

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

**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Michael Martinez, Vice Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph B. Chaison, Executive Director  
William R. H. Broome, Attorney  
Ken Craig, Taylor Engineering  
Cami Cunningham, Assistant Director

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

JB Brumfield, Taylor Engineering  
Emilee Wissmach, Taylor Engineering  
Peter Leo, Jupiter Wreck Inc  
Scott Thompson, Jupiter Wreck Inc

**1. Call to Order**

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

*\*Pledge of Allegiance*

**2. Comments from the Public**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes:**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended**; Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**4. Approval of Bills**

**Submission of July Bills:**

Ms. Cunningham made noted of an error in the Bills presented. Check #1786 should be in the amount of \$1750, rather than \$2750. It had been corrected prior to the meeting and is now Check #1792.

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

**Submission of Payroll, Utility Bills and Health Insurance Invoice for August:**

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

**5. Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of July 2024 Treasurer's Report:**

Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**7(a). Engineers Report (Partial) (Consent from Board to move up to item 6)**

• **Jetty Concrete Restoration Project**

Mr. Brumfield gave the Board a presentation on the status of the Jetty Restoration project. Mr. Brumfield noted that concrete spall repairs are projected to exceed the contract line-item quantity. The District contract anticipates this and allows for negotiations of exceedances. Mr. Brumfield expects that quantity exceedance will generate a Change Order, and is working through this with the contractor, Murray Logan.

There was a discussion. The Board thanked Mr. Brumfield for his time.

**6. Executive Director's Report**

**Jupiter Wreck, Inc. – Salvage Operations:**

Jupiter Wreck, Inc. was issued a state permit allowing the “expansion of previously authorized treasure salvage operations ... in the proximity of historical shipwreck sites to recover artifacts from the seabed by using devices such as small dredges, propeller deflectors, blowers, and airlifts.” The permit further notes that work will be conducted in conformance with the “Agreement Regarding Research and Recovery of Archeological Material Between Florida Division of Historical Resources and Jupiter Wreck, Inc.” Mr. Leo and Mr. Thompson of Jupiter Wreck, Inc attended the meeting. They updated the Board on their operations.

**Railroad Bridge Enhanced Clearance Span Elevation:**

Mr. Chaison updated the Board regarding the recent confirmed bottom chord elevation of the enhanced clearance span. It was measured to be 8-feet, 2-inches above Mean High Water. This is 4-inches higher than the target elevation of 7-feet, 10-inches. As such, vessels have approximately 8 feet of clearance at an average high tide, and 10 feet of clearance at an average low tide.

**Jupiter Inlet Colony Shoreline:**

Following the July Board Meeting, Mr. Chaison forwarded the memorandum Jupiter Inlet Colony staff and council on July 11th.

**South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Material Use:**

Mr. Chaison reported that SFWMD has a need for clean fill. Staff have been coordinating testing and acceptance of the material presently within our Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) for use by SFWMD.

**Town of Jupiter Presentation:**

Mr. Chaison delivered a presentation on August 8th to the Town of Jupiter Council describing the 2024 Inlet Sand Trap Dredging project. Commissioner Whipple also attended the meeting.

**July 2024 Hydrographic Survey:**

Mr. Chaison reported that the hydrographic survey of the inlet sand trap, ebb shoal, railroad enhanced clearance span area, and western main channel of the central embayment was performed in July. The survey has also been uploaded to the JID website. The District had the Surveyor calculate the current Sand Trap volume, which was 44,000 CY. Mr. Chaison and Mr. Craig reported that this is a high volume for this time of year, but not unheard of.

## 7(b). Engineer's Report

### General Engineering:

#### *Jetty Observation*

Mr. Craig performed the Jetty Observations on August 14<sup>th</sup>. He did not report any significant irregularities.

### July 2024 Seagrass Survey:

The seagrass survey was completed in Mid-July. The data and results should be ready to view at the September Board Meeting.

### Loxahatchee River Mile 6 Gap Closure and Oxbow Restoration Maintenance:

Mr. Craig stated that Arbor Tree & Land (ATL) has begun mobilization for the project. He also reported that a White Mangrove that was slightly damaged in the process; ATL has already stated they will restore it, and are coordinating with the Park Biologist.

### FDEP Local Government Funding Request:

Taylor Engineering continues to prepare documents for the FDEP Grant Agreement #23PB6.

### Jupiter Inlet Sand Trap FDEP Permitting:

Taylor Engineering has begun internal coordination and compiled and reviewed existing permitting documents in preparation for the FDEP permit renewal effort.

## 8. Legal Report

Mr. Broome had nothing further to add to his report.

## 9. New Business

### • Resolution 24-01- Beach and Inlet Funding Support

Mr. Chaison presented Resolution 24-01 to the Board as required for the Beach and Inlet Funding Program Grant with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). This resolution affirms the District's ongoing efforts to support and fund the recommendations in the Inlet Management Plan. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION to approve the Resolution as presented**. Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. Chair Gentile called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

### • Ocean Trail #400- Webcam Agreement

Following up from the previous meeting, Mr. Chaison reported that Ocean Trail Condominium 400 has requested \$1500.00 for past electric usage of the Jupiter Inlet Webcam, and moving forward \$200.00/mo. There was a discussion among the Board. Mr. Boome also advised the JID make an addendum to the current agreement. Chair Gentile entertained a **MOTION** to execute an Addendum

to the existing Agreement with Ocean Trial Condo Building 400 to allow for the incorporation of a license **fee of \$200.00 per month to be paid to OT #400** Commissioner Howard so **MOVED**; Treasurer Davis **SECONDED**. Chair Gentile called for further discussion; there being none, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**10. Unfinished Business**

None.

**11. Commissioner Reports**

**Commissioner Whipple**

None.

**Commissioner Howard**

Commissioner Howard read an article that the South Florida Water Management District approved the City of WPB's permit for use of the Flordan Aquifer. He remarked that this would be a positive for the Loxahatchee River Watershed.

**Secretary/Treasurer Davis**

Treasurer Davis thanked Mr. Chaison for attending the LRPI, as the JID alternate representative.

**Vice-Chair Martinez**

Absent.

**Chair Gentile**

None.

**12. Next Meeting Date(s)**

Workshop Meeting- August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Tentative Budget Hearing followed by Reg Board Meeting- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, Vice Chair Martinez for a **MOTION to Adjourn**. Treasurer Davis so **MOVED**; Commissioner Whipple **SECONDED**. There being no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.



George G. Gentile, Chairman



Michael Martinez, Vice Chairman