Board Meeting

Chair Gentile

None.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

Regular Board Meeting- November 13th, 2024 – 7:00 PM

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

George G. Gentile, Chairman



Michael Martinez, Vice Chairman