

**TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
MINUTES**

September 10th, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chair
Thomas Howard, Vice Chair
James H. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Martinez
Gail Whipple

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director
William R. H. Broome, Attorney

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jay Carpenter
Ed Kaweck

1. Call to Order

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

**Pledge of Allegiance*

**2. Determine Millage Rate necessary to fund the Jupiter Inlet District's Fiscal Year 2026/2027
Budget and announcement from Chairman of the selected Millage Rate.**

Following discussion, the Board agreed that a millage rate of 0.0722 mills would be necessary to fund the Jupiter Inlet District's Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.

3. Announcement from Chair

Chair Gentile announced that "a millage rate of 0.0722 mills, which is 6.02% over the rollback rate of 0.0681 mills, was determined to be necessary to fund the Jupiter Inlet District Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget."

4. Reading of the proposed TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Broome read aloud the proposed TENTATIVE BUDGET FY 2026/2027(SUMMARY).

5. Comments and questions from the public

Mr. Jay Carpenter spoke in favor of a 10 percent increase over the previous year's millage rate.

6. Consideration of amendments or adjustments to proposed final budget and re-computation, if necessary, of tentative millage rate necessary to fund the budget.

None.

7. Reading of the TENTATIVE MILLAGE RESOLUTION No. 26-04 (Must be read in full)

Mr. Broome read aloud the proposed TENTATIVE MILLAGE RESOLUTION No. 26-04

8. Comments and questions from the Public

Mr. Jay Carpenter spoke in favor of a 10 percent increase over the previous year's millage rate.

9. Motion for Adoption of TENTATIVE MILLAGE RESOLUTION No. 26-04

Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve TENTATIVE MILLAGE RESOLUTION No. 26-04**; Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Howard **SECONDED**. Chair Gentile called for discussion. There being none, **the MOTION CARRIED (5:0)**.

10. Reading of TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 26-05 (Must be read in full)

Mr. Broome read aloud TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 26-05

11. Comments and questions from the Public

None.

12. Motion for adoption of TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 26-05

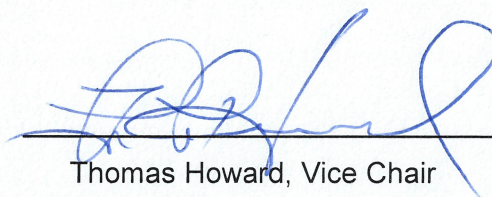
Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to approve TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 26-05**. Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. Chair Gentile called for discussion. There being none, **the MOTION CARRIED (5:0)**.

13. Adjourn TENTATIVE Budget Hearing

Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to adjourn the TENTATIVE Budget Hearing**. Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED (5:0)**. The **TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING** was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.



George G. Gentile, Chair



Thomas Howard, Vice Chair

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

September 10th, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chair
Thomas Howard, Vice Chair
James H. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Martinez
Gail Whipple

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director
William R. H. Broome, Attorney

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jay Carpenter
Ed Kawecki

1. Call to Order

Chair Gentile called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

- Chair Gentile noted that Commissioner-elect Kawecki had requested an opportunity to speak to the Board. The Board agreed to add Mr. Kawecki to the agenda under New Business.

2. Comments from the Public *(please note all meetings are recorded & available upon request)*

Chair Gentile opened the floor for public comments not associated with an agenda item. No public comments were forwarded at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes

- **August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Specific adjustments were made. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve August 12th, 2026 Minutes as presented and amended**; Vice Chair Howard so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

4. Approval of Bills

Submission of August 2026 Bills:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the August 2026 Bills as presented.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for September 2026:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for September 2026.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Vice Chair Howard **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

5. Treasurer's Report

Approval of August 2026 Treasurer's Report:

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the August 2026 Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

6. Executive Director's Report

Bathymetric Surveys:

The Jupiter Inlet Management Plan, Implementation Strategy #1 states that a "*comprehensive beach and inlet hydrographic monitoring program shall be conducted to evaluate the performance and impact of existing bypassing and nourishment projects*". Additionally, the 2027 Sand Trap Dredging Project schedule requires survey data collection in September for the bid solicitation package. A proposal from Terraquatic, Inc. was presented to the board including sand trap survey, beach profile surveys, and a full ebb shoal survey.

Vice Chair Howard made a **MOTION to Authorize Terraquatic, Inc. Surveying with performing the four Tasks listed on their proposal, totaling \$16,475.** Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Registered Vessel Mailing:

Staff have determined there to be approximately 5,200 registered vessels within the district boundaries, as well as some areas north of the district boundaries. The total cost for creating, printing, addressing, and mailing this number of informational cards will be approximately \$4,200. The cards will contain information regarding the Jupiter Inlet District and the inlet surveys, as well as a QR Code link to the district website survey page.

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Vice Chair Howard made a **MOTION to Authorize Staff to prepare and mail informational cards to all registered vessels within District Boundaries, as well as, a small portion of southern Martin County.** Treasurer Davis **SECONDED.** There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**

7. Engineer's Report

General Engineering:

Jetty Observation - Taylor Engineering staff performed the monthly jetty condition assessment on August 12th. Mr. Craig noted that a few Perma-Track boards along the walkway are showing signs of cracking along the edges. Mr. Craig will monitor and develop a replacement plan when necessary.

FDEP Local Government Funding Request:

Following Amendment 1 of 26PB2, Taylor Engineering is waiting for FDEP to issue revised scope-of-work approval letters. Once FDEP provides these approvals, Taylor Engineering can resubmit JID's final billing request. FDEP will issue a check for the submittal.

The FDEP issued grant agreement 27PB1, which includes a total state funding amount of \$1,450,000. This agreement covers fees associated with the spring 2026 sand trap dredging project. Taylor Engineering has continued compiling deliverables for this agreement.

Loxahatchee River Sediment Study:

Mobilization #2 field data collection (cores & sediment chemistry) is scheduled to occur during the week of September 7-11.

BLM JILONA Shoreline Stabilization Project Status Update:

Under contract to the Bureau of Land Management, Taylor Engineering is providing engineering support during construction for the ongoing shoreline stabilization project. Rock placement along the Indian River and Loxahatchee River shorelines and boardwalk installation are ongoing. Experimental breakwater installation north of Cato's bridge is anticipated in the near future.

8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome noted that he had nothing further to add.

9. Unfinished Business

➤ July 2026 Meeting Minutes

The board considered a list of four suggested edits for the July 8th, 2026 Meeting Minutes, and agreed that the first item should be amended to the minutes. Vice Chair Howard made a **MOTION to Amend**

Something Previously Approved regarding the July 8, 2026 Minutes. Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. Following discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**

➤ Jupiter Inlet Ebb Shoal and Navigation Discussion

Based on direction given at the August Board Meeting, Taylor Engineering prepared a revised proposal. This proposal is to perform a rapid evaluation of ebb shoal channel impacts on inlet vicinity morphology and Loxahatchee River salinity. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to accept Taylor Engineering's Jupiter Inlet Ebb Shoal Channel Dredging Design and Permitting proposal, totaling \$133,632**; Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Mr. Craig noted that consensus regarding the proposed channel depth and alignment is required to advance the modeling and any subsequent permitting efforts. Mr. Craig noted that the inlet jetties represent a compass heading of approximately 100° and he recommended a channel alignment of approximately 120°, which is East-Southeasterly from the inlet jetties. Mr. Craig further recommended a 300-foot channel width and depth of 14 feet. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to accept Taylor Engineering's recommended channel dimensions and alignment**; Commissioner Martinez so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

10. New Business

➤ Commissioner-elect Edwin Kaweck

Mr. Kaweck addressed the board and shared his observations and thoughts regarding the Jupiter Inlet, focusing on ebb shoal planning and district dredging contracting and operations.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Martinez

None.

Commissioner Whipple

None.

Secretary/Treasurer Davis

None.

Vice Chair Howard

None.

Chair Gentile

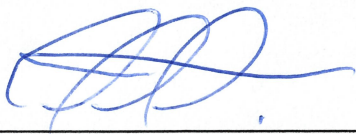
None.

12. Next Meeting Date(s)

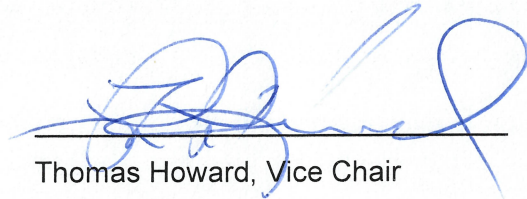
- Final Budget Hearing Thursday, September 17th, 2026
- Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission Chair Gentile called for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Martinez **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chair



Thomas Howard, Vice Chair