

**MINUTES
TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND
BEACH PROTECTION DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

TIME: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 9:00 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.

Mayor Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

1. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Minutes of the January 9, 2024, Beach Protection District Meeting
- b. Beach Cleanup Report

Director Duchock asked for comments or questions regarding the consent agenda. As there was no discussion, Mayor Townsend called for a motion.

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

ACTION: *Motion Approved 5-0.*

2. Beach Cleaning RFP

Director Duchock explained that Public Works conducts monthly beach cleaning activities along the Town's beaches between November and May each year. Monthly beach clean up reports reflect the collection and removal data. He explained that the service provided to the residents is of substantial value, although it is not without cost and challenges for town employees. He stated that in order to maintain the highest level of service for the primary function of Public Works, staff recommends soliciting bids from experienced and qualified beach cleaning service companies through a competitive bidding process. Based on the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP), the Commission may consider entering into a contract for beach cleaning services.

Commissioner Scott asked if the County used beach cleaning services. Director Duchock stated that he does not know of any but stated there are other municipalities that engage services.

Mayor Townsend asked about in-house costs. Director Duchock stated that the cost is approximately \$37,000/year.

Commissioner Scott suggested a cost share with the club, Blowing Rocks, or similar. Director Duchock explained that he has discussed with the club, and Blowing Rocks engages a volunteer effort.

MOTION: *Commissioner Scott/Commissioner Taddeo moved to authorize staff to solicit for beach cleaning services.*

ACTION: *Motion 5-0*

3. Beach Status*

Director Duchock provided information regarding the current condition of the beaches. He explained that there are no active hot spots, although there is a steeper and rolling beach face and variable escarpments.

He explained that high seas and runup into pioneering and frontal dunes areas. He explained that there has been minor to moderate erosion over the last 30 days.

Director Duchock provided photographs of the current beach conditions. He also provided aerial photos of severe erosion involving a few homes in Jupiter Inlet Colony.

4. Other Items*

No other items were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Kogos, Town Clerk