

**MINUTES
TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND
BEACH PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

TIME: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – 11:30 AM
PLACE: Town Hall Island Room – 2 Bridge Rd., Hobe Sound, FL
PRESENT: Present were Mayor Penny Townsend, Vice Mayor Marshall Field VI, and Commissioners Anne Scott, Patricia Warner and Joseph Taddeo. Also present were Town Manager Robert Garlo, Town Clerk Kimberly Kogos, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and IT Director Bill Sutton.

1. Consent Agenda

Category A- To be reviewed and approved (as is or as edited) by the Town Commission

a. Minutes of the July 16, 2024, Beach Protection District Meeting

MOTION: *Vice Mayor Field/Commissioner Taddeo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

ACTION: *Motion passed 5-0.*

2. Resolution No. 916 - Beach Restoration Project

Director Duchock explained that Resolution No. 916 is presented in support of the 2024 Beach Restoration Project, authorizing a contract between the Town and Weeks Marine at a cost of \$28,565,000. He noted that the resolution also authorizes an additional \$1,000,000 contingency and gives the Town Manager authority to execute a purchase order and to take necessary actions to complete the project, including change orders, if required.

MOTION: *Commissioner Scott/Vice Mayor Field moved to adopt Resolution No. 916 as presented.*

ACTION: *Motion passed 5-0.*

3. Resolution No. 922 - FY 2025/2026 Local Government Funding Request (LGFR)

Director Duchock explained that Resolution No. 922 is in support of the FY 2025/26 Local Government Funding Request application (LGFR) made to the State requesting grant funding to offset the costs of monitoring the Town's beach project.

MOTION: *Commissioner Scott/Vice Mayor Field moved to approve Resolution No 922.*

ACTION: *Motion Passed 5-0.*

4. ITB # 2024-07 - Annual Beach & Dune Services

Director Duchock explained Invitation to Bid (ITB) #2024-07 by providing background information and the submissions that were received. He explained that three vendors provided responses and would prefer to engage with all three for depth of coverage if needed. He stated that work exceeding \$35,000 will be brought to the Commission for approval prior to execution per the Town procurement policies.

MOTION: *Vice Mayor Field/Commissioner Taddeo moved to approve engaging with Eastman Aggregate, Dickerson Infrastructure, and Ferreira Construction as presented.*

ACTION: *Motion Passed 5-0.*

5. ITB # 2024-11 - Turbidity Monitoring Services

Director Duchock explained Invitation to Bid (ITB) #2024-11 and provided background information pertaining to turbidity monitoring services. He stated that two vendors provided qualified responses, and Olin Hydrographic Solutions was the low bidder. He noted that following execution of a contract, Town staff will present a work order reflecting the bid amount of \$56,600 for Commission approval.

Discussion ensued regarding monitoring and sampling results.

MOTION: *Vice Mayor Field/Commissioner Taddeo moved to approve engaging with Olin Hydrographic for turbidity monitoring services as discussed.*

ACTION: *Motion Passed 5-0.*

6. Beach Status*

Director Duchock stated that the turtle nesting season has come to an end and noted that it was a good year for sea turtle nesting:

Leatherback - 356 (above average; the year 2015 holds the record of 366 nests)

Loggerhead - 7108 (above average; again 2015 holds the records of 7,253 nests)

Green - 1362 (below average; the record of 3,209 nests occurred in 2017)

Director Duchock reviewed wave heights and announced that there are currently variable and adjusting escarpments with no active hotspots. He noted potential hotspot areas and stated that there has been minor erosion over the last two months, mainly related to the passage of Hurricane Ernesto north of the Bahamas in mid-August.

Director Duchock reviewed aerial photographs of the shoreline. He explained that staff has distributed limited easement agreements to residents as it pertains to beach maintenance and nourishment. He continued reviewing the drone photographs of the beach.

7. Other Items*

Mayor Townsend referred to yesterday's presentation by the Town's consultant, Cummins Cederberg, and emphasized that the results must be reliable for the residents to use in full confidence.

Commissioner Scott stated that the Town uses current criteria to help shape the existing Waterfront Setback Line (WFSBL), and Cummins Cederberg suggested that the current criteria may not be the best criteria (or not consistent with the State) to establish the WFSBL. Director Duchock confirmed that the criteria is the focus of the study by the consultant. There was agreement that the most important criteria is to be compatible with the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Commissioners noted that residents have many questions regarding the study, and they would like to provide the correct and consistent answers when approached. Town Manager Garlo stated that staff will provide a summary for the Commissioners to provide to residents.

Mayor Townsend adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Kogos, Town Clerk