

**ST. AUGUSTINE PORT, WATERWAY & BEACH DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

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, February 16, 2016.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Barry Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairman Barry Benjamin and Commissioner Mark Helman. Chairman Jerry Dixon and Commissioners Chuck Hennessey and Tom Rivers were absent. Also in attendance were Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering, District Counsel Jim Bedsole, and Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper.

Because of a lack of a quorum, Mr. Bedsole advised commissioners no action could be taken by the board at this meeting. Hearing that, Vice-Chairman Benjamin tabled all items potentially requiring action by the board.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary-Treasurer Kemper delivered the financial report to the Board. As of January 31, 2016, the District had spent \$6,903 in overtime pay for the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, \$6,500 for the Regatta of Lights, \$2,828 for the City of St. Augustine's pump-out boat, \$55,875 for the beach renourishment permit for the north beaches, and \$45,877 in operating expenses. The total spent at that time was \$177,983. Of total tax revenue budgeted, \$84,584 more is expected. Total District funds on deposit less committed funds equals \$1,799,786 available for use.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tabled until the next meeting.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Ken Craig of Taylor Engineering that the Summer Haven Restoration project permit application for dredging should be completed by the end of this week and all plans should be done by then. Commissioner Mark Helman asked about the recent survey on the inlet. Mr. Craig said he had requested it from ACOE and the survey should be released by them some time before the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Tabled until the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tabled until the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ervin Bullock asked Ken Craig about the time-table for the dredging of St. Augustine Inlet planned by the Corps of Engineers in 2016. Mr. Craig said he had no information other than what has been made available through the news media.

In response to further questioning by Robert Frankowski, a homeowner on Highway A1A North, Mr. Craig said the permit to place sand on the beaches north of the inlet should be in place within 6 months, more or less.

Joe Bateman, North Serenata Drive, said the settlement agreement previously entered into by the county and DEP regarding renourishment of the north beaches fails to address parking for public access, and that a parking plan will be necessary to obtain federal and state assistance. In response, Commissioner Helman said parking is outside the purview of assistance by the board and is not something that will be addressed by the north beaches permit.

Lt. Steve Zukowski, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), reported the owner of the trimaran beached in the intracoastal near Marineland has returned to the country and is supposedly receiving money from his insurance carrier to remove and destroy the boat. He also reported that FWC will be in charge of the Blessing of the Fleet event on March 20.

Wil Smith, St. Johns County Parks and Recreation, said bids are being advertised for the moving of more concrete to offshore reefs as soon as right whale season is over.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**        NONE

## **NEXT MEETING**

Secretary-Treasurer Elyse Kemper said the next meeting will be held March 22, 2016, in the same location one week late, because of early voting.

**ADJOURN:**

Vice-Chairman Benjamin adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Chairman

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