

**BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUPITER INLET DISTRICT
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
RESUMED FROM OCTOBER 28, 2020
November 5, 2020**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

George Gentile, Chairman
Thomas Howard, Vice Chairman
Mary Patricia Walker
Gail Whipple

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Michael Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Chaison, Executive Director (In Person)
William H. Broome, Attorney (In Person)
Ken Craig (Via CMT)
Sonja Kezber, Administrative Assistant (In Person)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Griffin Walker and Jim Davis (in person). Joey Walsh (Atlantic and Gulf Dredging & Marine, LLC) and Justin Chorlog (Coastal Dredging Company, Inc.) (both Via CMT)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gentile called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Comments from Public

None.

3. Unfinished Business

- Sand Trap Dredging Contract

Mr. Chaison reported that two avenues had been pursued. Mr. Chaison called Coastal Dredging/Atlantic Gulf Dredging who had voluntarily offered to adjust Bid 1 and resubmit. They changed Base Bid Line Item

#1, Mobilization/Demobilization from \$412,333 to \$287,333. This brings the total cost per cubic yard to \$16.24. Last year's cost was \$16.85.

Mr. Craig called 3 companies that had bid the project in the past. Cavache was the most responsive and is coming off a job on the west coast of Florida. They stated they should be able to be here around Thanksgiving. Mr. Craig asked if they expected a general increase in cost from the past bids and they had responded that they did not, but that they would need 2 weeks to get a bid together. Mr. Craig reported that his second call had been to Ferreira and he had learned that they had sold all of their equipment and were out of business. His third call had been to Southwind but he had been unable to connect with them. A discussion ensued regarding pricing and timing. Vice Chair Howard noted there was still a large discrepancy in what had been paid in years past per cubic yard. Commissioner Walker stated it was an emergency situation and should be resolved as soon as possible and Commissioner Whipple stated the timing for Cavache's response was only a couple of weeks past Coastal's expected date of somewhere between the 11th and the 17th. Mr. Chaison noted that Coastal/Atlantic and Gulf was expected between the 11th and the 17th, right after their work in Martin County, but there could be a delay. Vice Chair Howard asked if there was any room for negotiations in the price and could Coastal Dredging's proposal be held with no increase until the next meeting. Mr. Chorlong replied that it could be held until the next meeting and that pricing depends on the outcome of the direction from the Corps.

Mr. Craig explained that the new South Atlantic Region Biological Opinion (SARBO) requires coral surveys in areas outside of what has historically been considered. This new 500 foot buffer affects all projects in areas with hardbottoms, including the Corps' projects. Adjusting our placement template to avoid this requirement should allow our permit to be issued. Vice Chair Howard stated that this was not an engineering decision but a Board's decision, as Dr. Mehta had outlined that specific area as our template in order to place sand on the beach and keep that area from eroding. Chair Gentile stated that he had no problem doing it one time to get the permit moving but that it would need to be addressed, either by doing our own survey if needed, or working off the Corps survey if possible. Either way, it needed to be addressed as the template needed to be kept where it is.

Consensus of the Board was that no decision could be made until further information, both regarding the survey/permit and the decision of the Corps on how they were going to proceed in their sand placement, had been received. The Board agreed the meeting would need to be recessed until November 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM to discuss the matter further.

4. Commissioner Reports

- **Chair Gentile**

None.

- **Vice Chair Howard**

None.

- **Commissioner Walker**

None.

- **Commissioner Whipple**

None.

- **Commissioner Martinez**

N/A.

5. Next Meeting Date(s) –

- Chairman Gentile called for a **MOTION** to recess until November 13th at 5:00 p.m. to continue the discussion regarding the sand trap dredging contract. Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. The **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
- Regular Meeting, November 18, 2020.

There being no further business before the Commission, The meeting was recessed at 7:05 PM



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Thomas L. Howard, Vice Chairman